



MINUTES PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING May 2, 2023

The meeting of the El Cajon Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Darrin MROZ (Chair)
Rebecca POLLACK-RUDE (Vice Chair)
Paul CIRCO
Anthony SOTTILE
Shannon EDISON

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: NONE

STAFF PRESENT: Noah ALVEY, Deputy Director of Community Development
Barbara LUCK, Staff Attorney
Roxana GUZMAN, Administrative Secretary

Chair MROZ opened the Planning Commission meeting explaining the rules of conduct.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Agenda Item:	1
	Planning Commission minutes of April 18, 2023

Motion was made by CIRCO, seconded by POLLACK-RUDE, to approve the April 18, 2023 minutes; motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM:

Agenda Item:	2
Project Name:	1274 Oakdale Ave. (Best Inn & Suites)
Request:	Consider revocation of deemed approved status for a lodging establishment
CEQA Recommendation:	Exempt
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	Revoke deemed approved status
Location:	1274 Oakdale Ave.
Applicant:	City of El Cajon
Project Planner:	Noah Alvey; 619-441-1795; nalvey@elcajon.gov
City Council Hearing Required?	No
Recommended Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Conduct the public hearing;2. Adopt the next resolution in order revoking deemed approved status;3. Direct the operator and property owner to complete certain activities within the next 30 days; and4. Direct staff to schedule a public hearing to consider an amendment or revocation of CUP No. 252 within the next 90 days.

ALVEY summarized the staff report through a PowerPoint presentation.

El Cajon Police Department Lieutenant Darrin FORSTER spoke to COMMISSIONERS regarding recent criminal activity at the property.

COMMISSIONERS asked questions with ALVEY and FORSTER providing answers.

MROZ opened the public hearing.

Hotel owner representative Pooja PATEL spoke in opposition to the revocation action.

Adjacent property owner Frank STANGLER spoke, but did not indicate support or opposition to the revocation action.

Motion was made by MROZ, seconded by EDISON, to close the public hearing; motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONERS discussed the item, asking questions of ALVEY.

Motion was made by SOTTILE, seconded by MROZ, to adopt the next resolution in order revoking deemed approved status for lodging establishment at 1274 Oakdale Avenue, Directing the operator and property owner to work with staff to complete certain activities within 30 days, and

direct staff to schedule a public hearing to consider amendment or revocation of CUP No. 252 within 90 days; motion carried 5-0.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

There were no other items for consideration.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:


There were no staff communications.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS:

There were no commissioner reports or comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by MROZ, seconded by CIRCO, to adjourn the meeting of the El Cajon Planning Commission at 7:50 p.m. this 2nd Day of May, 2023, until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 16, 2023; motion carried 5-0.



Darrin MROZ, Chair

ATTEST:



Noah ALVEY, Secretary