

**AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION HEARING
REPORT OF ACTIONS
APRIL 10, 2014**

4-24-14

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Rod Ballance, Arthur Butler, Glen Holmes, John Lyon, Richard Stewart, Russell Betts, alternate for Greg Pettis, Robert Pippin, alternate for Simon Housman

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Simon Housman and Greg Pettis

2.0 PUBLIC HEARING: NEW CASE

- 2.1 Staff report recommended: **CONSISTENT** ZAP1020PS14 – Spectrum Services, Inc. (Representative: Brett Smirl/Michael Hayes) City of Palm Springs Case Nos. CUP 5.1314 (Conditional Use Permit) and VAR 6.530 (Variance). CUP 5.1314 is a proposal to establish an unmanned telecommunications facility consisting of antennas on a 48-foot high monopalm tower, with associated equipment shelter, on a 900 square foot lease area within a 0.39-acre parcel located at the southeasterly corner of Sahara Road and (North) Cerritos Road in the City of Palm Springs. VAR 6.530 is a proposal to allow the 48-foot high structure in the P (Professional) Zone. Without a variance, the allowable height limit for antennas is 15 feet. (Zone B1 of the Palm Springs International Airport Influence Area). ALUC Staff Planner: Russell Brady at (951) 955-0549, or e-mail at rbrady@rctlma.org.
- Staff recommended at hearing: **CONSISTENT**
- ALUC Commission Action: **CONSISTENT as amended (Vote 6-0; Recuse: Pippin)**

3.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- 3.1 Director's Approvals – Hearing that one of the cases approved by the Director involved approval of interim facilities at Thermal Club, Commissioner Holmes inquired as to the nature of the interim facilities. Director Ed Cooper provided clarification and noted that a Specific Plan Amendment is proposed in the future.

3.2 Compatibility Plan Status Update

Hemet Ryan Airport – John Guerin, ALUC staff, advised that staff had invited an EDA representative to provide an update to the Commission on the possible Airport Layout Plan options for the Hemet Ryan Airport, but, unfortunately, he was unable to attend due to jury duty and respectfully requested that the matter be considered at a later date. Vice Chairman Ballance, acting Chairman requested an update from EDA regarding the Hemet Ryan Airport at the next ALUC Commission meeting in May.

Banning Municipal – The Banning City Council has decided not to move forward with providing an allocation for the preparation of an amendment to the non-residential intensity criteria of Zone D. A more comprehensive amendment is still in the planning stages and will likely have to wait until the completion of the March and Hemet projects.

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March ARB - Staff anticipates that the Final EIR would be completed in August, so as to allow for the 10-day Final EIR public notice to be issued in sufficient time for the Commission to take final action to certify the EIR and adopt the Plan at its September hearing.

3.3 2014 California Airport Land Use Consortium Conference

Commissioner Lyon commented that he had found the exchange of data among the various Airport Land Use Commissions around the state very useful. He noted that the Consortium will be more active between conferences. Commissioner Holmes asked whether the proliferation of solar energy projects around airports was raised as an issue at the Conference. Anna Wang, ALUC Counsel, and Commissioner Lyon replied that solar projects were not a major topic of discussion. Commissioner Pippin indicated that a solar energy project was approved next to the runway at Brown Field in San Diego County.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The ALUC Commission by a vote of 5-0 approved the March 13, 2014 minutes. Abstain: Betts and Pippin

5.0 ORAL COMMUNICATION ON ANY MATTER NOT ON THE AGENDA

John Guerin, ALUC staff, advised in regards to the scheduling of the March EIR Project that, if milestones can be met earlier, there is a possibility that a Final EIR could be completed at an earlier date, which could allow possible adoption at a special meeting in August. He proceeded to inquire as to whether the Commission would be available in August for a special meeting. The Commission advised they would be available on August 21. John Guerin indicated that, if all goes well, the special meeting to take final action to certify the EIR and adopt the Plan may be held on August 21 at the March JPA facility, or the Commission may take such actions at its September hearing.

6.0 COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Ballance reminded the Commissioners to submit their Form 700s to the Clerk of the Board if they have not already done so.

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