



Escena Community Association

Report to the Community February 25, 2026

Planning Commission Update

Last night the Palm Springs Planning Commission heard a request from SunCal to approve a tentative tract map for the northwest corner of Escena.

Vice President Tim Mathias, our attorney, and members of the community provided testimony requesting a continuation of the item so that issues of concern to Escena could be addressed. These areas of concern included the proposed process of approving an amendment to the Planned Development Agreement for Escena, the need for time to address compatibility of a proposed apartment building with the Escena HOA, and traffic impact issues.

In the end the Planning Commission chose to continue SunCal's request to an undetermined future date. Interestingly, the concerns we raised were not the basis for the continuation. Rather, the Planning Commission raised a new and distinct concern.

The proposal from SunCal was for 153 single-family homes and an apartment building with 150 units. The Planning Commission had concerns that the bulk of the density for this project would be in the apartment building. They sent SunCal back to the drawing board asking that density not be confined to one lot. They also felt that any higher density might be better located at the far northwest corner of this area.

SunCal will now need to come up with a new proposal for development of this area.

The Board of Directors will work with SunCal regarding their next iteration of planning and will continue to seek development which is compatible with our community.