

CITY OF COSTA MESA

PLANNING COMMISSION

Agenda

Monday, March 13, 2023	6:00 PM	City Council Chambers
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PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Agenda

March 13, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

ADAM ERETH Chair

RUSSELL TOLER Vice Chair JOHNNY ROJAS Planning Commissioner

ANGELY ANDRADE VALLARTA Planning Commissioner

JON ZICH Planning Commissioner

JIMMY VIVAR Planning Commissioner TIM TABER

Planning Commissioner

JENNIFER LE Director of Economic and Development Services

TARQUIN PREZIOSI Assistant City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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1. MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2023

23-1125

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Commission approve Minutes of a Regular meeting of February 27, 2023.

Attachments: February 27, 2023 Unofficial Minutes

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. <u>ONE-YEAR TIME EXTENSION FOR PA-19-29, FOR A CANNABIS23-1124</u> <u>MANUFACTURING FACILITY (COMPLEX PLUS) AT 3505 CADILLAC</u> <u>AVENUE, UNIT O-106</u>

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Planning Commission adopt a Resolution to: 1. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); and 2. Approve PA-22-38 to extend the entitlement of PA-19-29 by one additional year through October 9, 2024.

Attachments: Agenda Report

- 1. Draft Planning Commission Resolution
- 2. Application
- 3. Director's Time Extension Letter (4-11-22)

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PLANNING COMMISSION 2022 YEAR-END REVIEW

<u>23-1126</u>

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission receive the staff presentation.

Attachments: Agenda Report

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

2. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

1. CITY ATTORNEY

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Planning Commission regular meeting, March 27, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.



Agenda Report

File #: 23-1125

Meeting Date: 3/13/2023

TITLE:

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2023

DEPARTMENT: ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ PLANNING DIVISION

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Commission approve Minutes of a Regular meeting of February 27, 2023.

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MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

February 27, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Andrade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

- Present: Chair Adam Ereth, Vice Chair Russell Toller, Commissioner Angely Andrade, Commissioner Jonny Rojas, Commissioner Tim Taber, Commissioner Vivar, Commissioner Jon Zich
- Absent: None.
- Officials Present: Director of Economic and development Services Jennifer Le, Assistant Director of Development Services Scott Drapkin, Assistant City Attorney Tarquin Preziosi, Assistant Planner Jeffery Rimando, Assistant Planner Chris Aldana, Contract Planner Michelle Halligan, Transpiration Manager Jennifer Rosales, City Engineer Seung Yang and Recording Secretary Anna Partida

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:

Commissioner Zich asked for the reports to have handwritten page numbers and asked for an economic analyzes from City staff comparing retail liquor stores to retail cannabis stores.

Chair Ereth stated he echoed Commissioner Zich's request for handwritten page numbers and economic report.

Commissioner Vivar echoed Commissioner Zich's request for an economic report. He also asked that a map of approved retail cannabis businesses be included in staff reports and for an update on the pedestrian master plan.

Chair Ereth stated he requested information in the Pedestrian Master Plan in a previous meeting and would also like an update.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Viviar Asked staff about formatting differences between the minutes they were voting on at this meeting vs the minutes that we approved at the meeting prior.

MOVED/SECOND: Vivar/Toler MOTION: Move staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Ereth, Toler, Andrade, Rojas, Taber, Vivar, Zich Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None Motion carried: 7-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. PLANNING APPLICATION 22-43 IS A REQUEST TO MODIFY A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AN EXISTING CONVENIENCE STORE TO CHANGE THE TYPE OF OFF-SALE STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) LICENSE FROM TYPE 20 (BEER AND WINE) TO TYPE 21 (GENERAL) AND TO EXPAND THE APPROVED HOURS OF OPERATION AT 1178 SUNFLOWER AVENUE

Project Description: The existing convenience store operator ("AK Market") is requesting to change the type of off-sale ABC license from a Type 20 (Beer and Wine) to a Type 21 (Off-Sale General) to expand the convenience store's sales to include distilled spirits. The applicant is also requesting to modify the business's operating hours to 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday (an additional hour in the morning and in the evening) and 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday (an additional hour in the morning only). No interior or exterior changes are proposed.

