

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 12, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Alejandro Vasconcelos called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**PRESENT:** Henderson, Noonan, Stoker, Thomas, and Chair Vasconcelos  
**ABSENT:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Commissioner Noonan.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Recommendation:**

**Approve the meeting agenda as prepared.**

**RESULT:** APPROVED [5 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Mathew Thomas, Commissioner

**SECONDER:** Gerard Noonan, Commissioner

**AYES:** James Henderson, Gerard Noonan, Clint Stoker, Mathew Thomas, Alejandro Vasconcelos

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESULT:** APPROVED [5 TO 0] – Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12

**MOVER:** Clint Stoker, Commissioner

**SECONDER:** James Henderson, Commissioner

**AYES:** James Henderson, Gerard Noonan, Clint Stoker, Mathew Thomas, Alejandro Vasconcelos

**RESULT:** APPROVED [4 TO 0] – Item 3

**MOVER:** Gerard Noonan, Commissioner

**SECONDER:** James Henderson, Commissioner

**AYES:** James Henderson, Gerard Noonan, Mathew Thomas, Alejandro Vasconcelos

**RECUSED:** Clint Stoker

1. Approval of July 22, 2025, Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:**

**That the Planning Commission approve the July 22, 2025, meeting minutes as prepared.**

2. Native Plant Permit (NPP) 302-23, 55722 Highland Trail, Yucca Valley CA. APN: 0586-221-03 Native Plant Permit Application and Desert Native Plant Specialist Report

**MOTION:**

**That the Planning Commission receives and files the attached Desert Native Plant Specialist Report for proposed residential construction and approves the Native Plant Permit (NPP 302-23) exemption, finding that, based on the evidence presented in the submittals, the proposed project is not disturbing any regulated desert native plants, and is therefore exempt from Town of Yucca Valley Development Code section 9.07.130 Native Landscape Documentation Package.**

3. Native Plant Permit (NPP) 107-24, 6030 Omega Trail, Yucca Valley CA. APN: 0594-421-02 Native Plant Permit Application and Desert Native Plant Specialist Report

**MOTION:**

**That the Planning Commission receives and files the attached Desert Native Plant Specialist Report and approves the application for NPP 107-24, to remove twelve (12) Mojave Yuccas, remove seven (7) California Junipers, relocate four (4) Mojave Yuccas, relocate one (1) California Juniper, and relocate two (2) Pinon Pines, based upon Section 9.07.130 (C)(2), that the regulated desert native plants being removed or relocated are located within the identified grading area; and finding that all necessary submittal materials have been submitted as contained within the staff report.**

4. Native Plant Permit (NPP) 030-25, 59815 Security Drive, Yucca Valley CA. APN: 0601-241-27 Native Plant Permit Application and Desert Native Plant Specialist Report

**MOTION:**

**That the Planning Commission receives and files the attached Desert Native Plant Specialist Report for proposed residential construction and approves the Native Plant Permit (NPP 030-25) exemption, finding that, based on the evidence presented in the submittals, the proposed project is not disturbing any regulated desert native plants, and is therefore exempt from Town of Yucca Valley Development Code section 9.07.130 Native Landscape Documentation Package.**

5. Native Plant Permit (NPP) 053-25, 7020 Scarvan Road, Yucca Valley CA. APN: 0595-013-25 Native Plant Permit Application and Desert Native Plant Specialist Report

**MOTION:**

**That the Planning Commission receives and files the attached Desert Native Plant Specialist Report for proposed residential construction and approves the Native Plant Permit (NPP 053-25) exemption, finding that, based on the evidence presented in the submittals, the proposed project is not disturbing any regulated desert native plants, and is therefore exempt from Town of Yucca Valley Development Code section 9.07.130 Native Landscape Documentation Package.**

6. Native Plant Permit (NPP) 054-25, 55668 Buena Vista Drive, Yucca Valley CA. APN: 0594-051-05. Native Plant Permit Application and Desert Native Plant Specialist Report

**MOTION:**

**That the Planning Commission receives and files the attached Desert Native Plant Specialist Report for proposed residential construction and approves the Native Plant Permit (NPP 054-25) exemption, finding that, based on the evidence presented in the submittals, the proposed project is not disturbing any regulated desert native plants, and is therefore exempt from Town of Yucca Valley Development Code section 9.07.130 Native Landscape Documentation Package.**

