

**STAFF REPORT FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2015**

**FILE NO.: SUP-14-081(a)**

**AGENDA ITEM: F-4**

**STAFF AUTHOR:** Susan Dorr Pansky, AICP  
Planning Manager

**REQUEST:** To consider a request to modify a previously approved Special Use Permit for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary from WSCC, Inc. (property owner: Sanbar) to increase the allowed wall signage from 15 square feet to 140 square feet on property zoned General Commercial (GC), located at 2765 Highway 50 East, Suite A, APN 008-312-12.

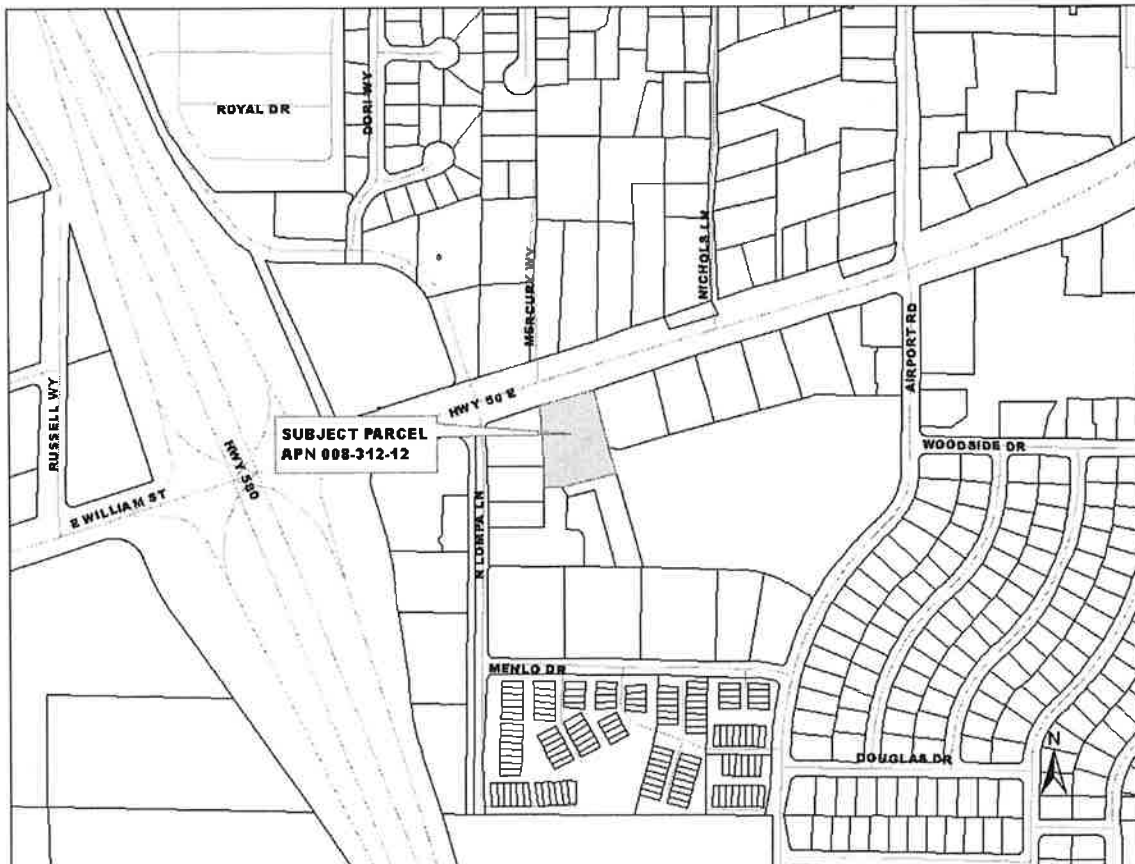
**APPLICANT:** WSCC, Inc.

**OWNER:** Sanbar

**LOCATION:** 2765 Highway 50 East, Suite A

**APN:** 008-312-12

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** "I move to approve a request to modify a previously approved Special Use Permit for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary from WSCC, Inc. (property owner: Sanbar) to increase the allowed wall signage from 15 square feet to 30 square feet on property zoned General Commercial, located at 2765 Highway 50 East, Suite A, APN 008-312-12 based on the findings and subject to the conditions or approval contained in the staff report."



## RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

The following conditions include previously approved conditions of approval for SUP-14-081, as approved by the Planning Commission on October 29, 2014, as well as new and/or revised conditions associated with the revised amendment request. **Bold, underlined** text is added, [stricken] text is deleted.

### The following shall be completed prior to commencement of the use:

1. The applicant must sign and return the Notice of Decision for conditions for approval within 10 days of receipt of notification. If the Notice of Decision is not signed and returned within 10 days, then the item may be rescheduled for the next Planning Commission meeting for further consideration.
2. All development shall be substantially in accordance with the development plans approved with this application, except as otherwise modified by these conditions of approval.
3. All on- and off-site improvements shall conform to City standards and requirements.
4. All on- and off-site improvements shall conform to NRS and NAC 453A and the Adopted Regulations of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, LCB File No. R004-14, as applicable at the time of development.
5. The use for which this permit is approved shall commence within 12 months of the date of final approval. A single, one year extension of time may be requested in writing to the Planning Division thirty days prior to the one year expiration date. Should this permit not be initiated (obtain a Building Permit) within one year and no extension granted, the permit shall become null and void.
6. The applicant must obtain a State provisional certificate to operate a Medical Marijuana Establishment, specifically a dispensary, at the subject location prior to commencement of operation. Failure to obtain a State provisional certificate within the timeframe established in these conditions of approval (12 months) will render this Special Use Permit null and void.
7. The applicant shall obtain and maintain a valid Carson City Business License for the operation of a Medical Marijuana dispensary.
8. The project requires application for a Building Permit, issued through the Carson City Building Division. This will necessitate a complete review of the project to verify compliance with all adopted construction codes and municipal ordinances applicable to the scope of the project.
9. ~~[The applicant shall submit proposed signage to the Planning Division for review and approval prior to installation.]~~ A Sign Permit **will** ~~[may]~~ be required ~~[depending on the nature of]~~ for the proposed signage. All signage shall conform to Division 1.20 and Division 4 of the Carson City Development Standards, as applicable. **An increase in signage square footage from 15 square feet to 30 square feet is approved as a part of this Special Use Permit.**

10. The proposed metal security grilles over the windows and doors shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Division prior to installation. The grilles shall be made to blend with the exterior building in both color and aesthetic.
11. The applicant shall install parking lot lighting in the landscape area to the north of the building and install exterior building lighting at the dispensary tenant space. This lighting shall be in compliance with Division 1 of the Carson City Development Standards.
12. The applicant shall re-stripe all existing parking spaces in the shopping center lot.

**The following conditions shall be completed with any Building Permit application:**

13. The applicant shall submit a copy of the Notice of Decision and conditions of approval, signed by the applicant and owner, with any Building Permit application.
14. The applicant shall submit complete tenant improvement plans for the proposed project to allow for review of building and accessibility code requirements.
15. The project must follow the 2012 International Fire Code and adopted Northern Nevada Amendments.

**The following conditions shall be applicable throughout the life of the use:**

16. The Special Use Permit for this Medical Marijuana dispensary is only valid at the location specified in this application for the operator who obtains the Nevada State certificate for this facility. The Special Use Permit approval shall expire and become null and void if the operator loses or otherwise forfeits his or her State certificate to operate this facility. Special Use Permits for Medical Marijuana Establishments are non-transferable between operators and locations within Carson City.
17. All dispensary operations shall conform to NRS and NAC 453A and the Adopted Regulations of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, LCB File No. R004-14, as may be modified from time to time.
18. Medical marijuana or medical marijuana-infused products intended for disposal shall be rendered unusable and disposed of off-site at the Carson City Landfill as medical material for immediate burial. Temporary exterior on-site storage of product for disposal shall be prohibited. This method of disposal is subject to change and may be modified by Carson City at any time.
19. No consumption of medical marijuana or medical marijuana-infused products shall occur on the premises of this dispensary, including the parking lot and surrounding area.
20. Outdoor display and sales of medical marijuana merchandise is prohibited.
21. Medical marijuana products shall not be visible from outside the dispensary at any time.
22. Hours of operation shall be 7:00am to 8:00pm, seven days a week.

**LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:** CCMC 18.02.080 (Special Use Permits), CCMC 18.04.150 General Industrial (GI), CCMC DS 1.20 Development Standards for Medical Marijuana Establishments.

**MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION:** Mixed-Use Commercial (MUC)

**PRESENT ZONING:** General Commercial (GC)

**KEY ISSUES:** Is the proposed increase in signage appropriate for the medical marijuana dispensary use and will it be considered keeping with the standards of the Carson City Municipal Code?

**SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USE INFORMATION:**

- EAST: General Commercial/Commercial and Multi-Family Residential Uses
- WEST: General Commercial/Commercial Uses
- NORTH: General Commercial/Commercial Uses
- SOUTH: General Commercial/Multi-Family Residential and Vacant Parcels

**ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION:**

- FLOOD ZONE: X Shaded Zone (areas of minimal flooding)
- EARTHQUAKE FAULT: Zone I
- SLOPE/DRAINAGE: Site has been previously developed and is primarily flat

**SITE DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION:**

- LOT SIZE: 1.21 acres
- EXISTING STRUCTURE SIZE: 12,322 square feet, 2,450 square feet for tenant space
- EXISTING PARKING: 48 spaces
- SETBACKS: N/A – Existing Building
- VARIANCES REQUESTED: None

**PREVIOUS REVIEWS:**

- SUP-14-081 – Planning Commission approval for a medical marijuana dispensary

**DISCUSSION:**

Senate Bill (SB) 374, commonly referred to as the “Medical Marijuana Act,” was adopted by the Nevada Legislature and signed into law in 2013, authorizing Medical Marijuana Establishments in Nevada. In July 2014, the Carson City Board of Supervisors adopted zoning regulations to allow Medical Marijuana Establishments in the General Commercial and General Industrial zoning districts in certain locations in Carson City with the approval of a Special Use Permit and subject to specific development standards.

On October 29, 2014, the Planning Commission approved the applicant’s Special Use Permit for a medical marijuana dispensary with the specific conditions of approval listed in this staff report. At that time, the applicant did not have information on their signage ready to present with the application. As a result, staff recommended a condition of approval that signage would need to be provided to the Planning Division for review and approval and that a separate Sign Permit

may be necessary depending on the nature of the signage proposed by the applicant. The applicant now has information on the signage desired, and is requesting two signs that are seven feet by 10 feet for a total of 70 square feet per sign, and a total of 140 square feet for the facility.

The proposed signage exceeds the maximum allowable signage established with the Medical Marijuana Establishment development standards. Therefore, a Special Use Permit is required. In this case, because a Special Use Permit already exists for the dispensary, a request to modify the existing Special Use Permit is appropriate.

In keeping with SB 374's requirements that Medical Marijuana Establishments maintain professional, orderly, and dignified appearances consistent with the traditional style of pharmacies and medical offices, the Board of Supervisors adopted signage requirements as follows:

*All MME signage shall be discreet, professional and consistent with the traditional style of signage for pharmacies and medical offices. All MMEs shall follow the sign regulations for Office Uses in the Development Standards, Division 4, except that freestanding sign height shall be limited to 10 feet consistent with sign height requirements for industrial uses.*

Signage for Office Uses, as outlined in the Development Standards, Section 4.7.3, is limited to one square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage not to exceed a maximum of 15 feet per street frontage. This is significantly less than the applicant's proposal for 140 square feet of signage. Below, staff will outline the applicant's rationale for the requested increase and provide discussion regarding the basis for the request.

- a) ***Dominance of General Commercial zoning and sign standards.*** Many of the surrounding uses in this large geographic area are permitted with the shopping center sign standards which are roughly 4.5 times more than allowed for a MME dispensary. This puts Sierra Wellness at a distinct disadvantage for exposure to vehicle traffic based on signage. They are requesting only about 1/3 of the sign coverage allowed for a shopping center use in this zoning district. This site, building, and area are retail/commercial in nature, but the sign allowance is treated as an office park.

While staff recognizes that the dispensary is located in a General Commercial zoning district, it is important to understand that the location of a use in the General Commercial zoning district doesn't necessarily dictate the amount of signage it is allowed. Medical Marijuana Establishments have been represented at the State and local level as a medical service, making signage that is consistent with medical offices appropriate. A medical office located in the General Commercial zoning district would be allowed the same amount of signage as the dispensary. Staff deliberately selected the office signage allowance for Medical Marijuana Establishments because the community is sensitive to the introduction of the medical marijuana use in general, which prompted staff to put standards in place to ensure that the establishments be relatively inconspicuous.

- b) ***Dignified appearance of the building and signs.*** Per the Carson City development standards for Medical Marijuana Establishments, the facility will have an appearance which is professional, orderly, dignified, and consistent with the traditional style of pharmacies and medical offices. This building is not a standalone pharmacy or medical office and there is no ability to retrofit the exterior to make it appear as such. So, the emphasis on traditional style of a building for this use will be accomplished for the interior

*but is not germane to the exterior of this site. This proposed signage still respects the MME standard as there is no indication of medical marijuana in the name of the business or the appearance of the sign.*

In the original approval for this dispensary, staff and the Planning Commission found that the exterior of the building, with the improvements proposed by the applicant, met the intent of a professional, orderly, dignified building consistent with the traditional style of pharmacies and medical offices. A retrofit of the building is not necessary to accomplish this. Staff does not believe that the proposed signage increase meets the intent to be consistent with medical offices and pharmacies.

- c) ***High Speeds on Highway 50*** in the vicinity of the site (45 m.p.h. speed zone). Large signs are more readable given the higher speeds on the highway. Speeds on a high volume/high speed major highway are not in alignment with these overly restrictive and arbitrary sign standards.

Staff recognizes that visible signage is necessary for potential customers to locate the dispensary. However, staff does not believe that the dispensary will be subject to a large amount of drive-by traffic arbitrarily stopping because they see the signage. The dispensary will likely be a specific destination for most customers, as only those with medical marijuana registration cards may visit the facility.

- d) ***Arbitrary nature of sign allowance*** based on office when the use and site is in face retail/shopping center. Since the use is allowed in this zoning district, it is reasonable to adopt zoning standards in alignment with that use, including signage. A multi-tenant commercial building need presence that is somewhat enhanced with wall signage on a major transportation corridor.

Staff does not consider the signage allowance for Medical Marijuana Establishments to be arbitrary. It is consistent with medical office uses, which would have the same requirements if they were located in the General Commercial zoning district. Staff believes that an additional 15 square feet of signage is warranted because the dispensary is located at the end of a shopping center and could be interpreted to have two street frontages. This is in addition to available space on the existing freestanding sign that staff assumes the applicant will also use. A total of 30 square feet is more than adequate for the proposed dispensary.

Staff finds that the proposed increase of signage does not meet the intent of the applicable development standards for Medical Marijuana Establishments. Medical Marijuana Establishments were represented at the State and local level to function like medical offices and pharmacies, with the intent of being relatively inconspicuous. While staff recognizes the need for the dispensary to have signage that will alert customers to their presence, staff does not believe excessively large signage is necessary. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve SUP-14-081(a) for an additional 15 square feet of signage only, for a total of 30 square feet, as it is a more appropriate increase for the dispensary use. The 30 square feet may be used completely on one side of the facility, or be split between the two sides of the building.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public notices were mailed to 45 adjacent property owners within 300 feet of the subject site on August 11, 2015. As of the writing of this report, no comments have been received in favor or opposition to the proposed project. Any comments that are received after this report is completed will be submitted to the Planning Commission prior to or at the

meeting on August 26, 2015, depending on the date of submission of the comments to the Planning Division.

**OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCY COMMENTS:** The following comments were received by various city departments. Recommendations have been incorporated into the recommended conditions of approval, where applicable.

**Building Division:**

1. Signs require Building Permits.
2. All projects and improvements must be performed in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 623 and 624 and Carson City Municipal Code (CCMC) 15.05.020.
3. All repairs, replacements and alterations must have proper Building Permits and comply with International Building Codes, Uniform Plumbing Code, Uniform Mechanical Code or International Mechanical Code, Fuel Gas Code, Electrical Code, Adopted International Energy Conservation Code and Northern Nevada Amendments.
4. All contractors are required to carry State and local license.

**Fire Department:**

No comments.

**Engineering Division:**

No comments.

**Health and Human Services:**

No comments.

**Environmental Control Authority:**

No comments.

**FINDINGS:** Staff's recommendation is based upon the findings as required by CCMC Section 18.02.080 (Special Use Permits) enumerated below and substantiated in the public record for the project.

1. **Will be consistent with the master plan elements.**

The Master Plan is neutral as it relates to this particular signage issue. There is no specific goal or policy that staff can tie this request to that makes it consistent with the master plan elements, nor can staff identify a specific goal or policy that makes the request inconsistent with the master plan elements.

2. **Will not be detrimental to the use, peaceful enjoyment, economic value, or development of surrounding properties or the general neighborhood; and will cause no objectionable noise, vibrations, fumes, odors, dust, glare or physical activity.**

The proposed increase in signage recommended by staff will not be detrimental to the use, peaceful enjoyment, economic value or development of surrounding properties or the general neighborhood. While the proposed increase is not consistent with the maximum allowed size for commercial uses typically allowed in the area, it is comparable in size to the existing signage for the center.

3. **Will have little or no detrimental effect on vehicular or pedestrian traffic.**

The proposed increase in signage will have no impact on vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

4. **Will not overburden existing public services and facilities, including schools, police and fire protection, water, sanitary sewer, public roads, storm drainage, and other public improvements.**

An increase in signage has no impact on public services and facilities.