Environmental Determination: The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities. The Class 1 exemptions applies to minor

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alterations to existing facilities or structures involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use.

Chair Ereth, Commissioner Vivar and Commissioner Zich reported separate exparte communications with the applicant via email.

Jeffery Rimando, Assistant Planner, presented the staff report.

Commission and Staff:

Discussion ensued on notification letters, security patrol, property zoning, police department review, on pervious locations with type 21 license in the same area as property, steps to acquire type 21 license, types of signage and wording allowed on signs.

The Chair opened Public Hearing.

Rakesh Dadrah, applicant, stated he had read and agreed to the conditions of approval.

Commission, Applicant and Staff:

Discussion ensued on the reasoning behind the applications request for modification of hours, reason for the request to change license, security patrolling on property and signage requirements.

The Chair opened Public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Ramirez, spoke in support of the item.

Jason Mira, spoke in support of the item.

Speaker 3, spoke in support of the item.

Speaker 4, spoke in support of the item.

Chris Glew, spoke in support of the item.

Speaker 6, spoke in support of the item.

The Chair closed public comments.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing.

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Commissioner Zich made a motion. Seconded by Commissioner Vivar.

Commissioner Zich spoke on his motion.

Commissioner Vivar spoke in support of the motion.

MOVED/SECOND: Zich/Vivar

MOTION: Move staff's recommendation with the removal of Condition of Approval No. 29 regarding required two-hour area patrols. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Ereth, Toler, Andrade, Rojas, Taber, Vivar, Zich Nays: None Absent: None Recused: None. Motion carried: 7-0

ACTION: The Planning Commission adopted a resolution to:

- 1. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); and
- 2. Approve Planning Application 22-43, subject to conditions of approval.

<u>RESOLUTION PC-2023-03</u> - A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING PLANNING APPLICATION PA-22-43 FOR AN EXISTING CONVENIENCE STORE (AK MARKET) WITH REQUEST TO CHANGE TYPE OF OFF-SALE STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) LICENSE FROM TYPE 20 (BEER AND WINE) TO TYPE 21 (GENERAL) AND EXPAND THE HOURS OF OPERATION AT 1178 SUNFLOWER AVENUE

The Chair explained the appeal process.

2. PLANNING APPLICATION 21-36 FOR A RETAIL CANNABIS STOREFRONT BUSINESS LOCATED AT 167 CABRILLO STREET (CABRILLO COMMUNITY PROJECT LLC DBA NATIVE GARDEN)

Project Description: Planning Application PA-21-36 was presented at the Planning Commission meeting on January 23, 2023. The staff recommendation was for project denial. After considering the information provided in the staff report, the applicant's presentation, and public comment, the Planning Commission voted 6-1 to continue the public hearing to their regular meeting on February 27, 2023. The Planning Commission specifically directed staff to return with a draft approval resolution with conditions of approval for Planning Commission consideration.

Environmental Determination: The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 for the permitting

and/or minor alteration of Existing Facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of the existing or prior use.

Six ex-parte communications reported:

Chair Ereth reported he talked with local businesses around the site and had email and phone call exchanges with the applicant.

Vice Chair Toler reported zoom call with the applicant.

Commissioner Rojas reported email exchange with the applicant.

Commissioner Zich reported an on-site visit and conversations with the applicant's team.

Commissioner Taber reported having a brief conversation with the applicant's team.

Commissioner Vivar reported email exchange with the applicant's team and conversation with the local residents.

Michelle Halligan, Contract Planner, presented the staff report.

Commission and Staff:

Discussion ensued on zoning code applicable provisions, precautions and combability. Parking, clarification on neighborhood commercial designation in a CL zone, and land use codes were also discussed.

Chair opened Public Hearing.

Chris Glew, applicant's representative, stated he had read and agreed to the conditions of approval, with the exception of the staff proposed hours of operation limitation.