7. Native Plant Permit (NPP) 060-25, 57413 Buena Suerte Road, Yucca Valley CA. APN: 0596-463-03. Native Plant Permit Application and Desert Native Plant Specialist Report

**MOTION:**

**That the Planning Commission receives and files the attached Desert Native Plant Specialist Report and approves the application for NPP 060-25, to remove one (1) Mojave Yucca based upon Section 9.07.130 (C)(2), that the regulated desert native plants being removed are located within the identified grading area; and finding that all necessary submittal materials have been submitted as contained within the staff report.**

8. Native Plant Permit (NPP) 079-25, 56479 Duarte Street, Yucca Valley CA. APN: 0596-302-12 Native Plant Permit Application and Applicant Report

**MOTION:**

**That the Planning Commission receives and files the attached Applicant Report and approves the application for NPP 079-25, to remove eight (8) California Junipers, based upon Section 9.07.130 (C)(2), that the regulated desert native plants being removed or relocated are located within the identified grading area; and finding that all necessary submittal materials have been submitted as contained within the staff report.**

9. Native Plant Permit (NPP) 081-25, 5280 Hilton Avenue, Yucca Valley CA. APN: 0598-381-05. Native Plant Permit Application and Desert Native Plant Specialist Report

**MOTION:**

**That the Planning Commission receives and files the attached Desert Native Plant Specialist Report and approves the application for NPP 081-25, to remove twenty (20) Mojave Yuccas based upon Section 9.07.130 (C)(2), that the regulated desert native plants being removed are located within the identified grading area; and finding that all necessary submittal materials have been submitted as contained within the staff report.**

10. Native Plant Permit (NPP) 083-25, 7566 Aster Avenue, Yucca Valley CA. APN: 0587-141-17 Native Plant Permit Application and Desert Native Plant Specialist Report

**MOTION:**

**That the Planning Commission receives and files the attached Desert Native Plant Specialist Report for proposed residential construction and approves the Native Plant Permit (NPP 083-25) exemption, finding that, based on the evidence presented in the submittals, the proposed project is not disturbing any regulated desert native plants, and is therefore exempt from Town of Yucca Valley Development Code section 9.07.130 Native Landscape Documentation Package.**

11. Native Plant Permit (NPP) 096-25, 58379 San Andreas Road, Yucca Valley CA. APN: 0589-031-09 Native Plant Permit Application and Desert Native Plant Specialist Report

**MOTION:**

**That the Planning Commission receives and files the attached Desert Native Plant Specialist Report for proposed residential construction and approves the Native Plant Permit (NPP 096-25) exemption, finding that, based on the evidence presented in the submittals, the proposed project is not disturbing any regulated desert native plants, and is therefore exempt from Town of Yucca Valley Development Code section 9.07.130 Native Landscape Documentation Package.**

12. Native Plant Permit (NPP) 099-25, 6429 Palo Alto Avenue, Yucca Valley CA. APN: 0596-172-01 Native Plant Permit Application and Desert Native Plant Specialist Report

**MOTION:**

**That the Planning Commission receives and files the attached Desert Native Plant Specialist Report for a proposed sewer connection and approves the Native Plant Permit (NPP 099-25) exemption, finding that, based on the evidence presented in the submittals, the proposed project is not disturbing any regulated desert native plants, and is therefore exempt from Town of Yucca Valley Development Code section 9.07.130 Native Landscape Documentation Package.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

13. Chair Vasconcelos stated moving on to public hearing, item number 13. Environmental Assessment EA 26-24. Conditional use permit CUP 05-95. Amendment number three, Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel, request for the construction of a 9,720-square-foot gymnasium and additional parking at an existing religious institution and private school facility. Do you wish to recuse?

Commissioner Henderson stated yeah. Chairman, I'll recuse myself from your deliberation.

Chair Vasconcelos stated thank you. Staff report, please.

Associate Planner Jerome stated the recommendation for this item is that the Planning Commission continues Conditional Use Permit 05-95 Amendment Number Three, Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel for the purpose of providing additional time for the applicant to resubmit the requested materials. In short, they're choosing another location for the gym, and they're working on revising the site plan and the biological assessment for the proposed project, and need an additional couple of weeks. That concludes the staff report.