5. **Meets the definition and specific standards set forth elsewhere in this title for such particular use and meets the purpose statement of that district.**

With the approval of this Special Use Permit and recommended conditions of approval, the project will meet the definition and specific standards required to support the increase in signage for the dispensary recommended by staff.

6. **Will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, convenience and welfare.**

The proposed signage increase recommended by staff will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, convenience or welfare. It is consistent with an office use that has two street frontages, and meets the intent of the development standards for Medical Marijuana Establishments, but is still under the allowed square footage for commercial uses.

7. **Will not result in material damage or prejudice to other property in the vicinity.**

The increase in signage proposed by staff is over the allowed square footage for office uses, as identified in the Medical Marijuana Establishments, but less than the allowed square footage for commercial uses. It is not anticipated to result in material damage or prejudice to other property in the vicinity.

**ALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR DENIAL: "I move to deny a request to modify a previously approved Special Use Permit for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary from WSCC, Inc. (property owner: Sanbar) to increase the allowed wall signage from 15 square feet to 140 square feet on property zoned General Commercial, located at 2765 Highway 50 East, Suite A, APN 008-312-12 based on the findings and subject to the conditions of approval contained in the staff report."**

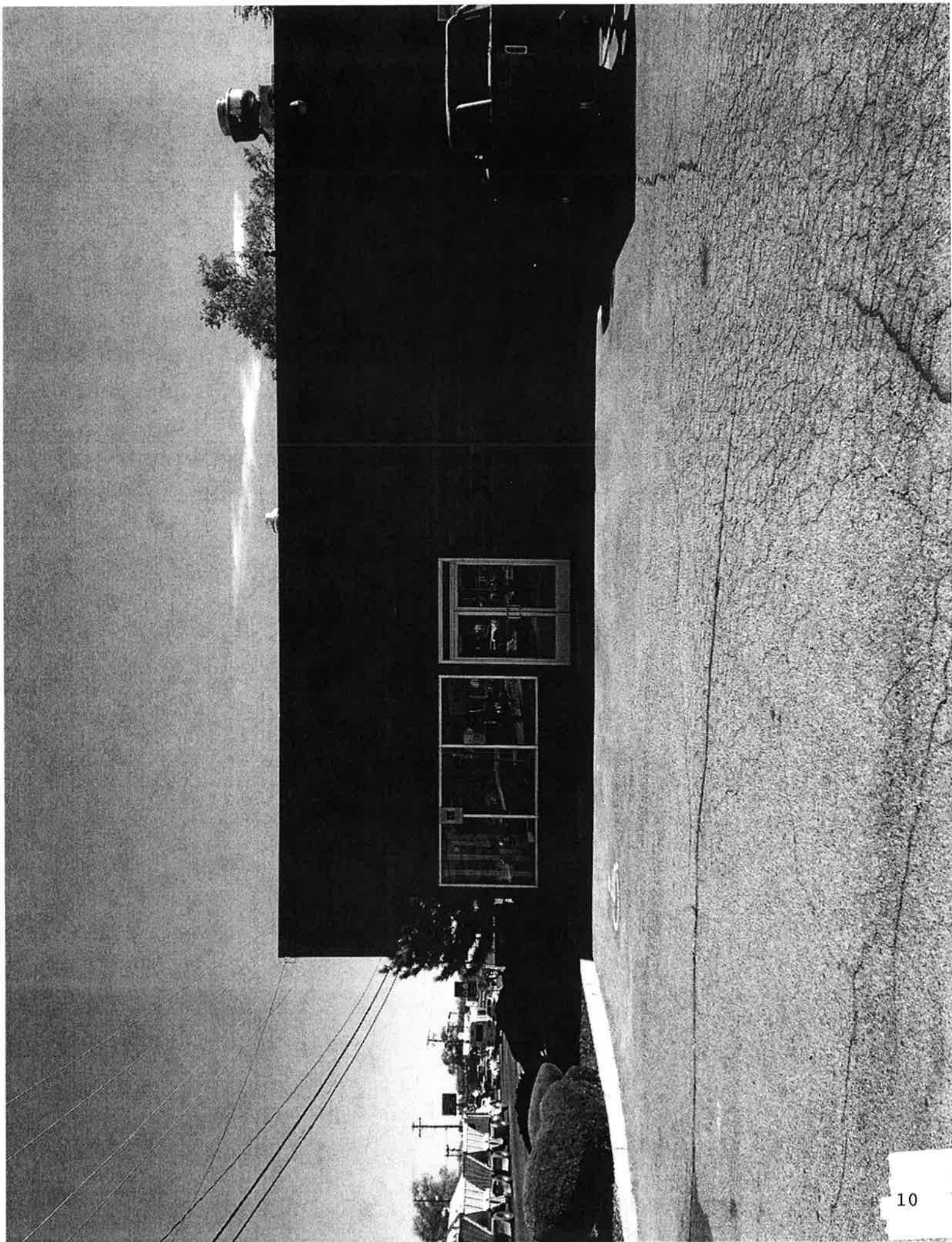


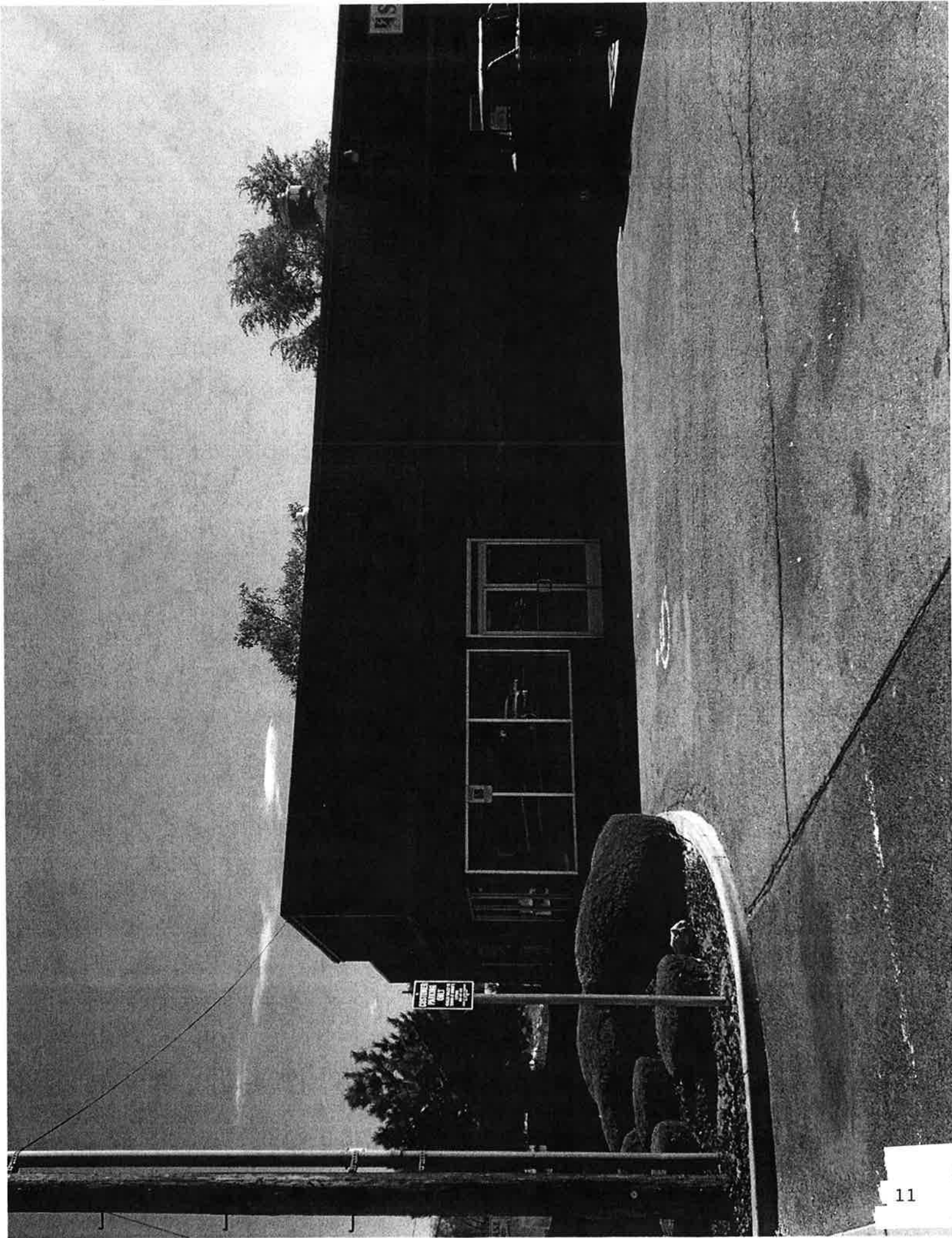
**ALTERNATIVE FINDINGS FOR DENIAL:** If the Planning Commission votes to deny the application based upon the inability to meet all of the findings as required by Carson City Municipal Code (CCMC) Sections 18.02.080 (Special Use Permits), staff recommends the following finding for denial.