Commission, Applicant and Staff:

Discussion ensued on security, community outreach, and security. The applicant's business in other states and how they operate those businesses in a residential locations, the applicant's presentation and reasoning behind certain slides in their slideshow was also discussed.

The Chair opened Public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Christian Martinez, spoke in support of the item.

Speaker 2, spoke in support of the item.

Speaker 3, spoke in opposition of the item.

Speaker 4, spoke in opposition of the item.

The Chair closed the public comments.

Commission and Staff:

Discussion ensued on the proposed business hours and the Code Enforcement process if complaints are filled against the property.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Chair made a motion to approve the project with hours proposed by staff, and subject to a change in condition of approval number 12 to revise requirement for the applicant to return in six months for Planning Commission review, and instead allow the applicant to return for Planning Commission review if they choose to do so, and under the normal submittal process for a request to amend a previously approved Conditional Use Permit. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Toler made a motion to approve the project subject to the modification of condition or approval number two (Operational Conditions) and to modify the staff proposed hours of operation from 7 AM to 10 PM. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Zich made a motion to approve the project subject to the modification of condition or approval number two (Operational Conditions) and to modify the staff proposed hours of operation from 9 AM to 8 PM (as proposed by the applicant). The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Toler.

Commissioner Zich spoke on his motion.

Commissioner Toler spoke in support of the motion.

Commissioner Taber spoke in support of the motion.

Commissioner Vivar spoke in opposition of the motion.

Commissioner Andrade spoke in support of the motion.

Commissioner Rojas spoke in opposition of the motion.

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Chair Ereth spoke in opposition of the motion.

MOVED/SECOND: Zich/Toler

MOTION: Move to approve PA-21-36, subject to conditions of approval with a modification of hours in Condition of Approval No. 2. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Toler, Andrade, Taber, Zich Nays: Ereth, Rojas, Vivar Absent: None Recused: None Motion carried: 4-3

ACTION: The Planning Commission adopted a resolution to:

- 1. Find that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); and
- 2. Approve Planning Application 21-36, subject to conditions of approval with a modification to a Condition of Approval No. 2.

MODIFIED CONDITION OF APPROVAL (OPERATIONAL):

<u>Condition of Approval No. 2 to read:</u> Onsite sales to customers is limited to the hours between 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM.

<u>RESOLUTION PC-2023-04-</u> A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING PLANNING APPLICATION 21-36 FOR A STOREFRONT RETAIL CANNABIS BUSINESS (CABRILLO COMMUNITY PROJECT LLC DBA NATIVE GARDEN) IN THE CL ZONE AT 167 CABRILLO STREET

The Chair explained the appeal process.

3. PLANNING APPLICATION 22-34 FOR A CANNABIS MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION, AND NON-STOREFRONT RETAIL FACILITY ("FABULOUS CREATIONS INC.") AT 3505 CADILLAC AVENUE, UNIT M-202)

Project Description: Planning Application 22-34 is a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to operate a cannabis non-volatile manufacturing, distribution, and non-storefront retail (delivery) facility within a 2,206-square-foot, second floor tenant space located at 3505 Cadillac Avenue, Unit M-202.

Environmental Determination: The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 for the permitting and/or minor alteration of Existing Facilities (Class 1).

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No ex-parte communications reported.

Christopher Aldana, Assistant Planner, presented the staff report.

Commission and Staff:

Discussion ensued on the shared workspace area, who would facilitate day to day operations, vehicles used for delivery and the type of extraction allowed at this facility.

The Chair opened Public Hearing.

Berry Fisher, applicant, stated he had read and agreed to the conditions of approval.

Commission, Applicant and Staff:

Discussion ensued on the applicants experience in the cannabis industry, day to day operations, compliance and security.

The Chair opened Public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments.

The Chair closed public comments.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Vivar made a motion. Seconded by Commissioner Rojas.

Commissioner Vivar spoke on his motion.

Commissioner Zich spoke in opposition to the motion with specific concern regarding insufficient information to make one of the required conditional use permit findings.

Commissioner Taber spoke in support of the motion.

Chair Ereth spoke in support of the motion.

MOVED/SECOND: Vivar/Rojas **MOTION:** Move staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Ereth, Toler, Andrade, Rojas, Taber, Vivar

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Nays: Zich Absent: None Recused: None Motion carried: 6-1

ACTION: The Planning Commission adopted a resolution to:

- 1. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1) Existing Facilities; and
- 2. Approve Planning Application 22-34, subject to conditions of approval.

<u>RESOLUTION PC-2023-05-</u> A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING PLANNING APPLICATION 22-34 FOR A CANNABIS MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION AND NON-STOREFRONT RETAIL FACILITY ("FABULOUS CREATIONS INC.") AT 3505 CADILLAC AVENUE, UNIT M-202

The Chair explained the appeal process.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT(S)

- 1. Public Services Report None.
- Development Services Report Director Le reported on the study session that was held with Development Services and City Council.

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REPORT(S)

1. City Attorney – None.

ADJOURNMENT AT 9:30 P.M.

Submitted by:

SCOTT DRAPKIN, SECRETARY COSTA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION



Agenda Report

File #: 23-1124

Meeting Date: 3/13/2023

TITLE:

ONE-YEAR TIME EXTENSION FOR PA-19-29, FOR A CANNABIS MANUFACTURING FACILITY (COMPLEX PLUS) AT 3505 CADILLAC AVENUE, UNIT O-106

DEPARTMENT: ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ PLANNING DIVISION

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Planning Commission adopt a Resolution to: 1. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); and 2. Approve PA-22-38 to extend the entitlement of PA-19-29 by one additional year through October 9, 2024.



PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: MARCH 13, 2023

ITEM NUMBER: PH-1

SUBJECT: ONE-YEAR TIME EXTENSION FOR PA-19-29, FOR A CANNABIS MANUFACTURING FACILITY (COMPLEX PLUS) AT 3505 CADILLAC AVENUE, UNIT O-106

FROM: ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ PLANNING DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY:	PATRICK ACHIS, ASSISTANT PLANNER
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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Planning Commission adopt a Resolution to:

- 1. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); and
- 2. Approve PA-22-38 to extend the entitlement of PA-19-29 by one additional year through October 9, 2024.

APPLICANT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT

The applicant is Bruce Entezam (Complex Plus) and the property owner is 3505 Cadillac 1 LLC.

PROJECT SETTING

The subject site is located on the west side of Cadillac Avenue, north of Sunflower Avenue. The property contains a vacant 4,480-square-foot tenant space, within an existing industrial building constructed in 1982. The proposed tenant space is located on the first and second floors of Building "O" with direct access to the parking spaces at the rear of the building. The tenant spaces were previously occupied by a telemarketing business (Integrity Protection Group).

The subject building is located within an existing multi-tenant industrial park (Cambridge Park) zoned PDI (Planned Development Industrial) and has a General Plan Land Use Designation of "Industrial Park". Suites within Cambridge Park are industrial condominiums that are individually owned and the business park is managed by an Association. The site is bounded by industrial buildings used for warehousing and light manufacturing.

Six of the 20 tenants in Building "O" are approved and/or occupied by cannabis uses, including the project for the subject time-extension request. See the below Table 1 showing the approved and pending cannabis applications within Building "O". Other uses in the building include administrative offices, professional services, and business consulting firms.