Chair Vasconcelos opened the public hearing. All right. Is there anyone in the public that wishes to speak on this? Anyone online? Close public comment. Right. Let's bring it back. Can we get a motion to continue?

Commissioner Thomas stated yeah. I'll make a motion to continue item number 13, CUP 02-95.

Environmental Assessment, EA 26-24, Conditional Use Permit, CUP 05-95 Amendment #3 Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel, a request for the construction a 9,720 square-foot gymnasium and additional parking at an existing religious institution and private school facility.

**MOTION:**

**Conditional Use Permit, CUP 02-95 Amendment 3, Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel: That the Planning Commission continues Conditional Use Permit, CUP 05-95 Amendment #3 Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel, for the addition of a 9,720 square-foot gymnasium and additional parking, for the purpose of providing additional time for the applicant to resubmit requested materials.**

**RESULT:** APPROVED [4 TO 0]  
**MOVER:** Mathew Thomas, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Gerard Noonan, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Gerard Noonan, Clint Stoker, Mathew Thomas, Alejandro Vasconcelos  
**RECUSED:** James Henderson

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

14. Chair Vasconcelos stated moving on to department reports, item number 14, Environmental Assessment EA 12-25, Temporary Special Event Permit, SLP 03-25 at 58689 Ocotillo Drive, Temporary Special Event Permit Class II, a request for the operation of a temporary residential special event facility. Staff report, please.

Associate Planner Jerome stated the recommendation for this item is also that the Planning Commission continue Special License 03-25, Temporary Special Event Permit to provide the applicant additional time to resubmit requested materials. Same as the last one. The applicant for this project is revising their site plan. They resubmitted a draft on Friday, but we haven't had a chance to evaluate it yet. And that concludes the staff report.

Chair Vasconcelos stated thank you. Is there anyone in the public who wishes to comment?

Eric Menendez, public speaker, stated hey there. My name is Eric Menendez. I used to have a company called Desert Beacon. I haven't looked at this actual-- I haven't had a chance to review the agenda, but this is kind of related to something I'm going to talk about at the end for public comment. I think we all know the effect that short-term rental crisis has had on this region. We've watched housing prices go up and down. Right now, I'm working on a forensic audit of all our former properties. We managed about 75 to 100 properties in this entire basin, from Wonder Valley all the way out to the end of Morongo Valley. And over the course of the five-year period, I've watched houses turn and constantly just rotate. I've only been to probably one or two Planning Commission meetings over here because I used to have a rep that did it for Yucca. I handled Twentynine. But I was just chatting with Brooke, the Deputy Clerk, about some initiatives we're working on with some policymakers at a congressional level. And I just think it's imperative that we got to recognize we're working in Twentynine right now. We have a couple of developments. The Ofland, I'm sure you guys have heard about that. It's a tough topic. Do we want big developments? Do we want event permits at short term rentals? There's no one answer for it.

But just on that note, our former Good Neighbor class, which is something that went through our ordinances for the Planning Commission with how we permit processes over there. It's a requirement. It has been for quite some time, I think, since 2022 and-- sorry, in Twentynine. Since Desert Beacon ceased to exist as a property management company, we did continue the class, but as of, I think, a couple of months ago, we have ended the class. But what we've done is we are opening up a program through Copper Mountain College to offer the same programming for people who are in this industry, whether events, short-term rentals, so forth. And we've incorporated code compliance stuff for the entire region. So, Yucca Valley, the county of San Bernardino in Twentynine. So, I actually was just-- this came up on my calendar very late, so I didn't bring any handouts. But Copper Mountain College does have the community education class on their website, and I will bring by some flyers once I get them. But I just think that the great thing about Yucca Valley is this town has been very proactive with enforcement. Shane and Jake-- sorry, I don't have my glasses up. Jacob, they've always been a pleasure to work with. Like I said, Anita, my former engagement person, primarily dealt with permits. But to this day, I still get

notices from you guys about people operating. And I'm like, "We've been out of business for two or three years. So that means these people are operating without a permit and so forth." So, I have a list I'm going to give to you guys so that way you can look into it. But I just want to come in Yucca Valley for their leadership on this. Thank you.

Chair Vasconcelos stated thank you. Is there anyone else in the public that wishes to speak on this matter? Anyone online? Close public comment and bring it back to the commission for a recommendation.

