



City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 11.

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE - PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF: JULY 23, 2009**

**DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER**

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT: EPA-3470 - GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: NV ENERGY OWNER: USA AND NEVADA POWER COMPANY - Request to Amend a portion of the Centennial Hills Sector Plan of the General Plan FROM: PCD (PLANNED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) TO: PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) on 70 acres generally located on the south side of the Wash Road alignment, 660 feet west of Larry McBryde Street alignment (APNs 126-01-101-002, 102, 004, 007, 015, 016 and 126-01-201-016), Ward 6 (Ross)

C.C.: 08/19/2009

PROTESTS RECEIVED BEFORE:

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APPROVALS RECEIVED BEFORE:

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**RECOMMENDATION:
APPROVAL**

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Location and Aerial Maps
2. Conditions (Not Applicable) and Staff Report
3. Supporting Documentation
4. Justification Letters
5. Protest Postcard

Motion made by KEEN ELLSWORTH to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

KEEN ELLSWORTH, VICKI QUINN, BYRON GOYNES, GLENN TROWBRIDGE, RICHARD TRUESDELL, STEVEN EVANS, GUS FLANGAS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

CHAIR TROWBRIDGE declared the Public Hearing open for Items 11-13.

DOUG RANKIN, Planning and Development, stated the applicant is expanding the existing sub-station by five acres. The proposed Public Facility land use designation and rezoning to CV (Civic) is compatible with the surrounding uses, and it is an appropriate category for the electrical utility sub-station use. Staff recommended approval of all applications. MR. RANKIN and BART ANDERSON, Public Works, read additional conditions including an amendment to

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Condition 12 for Item 13.

EDGAR PATINO and MICHELLE BALTZ, NV Energy, 6226 West Sahara Avenue, were present. MS. BALTZ outlined the request and agreed with all conditions as amended.

COMMISSIONER QUINN asked why not start with solar panels sub-station instead of the traditional block wall-type sub-station. MS. BALTZ replied they are working with solar energy near the Apex area. The five-acre expansion would allow the construction of a 500 kilovolt that, in which a portion can be utilized in the Valley. Currently they are land-locked with bringing new lines into the Valley.

COMMISSIONER SOYNES verified that the proposed sub-station would provide power mainly to the west.

COMMISSIONER ELLSWORTH complimented NV Energy for providing more aesthetically pleasing facilities and supports their efforts.

MR. PATINO explained that solar power is a part of their plan but the current focus is strengthening the infrastructure of the company and being able to provide reliable services to the western portion of the city. They are very interested in co-locating solar facilities where applicable, such as some of their generating plants where they own the land. Part of the process is to meet State law where they have to have a certain amount of renewable energy by the year 2025. COMMISSIONER QUINN stated that renewable energy is approaching and she is eager to learn more about Green.

MS. BALTZ thanked staff for their hard work and help.

CHAIR TROWBRIDGE declared the Public Hearing closed for Items 11-13.