Unit	Entity	Use	Case Number	Status
O-101	Yummi Karma, LLC	Manufacturing Type 6	PA-18-07 / PA-18-07 A1	APPROVED 04/09/2018 / APPROVED 08/23/2018
O-201	AuBio Labs, LLC	Manufacturing Type 6	PA-18-21 / PA-18-21 A1	APPROVED 12/10/2018 / APPROVED 11/21/2019
O-107	Gold Flora	Distribution Type 11	PA-19-09	APPROVED 04/22/2019
O-106*	Complex Plus, Inc.	Manufacturing Type 7	PA-19-29 / PA-22-38 (Subject Time Extension)*	APPROVED 04/13/2020
O-108	Ash Capital, Inc.	Manufacturing, Non-Storefront Retail & Distribution Type 6, 9 & 11	PA-20-16 / PA-20-16 A1	APPROVED 05/10/2021 / APPROVED 12/09/2021
O-102	Outrageous Ventures, LLC	Distribution Type 11	PA-22-01	APPROVED 05/09/2022
O-209	AK Exclusives, Inc.	Distribution Type 11	PA-22-27	Pending
O-210	C4 Distro	Distribution	MX-21-0004 APPROVED 07/19/2021	Pending

Table 1 – Building "O" Cannabis Tenants

BACKGROUND

The original project under Planning Application 19-29 was approved by the Planning Commission on April 13, 2020. Several PA-19-29 key approved business operations and application conditions are provided below:

- **Cannabis Product Manufacturing.** Tenant improvement to existing 4,480square-foot tenant space in an industrial building for manufacturing of cannabis products, including volatile butane extraction and packaging of processed products.
- **Off-Site Distribution Hours.** Distribution of products to occur only off-site at pre-scheduled days and times determined by the applicant. No distribution was allowed to occur between 12 AM midnight and 5 AM. On-site distribution (storefront sales) were prohibited.
- Odor Control. Installation of scrubbers and charcoal canister filters as an additional odor mitigation system.
- Security. A detailed security plan reviewed and certified by HdL, the City's security consultant, and the plan complies with State law. The route to the loading area is direct and would be under video surveillance at all times. Video surveillance systems were required at all exterior entrances and in all interior rooms; a monitored burglar alarm system; upgraded exterior lighting, and entry card readers are included on the plan.
- **Distribution Vehicle Parking.** Parking of distribution vehicle in designated loading area under direct view of security cameras at all times. Surplus parking exists onsite to accommodate designated loading.
- Conditions of Approval. Sixty-nine (69) Conditions of Approval were included as part of the PA-19-29 approval, including standard conditions related to Measure X, security, and the subject site.
- Expiration. Approval of PA-19-29 was valid for two (2) years and set to expire on April 13, 2022.

Please reference the Planning Commission staff report and approved resolution for PA-19-29 at the following link:

http://ftp.costamesaca.gov/costamesaca/planningcommission/agenda/2020/2020-04-13/PH-2.pdf

On April 11, 2022 the Director of Economic and Development Services approved a sixmonth time extension for the project pursuant to Costa Mesa Municipal Code (CMMC) Section 13-29(k)(6). This approval extended PA-19-29's expiration to October 10, 2022. (See Attachment No. 3 to reference the Director's six-month time extension letter for PA-19-29.) Prior to the expiration of the six-month Director approved extension of time, the applicant reached out to staff in regard to submittal of a subsequent extension of time to be reviewed by the Planning Commission. Pursuant to CMMC 13-29(k)(4) – "Extension of Time", the applicant must file a written request for an extension of time with the department no less than thirty (30) days or more than (60) days before the expiration date of the permit. In this case, the applicant submitted the time extension request on the last day of the Director's six-month extension (October 10, 2022). However, the applicant was coordinating the one-year time extension with staff before October 10, 2022 and within the Code required "submittal-window"; therefore, staff believes the application submittal should be considered timely. The applicant indicated that due to financial hardships resulting from the pandemic, the further permitting of the new business required postponement.

JUSTIFICATION FOR APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION REQUEST

Pursuant to Costa Mesa Municipal Code (CMMC) Section 13-29 (k), an extension of time over six (6) months must be considered by the original review authority (the Planning Commission). Additionally, CMMC Section 13-29(k)(6) requires that:

[The Planning Commission] is authorized to grant the extension if it finds that there have been no changes in the conditions or circumstances of the site, such as Zoning Code or General Plan amendments or other local and statewide regulations affecting the approved development standards or project that serve as grounds for denial of the original project or any changes to the General Plan and/or Zoning Code that would preclude approval of the same project at the time of the requested extension.