Environmental Assessment (EA) 12-25, Temporary Special Event Permit (SPL) 03-25 58689 Ocotillo Drive Temporary Special Event Permit Class II, a request for the operation of a temporary residential special event facility.

**MOTION:**

Temporary Special Event Permit, SPL 03-25, 58689 Ocotillo Drive  
Temporary Residential Special Events:

**That the Planning Commission continues SPL 03-25, a temporary special event permit for the purpose of conducting and operating temporary residential special events, to provide the applicant additional time to resubmit requested materials.**

- RESULT:** RECEIVE AND FILE [5 TO 0]
- MOVER:** James Henderson, Commissioner
- SECONDER:** Mathew Thomas, Commissioner
- AYES:** James Henderson, Gerard Noonan, Clint Stoker, Mathew Thomas, Alejandro Vasconcelos

- 15. Chair Vasconcelos stated moving on to my report, item number 15, Agenda Management System Implementation CivicPlus. Staff report, please.

Deputy Town Clerk Dudra stated good evening, Chair and Commissioners. I'll be presenting the staff report today, introducing CivicClerk, which is our new agenda management system. The recommendation before you tonight is that the Planning Commission receives and files this report, introducing the implementation. We plan for this to go live for your next meeting, which would be August 26th. A little background on this process. In 2015, the town contracted with IQM2 for agenda management. It was later acquired by Granicus, and the service continued under them. Granicus had announced the sunset of IQM2 software with the support ending in late September of 2025. As a result, the town was required to identify and implement a replacement system. On January 21, 2025, the council approved the CivicClerk proposal and authorized a two-year agreement. CivicClerk was selected after a review of multiple options.

So, why CivicClerk? Leslie and I, and our team, Janet included, we also included Jessica Cuna, who was the PRCC Secretary, as well as Jessica Rice with IT. We found CivicClerk to have really wonderful support. Their live support was wonderful. Their interface was great. They have integration with our town's electronic record system.

This will streamline some workflows for staff, making it quite easier on our end. It enhances the public access to agendas, media, any materials, easier to search through their system. And then from a clerk standpoint, it has a one-click publishing for agendas, minutes, media. It's quite exciting from my end. This is the public portal. This is just a little snapshot of what it'll look like. Here you can see the list of the calendar that would have the meetings on it. There's also a search filter, meaning that anybody could type in they want land development update and try to find the closest staff report to that. And it'll pull up all the staff reports related to that. So, any items they're specifically looking for, they're also able to filter between planning commissions, town council only. So, it'll have the media right there, the minutes agenda, very easy, and more transparent. As far as the implementation timeline, training is underway. We have been going through training. We have additional training that we're still doing, we anticipate. So, the August 26th Planning Commission will be under this. And then our first meeting in September for town council. We anticipate a full transition with all of our councils and committees by the end of September.

Future for this, we will be providing tablets to all commissioners and council members by the end of 2025. This is a web-based program, and the board portal is so wonderful. You're able to make notes in there to save specifically to your profile that you can do that. Easy access to minutes, search abilities, media. It'll pull right up. So again, very excited for this transition and improvements it's going to bring to all users. And I can take any questions following public comment.

Chair Vasconcelos stated thank you. Anyone in the public wish to speak on this matter?

Eric Menendez stated, hey there, it's me again. I actually just came for the previous item, but what is so funny is we're going through-- under our new organization, Joshua Tree Gateway Communities Alliance, we're going through RFPs with these same vendors. We use a similar system in Twentynine Palms. I think Desert Hot Springs uses it. They're all being acquired by Granicus, which is so challenging. And I'm excited. Thank you so much. Brooke has offered to sit with me so we can look at it because once I get back from Sacramento and DC, which is the next few weeks, we're going to have our next board meeting. And we invite everyone here. It's actually going to be here at the town at your community center. I'm waiting to get a few more things tied away. But I think this is important because it enables people who can attend, stakeholders, whether they be developers, residents, business owners.

Not everyone can make it to a meeting. But if you can easily go and find what you need to go online, I mean, it's great. There are cost limitations with these things, but what I really admire about Yucca Valley is every single meeting you do, whether it be an arts commission, this planning commission is streamed, and you have the ability to come to Zoom. And so, I think this is important. So, I look forward to working with Brooke, who has been so gracious to offer with me because we're looking at another software right now. We have no public funding, but I do have a significant investment coming from the federal level to this area. And I'm excited to give some news about it. And so, I'm looking forward to following this along. So, thank you.

