

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION
CITY OF PALM DESERT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 27, 2025, 12:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James Blakeley, Commissioner Dean Wallace Colvard, Commissioner Nicholas Latkovic, Commissioner Michael McAuliffe, Commissioner James McIntosh, Commissioner Francisco Sanchez

Absent: Chair John Vuksic

Staff Present: Interim Director of Development Services Carlos Flores, Assistant Planner Kayleen Aguirre

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Architectural Review Commission was called to order by Vice Chair McIntosh on May 27, 2025, at 12:31 p.m. in the Development Services Conference Room, City Hall, located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

2. ROLL CALL

3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chair McIntosh opened and closed the public comment period for Non-Agenda public comment. No public comments were provided.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by: Commissioner McAuliffe

Seconded by: Commissioner Sanchez

The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

Motion Carried (6 to 0)

4.a APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by: Commissioner McAuliffe

Seconded by: Commissioner Sanchez

The Architectural Review Commission (ARC) regular meeting minutes of May 13, 2025, were approved as presented.

Motion Carried (6 to 0)

5. CONSENT ITEMS HELD OVER

None

6. ACTION CALENDAR

6.a CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A DESIGN REVIEW FOR A 7,583 SQUARE FOOT CLUBHOUSE FOR STONE EAGLE DEVELOPMENT AT 72425 STONE EAGLE DRIVE

Deputy Director Flores narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the item and responded to Commission inquiries. Steve Platt, Applicant and Architect, was present via Zoom.

Vice Chair McIntosh opened the public comment period and invited the applicant to speak. Steve Platt, Applicant and Architect, introduced himself and answered questions from the Commission.

With no other members of the public wishing to comment, Vice Chair McIntosh closed the public comment period. Discussion on the item ensued with Commissioners providing comments on the project.

Motion by: Commissioner McIntosh

Seconded by: Commissioner Latkovic

Motion carried to approve Case No. MISC25-0007, as presented.

Motion Carried (6 to 0)

6.b CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A COMPREHENSIVE SIGN PROGRAM FOR 72750 DINAH SHORE DRIVE, UNIT 107 FOR PALM SPRINGS MOTORSPORTS

Deputy Director Flores narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the item and responded to Commission inquiries. Jeff Grady with Signarama, Applicant, was present in person and Paul Antle, Business Owner, was present via Zoom.

Vice Chair McIntosh opened the public comment period and invited the applicant to speak. Jeff Grady with Signarama, Applicant, and Paul Antle, Business Owner, introduced themselves and answered questions from the Commission.

With no other members of the public wishing to comment, Vice Chair McIntosh closed the public comment period. Discussion on the item ensued with Commissioners providing comments on the project.

Motion by: Commissioner Latkovic

Seconded by: Commissioner Blakeley

Motion carried to approve Case No. SARC25-0001, as presented with the following conditions:

1. The signage approved herein is only for "Palm Springs Motorsports". If a new business moves into the tenant space and proposes new signage, it would have to comply with the Palm Desert Municipal Code and would not

be allowed the number, location, or square footage of signs approved through SARC25-0001.

2. The “Suzuki” sign may be moved to the east of the Yamaha sign on the northeast elevation; to be reviewed by staff.
3. The “Palm Springs Motorsports” signs may be increased; to be reviewed by staff review.

Motion Carried (6 to 0)

6.c CONSIDERATION FOR DESIGN REVIEW APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A 4,944 SQUARE FOOT CONDOMINIUM COMPLEX AT 73815 SHADOW MOUNTAIN DRIVE

Commissioner McAuliffe advised the Commission that Vice Chair McIntosh had left for the remainder of the meeting because he needed to recuse himself for this item due to proximity to the project.

Assistant Planner, Kayleen Aguirre, narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the item and responded to Commission inquiries. Octavio Rocha with O2 Architects, Applicant Representative, and Robert Johnson, Applicant and Owner, were present in person.

Commissioner McAuliffe opened the public comment period and invited the applicant to speak. Octavio Rocha with O2 Architects, Applicant Representative, and Robert Johnson, Applicant and Owner, introduced themselves and answered questions from the Commission.

With no other members of the public wishing to comment, Commissioner McAuliffe closed the public comment period. Discussion on the item ensued with Commissioners providing comments on the project.

Motion by: Commissioner Latkovic

Seconded by: Commissioner McAuliffe

Motion carried to approve Case No. PP/CUP/EA23-0009, as presented with the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall place a block wall between the pool area and the dining section for the northeast unit to create privacy.
2. Applicant shall provide identification signage for the rear units.

RECUSED (1): Commissioner McIntosh

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

7. REPORTS & REMARKS

7.a ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSIONERS

None

7.b CITY STAFF

Deputy Director Flores provided the following updates:

- At the last City Council meeting, the proposed new City wayfinding signs which the ARC previously provided input on, were approved.
- Staff will provide updates during upcoming ARC meetings regarding City CIP projects reviewed by ARC including the library and three Fire Stations.
- Upon inquiry, Deputy Director Flores advised he would be posting the City's Historical Survey document to the City's website.
- A new Commissioner has been selected by City Council for the ARC to fill the one vacancy, effective July 1, 2025.

7.c ATTENDANCE REPORT

The attendance report was provided with the agenda materials. The Commission took no action on this item.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Architectural Review Commission adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Gonzalez, Executive Administrative Assistant
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Carlos Flores, Interim Deputy Director of Development Services
Secretary

APPROVED BY ARC: __/__/2025