As indicated above, the applicant has indicated that he was unable to begin permitting of the project because of financial hardships relating to the pandemic. The applicant has indicated that the additional period until October 9, 2024 (one-year from the previous Director approved extension of time) is sufficient time to activate the approval and begin the plan check process. The Planning Commission could support the request for a time extension in that the approved Planning Application 19-29 remains in compliance with the current Zoning Code, and there have been no amendments to the General Plan and the Zoning Code that would require reconsideration and/or denial of the original project approval. Further, General Plan Policy LU-6.8 intends to provide efficient and timely review of development proposals while maintaining quality customer service standards for the business, development, and residential community. Approval of the extension would help promote Policy LU-6.8 by avoiding applicant development costs and time associated with filing a new application. Lastly, there have been no changes in the conditions or circumstances of the site that would warrant reconsideration and/or denial of the previous project approval.

Completion of the Marijuana Business Permit and Business License

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ALTERNATIVES

The Planning Commission has the following alternatives:

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LEGAL REVIEW

The draft Resolution has been approved as to form by the City Attorney's Office.

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As of the date this report was drafted, no written public comments have been received. Any public comments received prior to the March 13, 2023 Planning Commission meeting will be provided separately.

CONCLUSION

The requested extension of time request is consistent with the original approval of PA-19-29 and the intent of the Zoning Code, the City's General Plan, and the City of Costa Mesa Marijuana Measure (Measure X), as proposed. Therefore, staff recommends approval of a one-year time extension for Planning Application 19-29 to expire on October 9, 2024.

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Office to Assign

ATTACHMENT 2

PLANNING APPLICATION (PART ONE – TYPE OR PRINT)	Application #
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PROPERTY ADDRESS: 3505 Cadillac Ave. Building O	Suite 106, Costa Mesa	CA
Property Owner 3505 Cadillac 1 LLC	Phone _949 378 0015	Fax
Address 20341 Irvine Ave.	Email	
City Newport Beach	State CA	_ Zip Code _ <u>92660</u>
Property Owner's Signature see note1 below Benjamin Ent	ezam	Date10-10-2022
AUTHORIZED AGENT:	Phone	Fax
Address	Email	
City	State	Zip Code
Authorized Agent's Signature see note2 below		Date

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: [Briefly describe project below <u>and</u> attach detailed project description & justification for approval:] Request to extend the approved CUP for Complex Plus Inc.

PROJECT RELATED TOPICS: I have noted below the items that are applicable to the project:

□ In the Redevelopment Area □ Subject to future street widening

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HAZARDOUS WASTE AND SUBSTANCES SITES: Pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, I have reviewed

the Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List (see reverse side) and determined that the project:

□ IS NOT included in the LIST

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¹RIGHT OF ENTRY: The abovesigned ("Property Owner") is the owner of certain real property identified above in Costa Mesa, California ("Property"), acknowledges that the application process requires the property to be posted with a public hearing notice, where applicable. Property Owner hereby permits the City of Costa Mesa ("City"), by and through its employees or agents, to enter upon the property for the sole purpose of posting, modifying, and removing a public hearing notice relating to Property Owner's Planning Application. The right of entry shall be granted by Property Owner to City at no cost to City and shall remain in effect until the removal of the public hearing notice. Owner further agrees to release, waive, discharge and hold harmless City, its employees and agents, from and against any and all loss, damage, injury, liability, claim, cost or expense resulting from or arising out of the activities of City, its employee and agents, upon the Property, pursuant to this signed application.

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Property Owner <u>3505</u>					
Address 20341 Irvine	Ave.	E			
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Property Owner's Signat	ure see note1 below _	Benjamin Enleza	n	Date0	-10-2022
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Agenda Report

File #: 23-1126

Meeting Date: 3/13/2023

TITLE:

PLANNING COMMISSION 2022 YEAR-END REVIEW

DEPARTMENT: ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ PLANNING DIVISION

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Planning Commission 2022 Year-end Report

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