Chair Vasconcelos stated thank you. Anyone else in the public wishes to comment on this? Anyone online? Close public comment and bring it back to the commission for comment. Commissioner Noonan.

Commissioner Noonan stated sure. Hey, Brooke. Thank you for that report. Quick question. It's a cloud-based system. So basically, everything will be housed on the cloud. Am I correct?

Deputy Town Clerk Dudra stated yes.

Commissioner Noonan stated okay. So, is there a significant upgrade to the network capabilities of the building that we're in as part of the installation of this?

Deputy Town Clerk Dudra stated no. We've worked closely with Leslie, and that's more her department as far as that. But we'll be doing our recordings through Zoom, and it integrates beautifully into our system. So, all that will be on there.

Commissioner Noonan asked if we all have tablets, there won't be a bandwidth issue or anything like that?

Deputy Town Clerk Dudra stated nope.

Commissioner Noonan stated cool, thank you.

Chair Vasconcelos stated Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas stated no comments for me. It sounds exciting. That's about it.

Chair Vasconcelos stated Commissioner Henderson.

Commissioner Henderson stated Oh, no. That's exciting, especially for the tablets, because I know Commissioner Stoker has been a big advocate to get something like that for a long time. And so, the software that you're going to, that's going to be in the tablet, and that's what we're going to use to see the agendas and stuff?

Deputy Town Clerk Dudra stated yeah. So, it's web based. And I'll work closely with everyone to make sure that it's easy. I'll put it in your favorites tab that all you have to do is click it, and it opens right up for you.

Commissioner Henderson stated cool. And then just one question. Will all of the old meetings and stuff migrate into that portal, or are they lost or, I mean, just archived?

Deputy Town Clerk Dudra stated so we have them all archived, so they'll be archived that it's still easy to access, but just through a different system, not through this.

Commissioner Henderson stated thank you. It'll be formatted differently, correct? When you see it, it won't be the way we would see it through this new program.

Deputy Town Clerk Dudra stated correct, yeah.

Chair Vasconcelos stated Commissioner Stoker.

Commissioner Stoker stated yeah. I'm super excited. I think I only had paper books, I think, for like two meetings. So, I think over the course of the last six years, I probably saved like 50,000 sheets of paper or something. I don't even know how many pages. Sometimes our packets are pretty big. And it's awesome to see us moving in this direction. I think it's going to be really good. And I look forward to using it. So, thank you.

Chair Vasconcelos stated yeah, I agree. I think this is going to be great moving forward for the commission and for the town council, or any kind of commission that we have here that are going to be utilizing it, and it's going to make it more accessible for everybody searching it. It's nice to see the town moving in a good direction for the future. So, I can't wait to start using it. So, can we get a motion for this to receive and file?

Agenda Management System Implementation – CivicPlus

**MOTION:**

**That the Planning Commission receives and files this report introducing the implementation of Civic Clerk, the Town's new Agenda Management System, which**

will go live for the August 26, 2025, agenda cycle.

**RESULT:** RECEIVE AND FILE [5 TO 0]  
**MOVER:** Gerard Noonan, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Clint Stoker, Commissioner  
**AYES:** James Henderson, Gerard Noonan, Clint Stoker, Mathew Thomas, Alejandro Vasconcelos

16. Chair Vasconcelos stated moving on to item 16, Land Development Update Report.

Associate Planner Jerome stated the recommendation for this item is to receive and file. So, this land development update, we're going to do a little different. We went out and took some photos of projects that are making physical progress, we'll say, ones that we're all familiar with. Charter Communications/Time Warner over on La Contenta. It's hard to see in the photo, but they've started doing the earthwork. They have done some grading on the site for their new telecom facility. This is also going to get sidewalks, as you may remember. So, some nice street improvements for the middle school and for the public. Domino's, Jersey Mike's. As you've probably seen, as Shane likes to say, there's steel in the air now. So, it's making some progress here and there. It's starting to look like a structure, so that's good. Wingstop recently opened. Please disregard the banner in the front. Bath & Body Works has started doing their facade upgrade and continue to make progress. They have an appointment to drop off a signed permit application, so continuing to make progress.

And we're going to zoom in on that top right next. It's a little tough to see. I tried to get a little further out, but it lines up with the bottom of that faux window. So, Planning Commission requests. It looks like they've executed it pretty well so far.

Spark by Hilton, I'm sure everyone has seen the paint jobs done, but-- grabbed a picture of that. I personally think it looks pretty cool. Nice Dream Ices continues to make progress. The outside of the building is starting to come together as they continue to do work on the inside and the parking lot. And we're told that they're considering doing a mural on the other side of the building that faces the muffler shop. As some of you may know, Camino Del Cielo has started getting the street modified to install sewer infrastructure. So, as you can see, this is from today. The water district makes active progress on the installation of the sewer in that area of town. The mural has been painted for Mojave Gold. Again, please ignore the banner on the left-hand side. Their mural also is looking pretty good.

Add some vibrancy to the front of the building. And with that, we can answer questions following public comment.

Chair Vasconcelos stated thank you. Do we have anyone that wishes to speak on public comment? Anyone online? Close public comment, bring it back to commission. Let's go with Commissioner Henderson.

Commissioner Henderson stated nothing really. I like the visuals updates. That really helps, especially if I don't get around those parts of town on the sewer project. I mean, all I saw in that picture is a lot of Joshua trees. So good luck.

Chair Vasconcelos stated Commissioner Stoker.

Commissioner Stoker stated yeah, it's great to see. And we look forward to seeing these projects completed and open.

Chair Vasconcelos stated Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas stated yeah. Everything's great. Jared is the Camino Del Cielo sewer project. I live in the area, and some of the neighbors have been asking me to. So how far up Camino Del Cielo? Is it going to Yucca Trail? Or is it stopping at Martinez?

Associate Planner Jerome stated I think I'll let-- do you know Alex exactly how far up it goes? Sorry, Alex.

Commissioner Thomas asked it going all the way to Yucca Trail? Okay. And is it making the turn as well, too, down, or?

Public Works Director Qishta stated good evening, Commissioners. The area of the country club, that whole area.

Commissioner Thomas asked the whole area?

Public Works Director Qishta stated yeah. And if that is possible, we can provide with maps that show what's the area that is going to-- we will be more than happy, I'll have Jared or the Brook send you the map of what's—

Commissioner Thomas stated that'd be great. Some of the neighbors were asking me, and I had absolutely no clue.

Public Works Director Qishta stated not a problem, sir. We'll do that.

Commissioner Thomas stated all right. Thank you. That's it for me.

Chair Vasconcelos stated Commissioner Noonan.

Commissioner Noonan stated yeah. Hats off to staff and the commission for helping facilitate these projects and getting them going. It's exciting to see people investing their treasure into our town and going for it. So again, congratulations. The hats off to everyone. It's exciting times. That's it.

Chair Vasconcelos stated thank you. Yeah. And I agree. Thank you for the photo updates. It's nice to see that, the progress by photo. I mean, most of us probably do drive around, but it is nice to see the photographs of what's going on with the progress process. So, could we get a motion?

**MOTION:**

**That the Planning Commission receives and files the report.**

**RESULT: RECEIVE AND FILE [5 TO 0]**

**MOVER:** James Henderson, Commissioner

**SECONDER:** Mathew Thomas, Commissioner

**AYES:** James Henderson, Gerard Noonan, Clint Stoker, Mathew Thomas, Alejandro Vasconcelos

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Chair Vasconcelos stated moving on to future agenda items.

Associate Planner Jerome stated the development code interpretation. We've received input from the attorney, and that should be coming to the next commission meeting. Depending on the progress of the two that were continued tonight, potentially one or both of those as well.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Vasconcelos stated, in order to assist in an orderly and timely conduct of the meeting, the planning commission takes this time to consider your comments on items of concern which are on the closed session or not on the agenda. When you are called to speak, please state your name and community of residents. Please limit your comments to three minutes or less. Inappropriate behavior which disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting will result in forfeiture of your public comment privileges. The planning commission is prohibited by state law from taking action or discussing items not included on the printed agenda. With that, is there anyone in the public that wishes to comment? Anyone online? All right. We'll close public comment. Moving on to staff reports and comments.

Eric Mendenez, public speaker, stated sorry. I said everything I had to say earlier, but I just wanted to bring a couple of events we have coming forward. We would love to invite anyone in town or the commissioners to come, anyone. We're going to be

working on a series of events through the JTGCA called Founders in Freedom or Freedom-- we're still working on the concept. And it's going to be either a bi-monthly or a twice-a-month event where we can kind of talk about regional issues. And ideally, I would like to do it at Freedom Plaza. And Alex and I were just talking about some of the issues they've had at the new Founder's Plaza with the dryers. And they were talking about that at the Town with the Mayor-- or what do you call it? The Coffee or Soda with the Mayor. And we would love to work with the town on any way we can help as a community resource. We have a Pride event coming to the region in November. I'm working with the folks in Desert Hot Springs, Visit Greater Palm Springs, and the San Diego and Palm Springs Pride folks. So, we're hoping to have a great event then. We will have press releases coming out on that.

And then one last note, the Social Yards. Mr. Veno Nathraj, he's done, I think, a lot of the developments over here when they first built these hotels. He has the two hotels next to the newly remodeled Stater Brothers in town on Twentynine. We have a new event. It's an event center outdoors, so I'm working with them on that. We're going to be hosting some community forums on travel and tourism. Everyone is invited. Everyone is welcome. I have the Twentynine Palms postcards. Those are from our old brand. Those are going to be repurposed. And our community principals from Desert Beacon will be rebranded and put to the JTGCA thing. I did have a Yucca Valley postcard, but they went quick because it was a cute picture. It's the town monument before it got all sun damaged. But we would love to have you come, be a part of it. And just thank you for your service. Thank you.

Chair Vasconcelos stated thank you. Anyone else in the audience wishes to speak? Anyone online? Close public comment and move on to staff reports and comments.

### **STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Associate Planner Jerome stated no additional staff reports or comments.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Chair Vasconcelos stated Commissioner Henderson.

Commissioner Henderson stated Not much. Thank you to staff for a great meeting, and well-prepared. And nice to see Brooke. So, we have a new face over here. So welcome. What was your first name? Jared? Jeremy. Welcome, Jeremy.

Chair Vasconcelos stated Commissioner Noonan.

Commissioner Noonan stated yeah. I have a brief report and a comment, and maybe a question for staff that can help me. So, I've had the occasion to have to walk around town a little bit more than usual lately. And my last trek was literally from here at City Hall over to the airport. And I noticed, because I went to buy a beverage, that there are no trash cans anywhere to empty anything along that entire strip of that property that basically encompasses the store, all the way over to the pizza place. And I had to wait all the way 'til I got to Circle K before I was able to throw away my trash, which is not a big

deal. But it prompts this question - I have a couple of businesses, I maintain trash cans for the public, there's a lot of times where there's trash that is not generated or not originated from that center - do we have any requirements or any way to look at commercial properties like that and either require or ask that they have a certain amount of trash receptacles available? Is that something that's ever been addressed?

Associate Planner Jerome stated I am not familiar with anything in our development code for public trash receptacles on private property, but it's something we could look into.

Commissioner Noonan stated in this case, I found trash all the way from Palm Springs and stores that I know don't exist up here. So, it'd be interesting if-- if they have it, if maybe another city has it that we can look at and see if it's worth looking into, I think it'd be a good idea because there's just a lot of trash being dumped around. So that's my report and my comment. Thank you.

Chair Vasconcelos stated Commissioner Stoker.

Commissioner Stoker stated nothing really. Thank you to staff for a great meeting and look forward to the new system. So that's awesome. So, thank you, Brooke. And I'll see you guys next time. Thank you.

Chair Vasconcelos stated Vice Chair Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas stated yes. Thank you to staff as well. Glad to see Brooke around. Nice to see you again and welcome, Jeremy. And as I mentioned to Brooke and to you, I won't be at the next meeting, be out of town at a funeral, so. And that's it for me.

Chair Vasconcelos stated yeah. And for me, thanks again, staff. Welcome, Jeremy. It was another good meeting. Always well-prepared. And thank you, Brooke, for the presentation. I'm looking forward to using that system. So, thank you for that.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

The next regular meeting of the Yucca Valley Planning Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 6PM in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was closed at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke Dudra  
Deputy Town Clerk