1. *The proposed amended Special Use Permit will be detrimental to the use, peaceful enjoyment, economic value or development of the general neighborhood because the requested amount of signage is excessive for the use it is intended to advertise.*

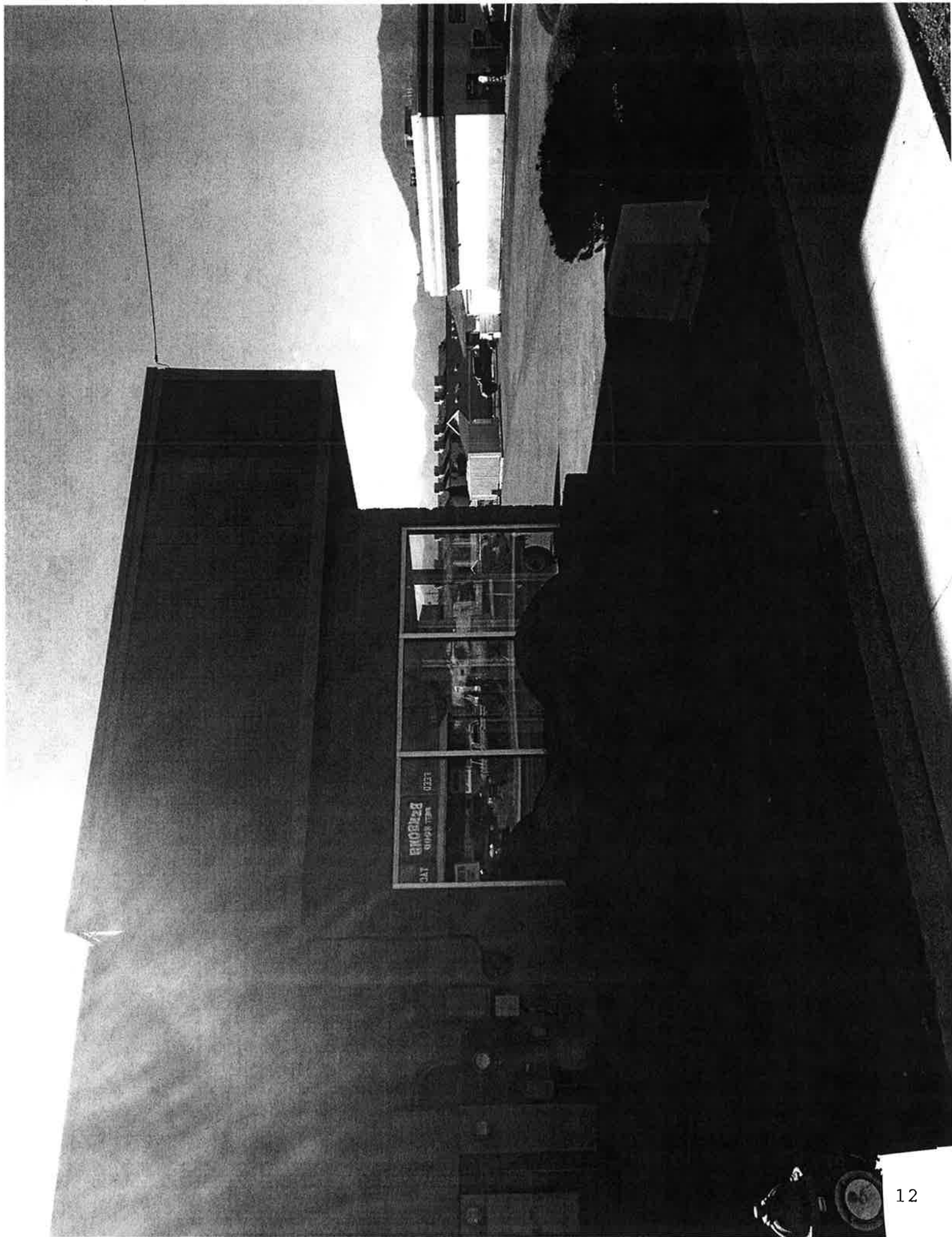
**Attachments:**

Site Photos  
Staff Comments  
Application (SUP-14-081(a))



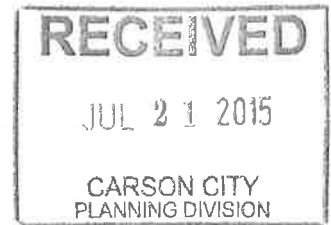






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1. Signs would require building permits.
2. All projects and improvements must be performed in accordance with Nevada State Revised Statute (NRS) 623 & 624 and Carson City Municipal Code (CCMC) 15.05.020.
3. All Repairs, Replacement, and Alterations must have proper building permits and comply with International Building Codes, Uniform Plumbing Code, Uniform Mechanical Code or International Mechanical code, Fuel Gas Code, Electrical Code, Adopted International Energy Conservation Code, and Northern Nevada Amendments.
4. All Contractors are required to carry State and local license.

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July 23, 2015

Fire has no comment for SUP-14-081(A)

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**Engineering Division  
Planning Commission Report  
File Number SUP 14-081A**

**TO:** Planning Commission

**FROM** Rory Hogen, E.I.

**DATE:** August 3, 2015

**MEETING DATE:** August 26, 2015

**SUBJECT TITLE:**

Action to consider an application for a Special Use Permit from WSCC, Inc to establish a Medical Marijuana Dispensary Site at 2765 US Hwy 50 E, apn 08-312-02.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Engineering Division has no preference or objection to the special use request.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Engineering Division has reviewed the conditions of approval within our areas of purview relative to adopted standards and practices and to the provisions of CCMC 18.02.080, Conditional Uses. All construction and improvements must meet the requirements of Carson City and State of Nevada Codes and Development Standards.

**CCMC 18.02.080 (2a) - Adequate Plans**

The information submitted by the applicant is adequate for this analysis.

**CCMC 18.02.080 (5a) - Master Plan**

The request is not in conflict with any Engineering Master Plans for streets or storm drainage.

**CCMC 18.02.080 (5c) - Traffic/Pedestrians**

The proposal will not affect traffic or pedestrian facilities.

**CCMC 18.02.080 (5d) - Public Services**

Existing facilities appear to be adequate for this project.

## Susan Dorr Pansky

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**From:** Dustin Boothe  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 3:12 PM  
**To:** Susan Dorr Pansky  
**Subject:** PC 8-26-15 comments

Susan:

SUP-15-063

**Health and Human Services**  
No concerns

SUP-15-065

**Health and Human Services**  
Plans will need to be submitted for review prior to construction of the classroom addition and playground relocation.

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**Health and Human Services**  
No concerns

SUP-15-066

**Health and Human Services**  
No concerns

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**Health and Human Services**  
No concerns

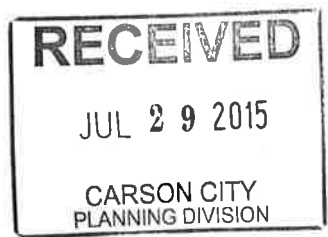
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**Health and Human Services**  
No concerns

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July 29, 2015

Major Project Review Committee

Re: # SUP – 14 - 081

Dear Kathe,

After initial plan review the Carson City Environmental Control Authority (ECA), a Division of Carson City Public Works Department (CCPW), has the following requirements per the Carson City Municipal Code (CCMC) and the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) for the SUP 14 -081 @ 2765 Hwy 50 East request:

1. ECA has no requirements for this project.

Please notify Mark Irwin if you have any questions regarding these comments, I can be reached at 775-283-7380.

Sincerely;

Mark Irwin  
Environmental Control Officer 3

c: Kelly Hale, Environmental Control Supervisor

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## **Sierra Wellness Connection**

**SUP - 14 - 081(2)**

**Application to Carson City for:**

### ***Modification of a Special Use Permit***

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**July 16, 2015**

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- Special Use Permit Application/Owner Affidavit
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  - Acknowledgement of Applicant
  - Site Plan

**Project Request** - This application is for a Modification of an approved SUP-14-081 to:

- a) Allow an increase in the signage for a single tenant in a building located at 2765 U.S. Highway 50E in the Carson City, Nevada. SUP-14-081 was approved on 10/29/14 subject to several conditions. Condition #9 requires that signage shall conform to Division 1.20 and Division 4 of the Development Standard that regulate signs.
- b) Allow wall signs on two sides of the building (north & west elevations) that total 140 square feet of sign area (70 square feet per sign per elevation).

**Property Location**

The site is located on Highway 50 East on one parcel of 1.21 acres which is APN 008-312-12.



**Figure 1 – Vicinity Map**





**Figure 2 - Existing Site Plan**

**Sign Request Rationale:**

Sierra Wellness is basing their request of the following items:

- a) **Dominance of General Commercial zoning and sign standards.** Many of the surrounding uses in this large geographic area are permitted the shopping center sign standards which are roughly 4.5 times more than allowed for a MME Dispensary. This puts Sierra Wellness at a distinct disadvantage for exposure to vehicle traffic based on signage. They are requesting only about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the sign coverage allowed for a shopping center use in this zoning district. This site, building, and area are retail/commercial in nature, but the sign allowance is treated as an office park.
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**Other Operational & Zoning Items**

The following were zoning items evaluated for zoning compliance:

**Business Operation – Sierra Wellness Connection** will operate as a tenant in a multi-tenant building, of 12,300 square feet. WSCC will occupy the 1<sup>st</sup> tenant space at the north end of the building which is 2,450 square feet. Basic elements of the dispensary operation include retail area, lobby, security, training, vault, storage, and restrooms. It is expected to be a low intensity operation in terms of parking, traffic volume, and activity.

**Employees/Hours of Operation** - There will a total of 4 to 5 full time employees working at the location. The applicant understands that the hours of operation will be established pursuant to a performance contract to be executed with the city of Carson City.

**Parking** – Parking code for medical marijuana is parked at the commercial rate of 1 space per 300 square feet (9 spaces required) per Title 18, Division 2 section of city code which includes retail. The remainder of the building is programmed at the Shopping Center parking rate (including repair shops, 2<sup>nd</sup> hand stores, etc.) of 1 space per 250 square feet for 9,872 square feet. So, parking required is about 50 spaces. All of the spaces are shared in the parking lot for this multi-tenant building and will meet code parking standards. Shared parking is managed in lease agreements and with a shared parking easement. This includes all parking demand assuming full occupancy of the building. There are roughly 48 parking spaces on site that serve this building.

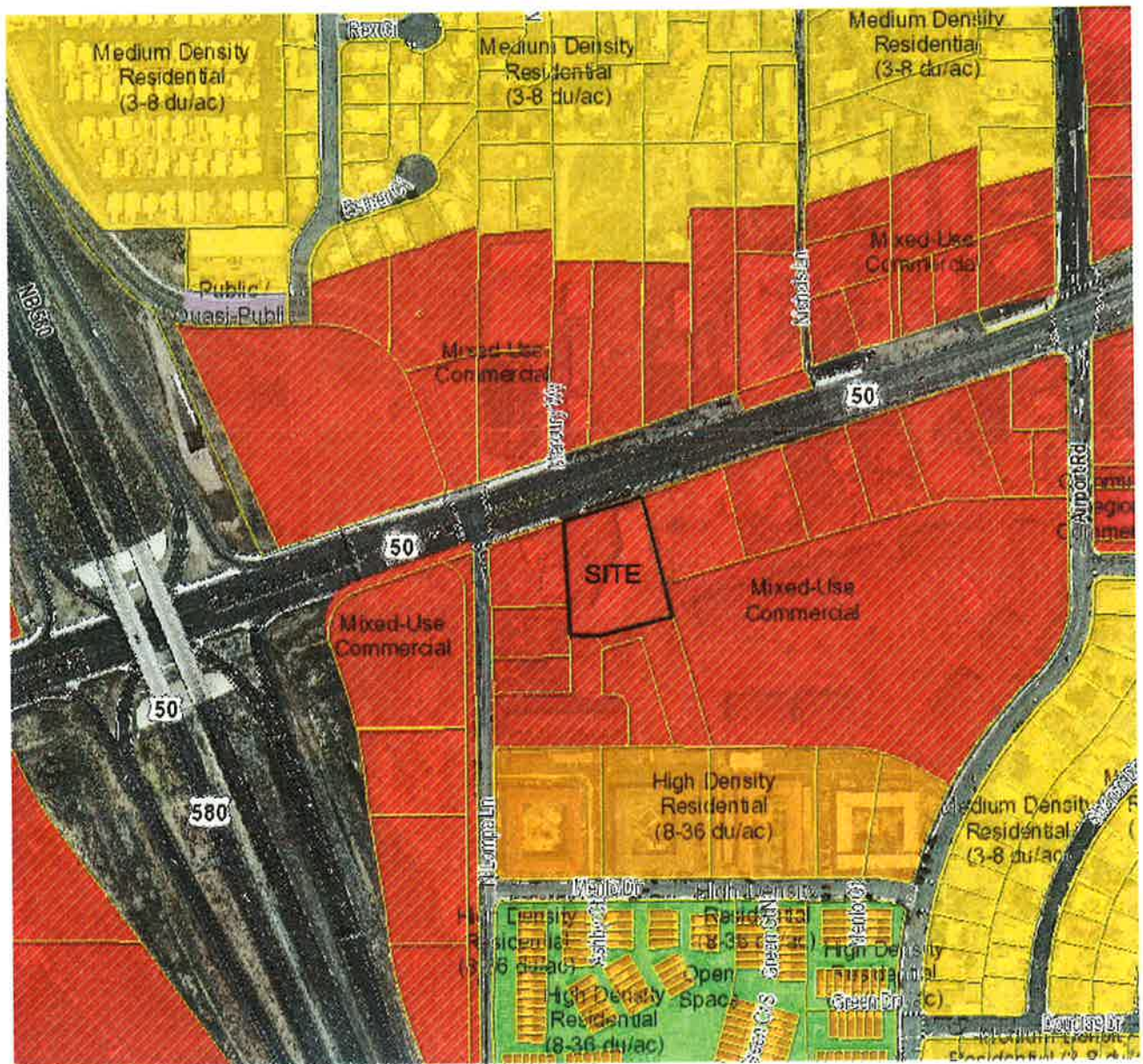
**Access** – There is good vehicle access to the building with primary access from Highway 50 and another indirect access from Lompa Lane to the west. Also, the arrangement of parking is very convenient for medical customers with parking near the entry and front of the building, including two accessible spaces.

**Residential Adjacency-** A MME use is not allowed adjacent to residentially zoned property. Per the city zoning map in Figure 4, there is General Commercial (GC) zoning surrounding the site in all directions. This is the only zoning designation within the broad vicinity of the property. There is no residential property adjacent to the site.

### **Environmental Impacts**

The environmental impacts expected from this operation are typical of commercial and retail uses. There will be customers parking, walking, and shopping in this area known for conventional retail and/or commercial use. More customers using the center may better serve the viability of the center. The ease of access to the center along with good parking will be a service for customers as well. Medical Marijuana remnants, infused products, bi-products, and other waste material will be rendered unusable before disposal, and will not be placed within the facility's exterior refuse containers. These materials will be disposed of in a safe, sanitary and secure manner approved by regulating agencies including Community Development division, Carson Sheriff Department, and the Carson City Health District.





**Figure 3 - Master Plan**



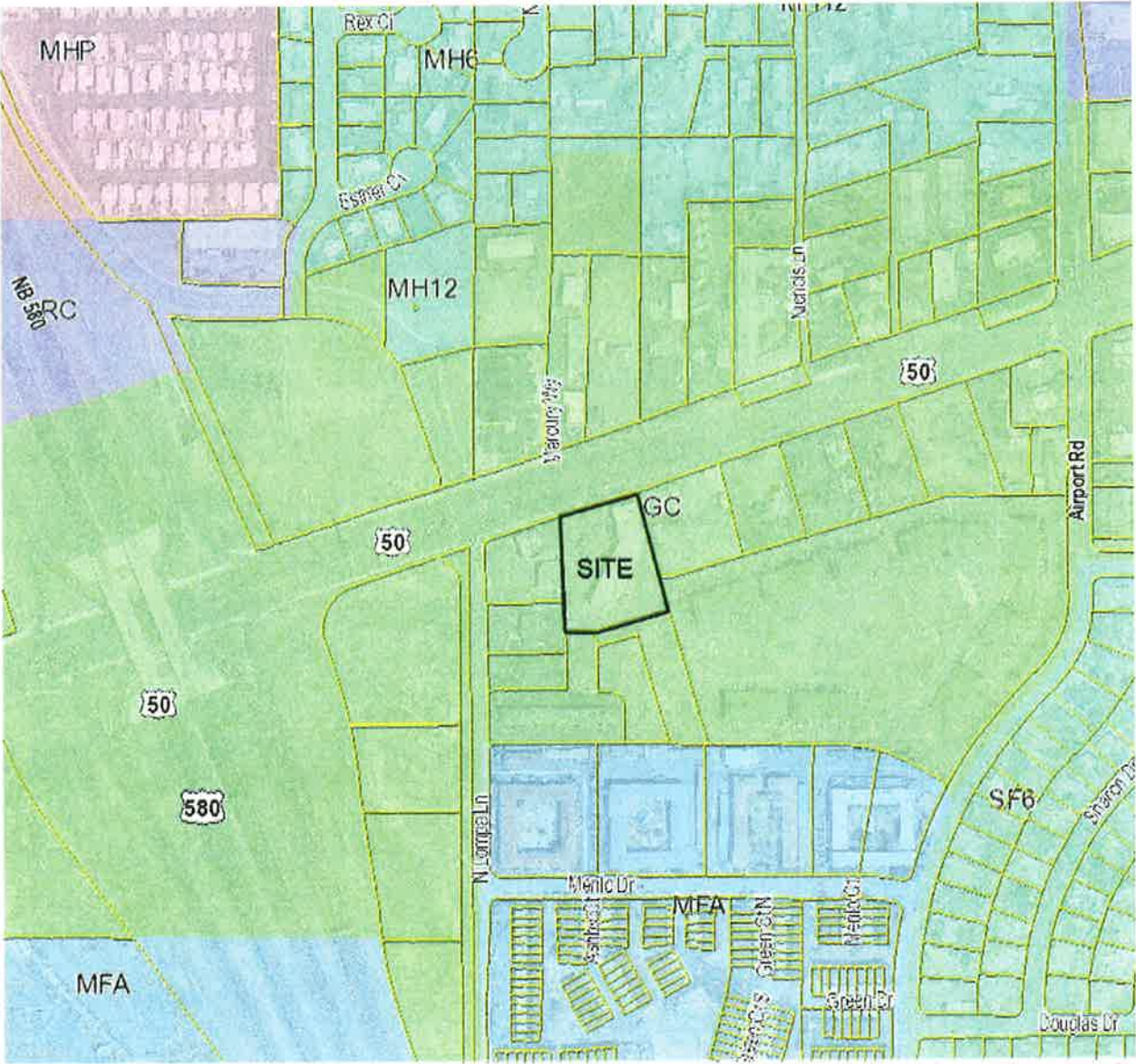


Figure 4 - Zoning Map

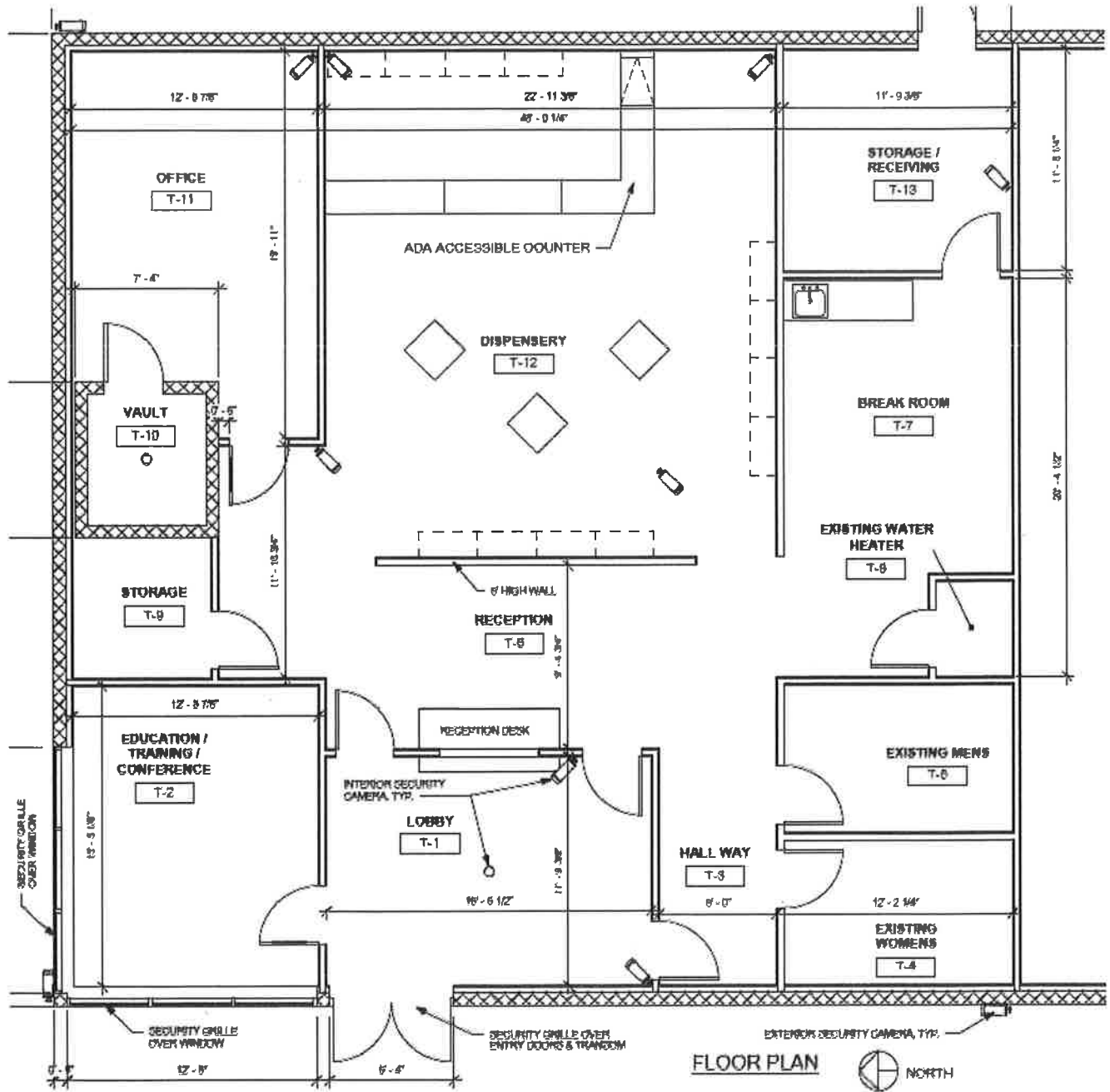


Figure 5 - Floor Plan

## **Appendix**

### **Proposed Sign Package**

#### **Carson City SUP application package**

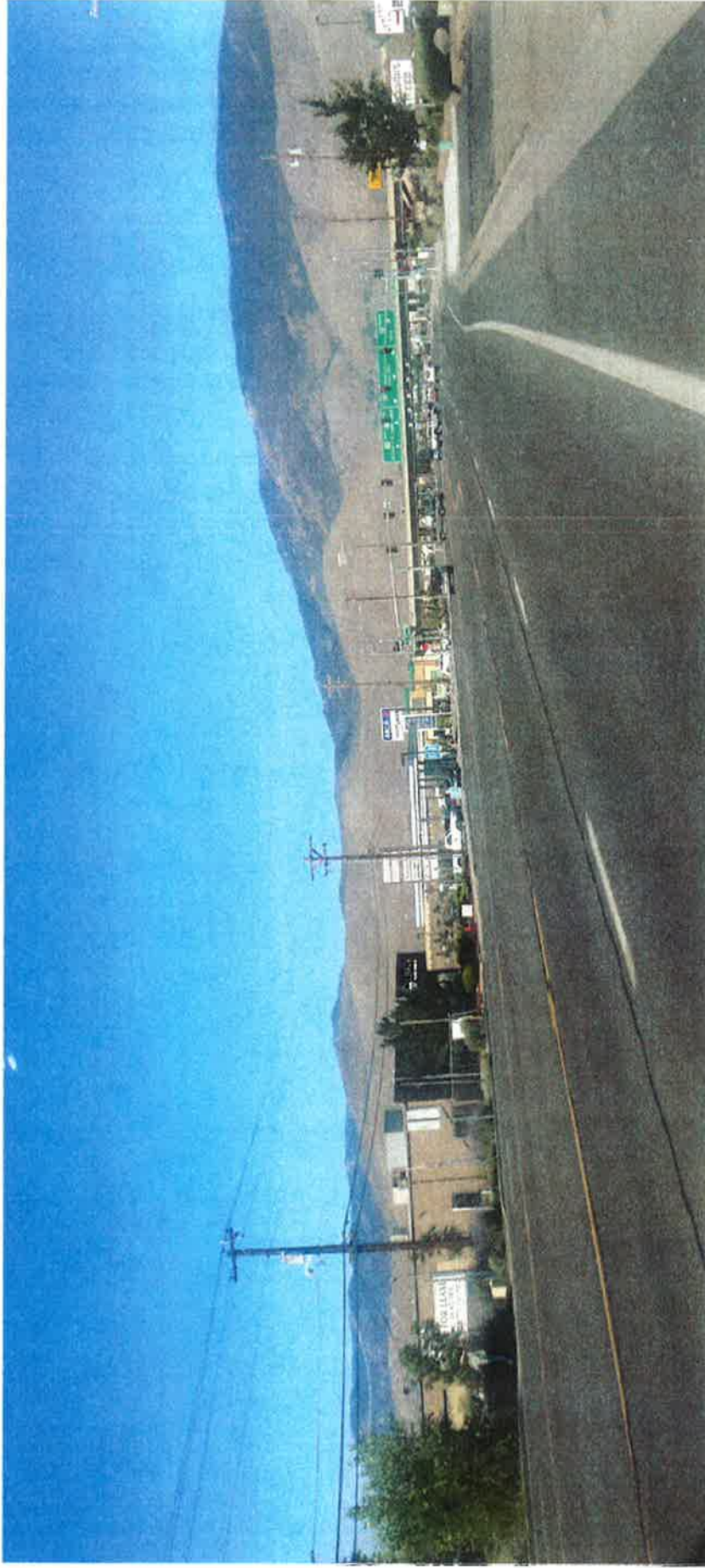
- Special Use Permit Application/Owner Affidavit
- Letter of support from Property owner
- Site Plan Checklist
- SUP application questionnaire
- Acknowledgement of Applicant
- Site Plan



# SIERRA WELLNESS CONNECTION PROPOSED SIGN PACKAGE



Proposed Sign North Elevation (Sign Compliant with Shopping Center Use )



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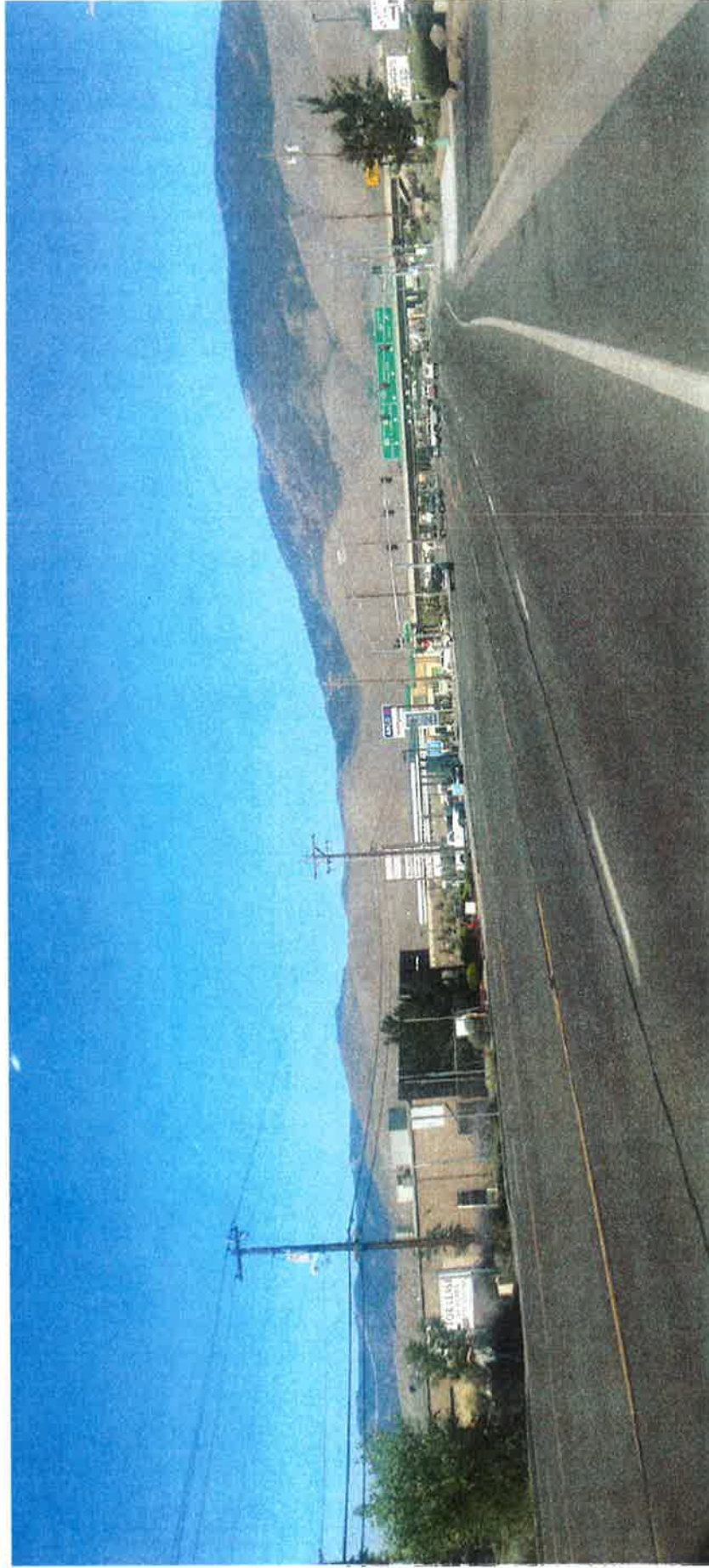
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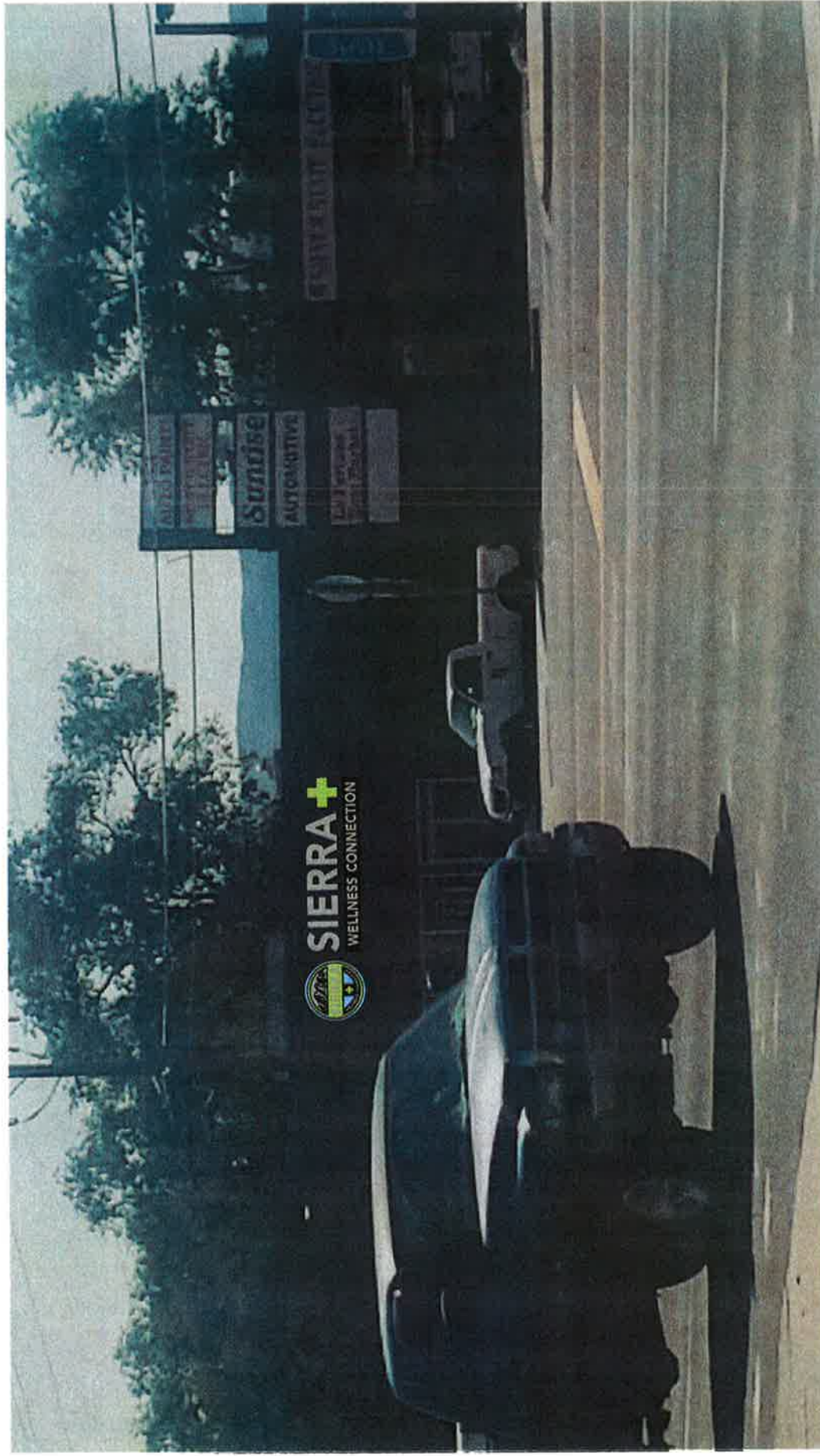
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SPECIAL USE PERMIT

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FEE: \$2,450.00 MAJOR  
\$2,200.00 MINOR (Residential zoning districts)

+ noticing fee and CD containing application digital data (all to be submitted once the application is deemed complete by staff)

SUBMITTAL PACKET

- ☐ 8 Completed Application Packets (1 Original + 7 Copies) including:
  - ☐ Application Form
  - ☐ Written Project Description
  - ☐ Site Plan
  - ☐ Building Elevation Drawings and Floor Plans
  - ☐ Proposal Questionnaire With Both Questions and Answers Given
  - ☐ Applicant's Acknowledgment Statement
  - ☐ Documentation of Taxes Paid-to-Date (1 copy)
  - ☐ Project Impact Reports (Engineering) (4 copies)

Application Reviewed and Received By:

Submission Deadline: See attached PC application submittal schedule.

Note: Submittals must be of sufficient clarity and detail such that all departments are able to determine if they can support the request. Additional information may be required.

Project's Assessor Parcel Number(s):

008-312-12

Street Address ZIP Code

2765 US Hwy 50E 89701

Project's Master Plan Designation

Mixed-Use Commercial

Project's Current Zoning

General Commercial

Nearest Major Cross Street(s)

Airport Road

Briefly describe your proposed project: (Use additional sheets or attachments if necessary). In addition to the brief description of your project and proposed use, provide additional page(s) to show a more detailed summary of your project and proposal. In accordance with Carson City Municipal Code (CCMC) Section: \_\_\_\_\_, or Development Standards, Division \_\_\_\_\_, Section \_\_\_\_\_, a request to allow as a conditional use is as follows:

PROPERTY OWNER'S AFFIDAVIT

JOHN P HENRICKSEN, being duly deposed, do hereby affirm that I am the record owner of the subject property, and that I have knowledge of, and I agree to, the filing of this application.

Signature

Address

Date

Use additional page(s) if necessary for other names

STATE OF NEVADA  
COUNTY OF CARSON CITY

On July 14, 2015, John P Henricksen personally known (or proved) to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document, executed the foregoing document.

Notary Public

personally appeared before me, a notary public, and who acknowledged to me that he/she is the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document.

Notary Public, State of Nevada  
Appointment No. 99-19421-5  
My Appl. Expires Sep 12, 2015

NOTE: If your project is located within the historic district, airport area, or downtown area, you must first obtain approval from the Planning Commission, the Airport Authority, and/or the Redevelopment Authority Citizens Committee prior to being scheduled for review by the Planning Commission. Planning personnel can help you make the above determination.

**John P. Henricksen  
SANBAR General Partnership  
4120 Kings Canyon Road  
Carson City, Nevada 89703**

July 16, 2015

Lee Plemel, AICP, Director  
Community Development Department  
108 E. Proctor Street  
Carson City, NV 89701  
775-283-7075

**Re: Larger sign for Sierra Wellness Connection (WSCC, Inc.)**

Dear Mr. Plemel:

Sierra Wellness Connection is one of my tenants at 2765 Highway 50 East in Carson City. They are asking for a larger sign on two sides of the building. I am in full support of their request. We want to draw more activity to the center. If they are considered retail (which they are) they would be allowed both signs and larger signs. It doesn't seem fair that they aren't allowed just because they are a Dispensary. They are spending over \$200,000 in tenant improvements. I have seen the plans and the Dispensary will be a very attractive tenant for the location.

It would really help them and the success of our building by having a sign on the side of the building facing Highway 50. Can you imagine no sign for the traffic going west on Highway 50? Please support their request for the signs on both sides and larger signs.

Thank you,



John P. Henricksen  
Sanbar G.P.  
4120 Kings Canyon Road  
Carson City, NV 89703

## **SITE PLAN CHECKLIST**

The site plan shall be drawn on quality paper (minimum size of 8.5 inches by 11 inches) at an appropriate scale or dimension to depict the parcel. Any site plan larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches must be folded. The site plan shall include the following information:

1. Show a north point arrow and plot plan scale. A bar scale is preferred because when the drawings are reduced, it will still show an accurate scale. A bar scale could appear like this for a project that has a scale of one inch equals 20 feet on the original plot plan: **Completed**
2. Vicinity map must be shown on the plot plan. This is a map, not to scale, that you would provide a visitor unfamiliar with the area as directions to get to your property. It will show adjacent streets. **Completed**
3. Title block in lower right-hand corner including:
  - (a) Applicant's name, mailing address, and daytime phone number (including area code).
  - (b) The name, mailing address, and daytime phone number of the person preparing the plot plan, if different from applicant.
  - (c) The name, mailing address, and daytime phone number of the record owner of the subject property, if different from applicant.
  - (d) Assessor Parcel Number(s) (APN) and address (location, if no address) of the subject property.
  - (e) Project title and permit request. (Example: Variance, Special Use Permit).**Completed**
4. Property lines of the subject property with dimensions indicated. **Not Applicable/Completed**
5. All existing and proposed structures shall be shown, including:
  - (a) Distances from property lines indicated by dimensions.
  - (b) Distances between buildings shall be indicated on the plot plan.
  - (c) Clearly label existing and proposed structures and uses, and show dimensions.
  - (d) Square footage of all existing and proposed structures.
  - (e) If a commercial or multi-family project, show all elevations and submit roof plans showing all proposed roof equipment and means of screening from view along with plans for trash receptacle screening and loading/unloading area location and design.
  - (f) Elevations of any proposed structures/additions.**Completed**
6. Project access:
  - (a) Show the location of proposed street access and all existing accesses of neighboring properties including across the street.
  - (b) Show adjoining street names.
  - (c) Show all curb cuts with dimension.**Completed**

Show the Assessor Parcel Number(s) of adjoining parcels. **Completed**
7. Show all existing and proposed parking, landscape islands and traffic aisles, with dimensions. **Completed**
8. Show location of existing and proposed utilities and drainage facilities, and indicate whether overhead or underground. Show the location of any septic lines/fields. **Not applicable/completed**
9. If specific landscape areas are required or provided, show with dimensions. **Not applicable/completed**
10. Show location of all proposed amenities, such as gazebos, retaining walls, retention areas, etc. **Not applicable/completed**
11. PROJECT IMPACT REPORTS - Provide **four** copies of documentation regarding project impacts related to traffic, drainage, water, and sewer, including supportive calculations and/or reports required per the Carson City Development Standards Divisions 12,14 and 15. **Not applicable.**

## SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK ON SEPARATE SHEETS. ATTACH TO YOUR APPLICATION.**

State law requires that the Planning Commission, and possibly the Board of Supervisors, consider and support the questions below with facts in the record. These are called "FINDINGS". Since staff's recommendation is based on the adequacy of your findings, you need to complete and attach the Proposal Questionnaire with as much detail as possible to ensure that there is adequate information supporting your proposal.

The questionnaire lists the findings in the exact language found in the Carson City Municipal Code (CCMC), then follows this with a series of questions seeking information to support the findings.

**(On an attached sheet, list each question, read the explanation, then write your answer in your own words.)**

Answer the questions as completely as possible so that you provide the Commission and possibly the Board with details that they will need to consider your project. If the question does not apply to your situation, explain why. **BEFORE A SPECIAL USE PERMIT CAN BE GRANTED, FINDINGS FROM A PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE MUST INDICATE THAT THE FACTS SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED REQUEST ARE INCORPORATED INTO YOUR APPLICATION.**

### GENERAL REVIEW OF PERMITS

Source: CCMC 18.02.080. (1) The Planning Commission, and possibly the Board of Supervisors, in reviewing and judging the merit of a proposal for a special use permit shall direct its considerations to, and find that in addition to other standards in this title, the following conditions and standards are met:

Question 1. How will the proposed development further and be in keeping with, and not contrary to, the goals of the Master Plan Elements?

***The applicant believes the proposed signage request per the SUP modification does in fact respect the goals of the Master Plan. In completing the MP policy checklist, there are several goals and policies being supported with this request. Please see the attached MP Policy checklist that shows those applicable policies.***

Explanation A. Turn to the Master Plan Policy Checklist. The Master Plan Policy Checklist for Special Use Permits and Major Project Reviews address five items that appear in the Carson City Master Plan. Each theme looks at how a proposed development can help achieve the goals of the Carson City Master Plan. Address each theme; a check indicates that the proposed development meets the applicable Master Plan Policy. In your own words provide written support of the policy statement. You may want to acquire a free CD or purchase a paper copy of the Master Plan from the Planning Division, or review the copy in the Planning Office or in the reference section of the Ormsby Public Library on Roop Street, or use our website at [www.carson.org](http://www.carson.org)

Question 2. Will the effect of the proposed development be detrimental to the immediate vicinity? To the general neighborhood?

***There appears to be no detrimental affect or impact to anyone in the immediate area or to anyone in the general neighborhood. The site is located in an intense commercial area with highway frontage and access and not in a neighborhood. This fully developed commercial corridor with commercial zoning. The request for signing is more in alignment with the allowed signing in the area. Abutting to the west is the AM/PM market, to the east is vacant, and the south are some undeveloped parcels. To the north, across the highway are a mix of commercial uses and businesses.***

Explanation A. Describe the general types of land uses and zoning designations adjoining your property (for example: North: two houses, Single-Family 12,000 zoning; East: restaurant, Retail Commercial zoning; West: undeveloped lot, Retail Commercial zoning; South: apartment complex, Retail Commercial zoning).

**Please see the zoning map and site plan in the report. GC zoning and commercial uses surround the site in all directions. Abutting to the south are some undeveloped parcels.**

- B. Explain why your project is similar to existing development in the neighborhood, and why it will not hurt property values or cause problems, such as noise, dust, odors, vibration, fumes, glare, or physical activity, etc. with neighboring property owners. Will the project involve any uses that are not contained within a building? If yes, please describe. If not, state that all uses will be within a building. Explain how construction-generated dust (if any) will be controlled. Have other properties in your area obtained approval of a similar request? How will your project differ in appearance from your neighbors? