

FRESNO CITY PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 13844

The Fresno City Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on March 20, 2024, adopted the following resolution relating to Conditional Use Permit Application No. P23-03086.

WHEREAS, Conditional Use Permit Application No. P23-03086 was filed by Yuma Way CA and pertains to approximately 0.54 acres of property located at 4555 East Kings Canyon Road, on the northeast corner of East Kings Canyon Road and South Jackson Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, Conditional Use Permit Application No. P23-03086 requests authorization to establish a cannabis retail business in an approximately 2,130 square foot existing commercial building; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning & Development Department Director approved Conditional Use Permit Application No. P23-03086 on March 20, 2024, as the proposed project satisfied the required findings of approval for Conditional Use Permits pursuant to Sections 15-2739-R and 15-5306 of the Fresno Municipal Code; and,

WHEREAS, the Director's decision to approve the request to establish a cannabis retail business in an approximately 2,130 square foot existing commercial building was appealed by Councilmember Luis Chavez, District 5, on January 11, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15-5017 of the Fresno Municipal Code, the Fresno City Planning Commission conducted a noticed public hearing on March 20, 2024; received testimony from the applicant and the public, and considered the Planning and Development Department's report recommending denial of the appellant's appeal and upholding the action of the Planning and Development Department Director to approve Conditional Use Permit Application No. P23-03086; and.

WHEREAS, one (1) individual spoke in support of the project citing the cannabis retail business invests in non-profits and will keep the area clean, and none in opposition of the proposed project; and,

WHEREAS, the Fresno City Planning Commission reviewed the subject development permit application in accordance with the policies of the Fresno General Plan, Downtown Neighborhoods Community Plan, and the Fresno Municipal Code; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a motion was made to uphold staff's recommendation to deny the appeal with the condition that there is increased security during the week of the Big Fresno Fair event and the week of the Hmong New Year, which resulted in a 4-1 vote in favor, therefore, the appeal was denied in accordance with Section 15-5017-E of the Fresno Municipal Code and the original approval of Conditional Use Permit Application No. P23-03086 granted on January 9, 2024 by the Planning and Development Department Director stands, authorizing the establishment of a cannabis retail business in an approximately 2,130 square foot existing commercial building.

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The foregoing Resolution by the Fresno City Planning Commission was made upon a motion by Commissioner Vang (chair), seconded by Commissioner Diaz.

VOTING: Ayes - Vang (chair), Diaz, Criner, Hardie (vice chair)

Noes - Bray Not Voting - None

Absent - Lyday, Wagner

DATED: March 20, 2024

Jennifer K. Clark, AICP, Secretary Fresno City Planning Commission

Resolution No. 13844 Conditional Use Permit Application No. P23-03086 Filed by Yuma Way CA Action: Denial of Appeal. Project Approved.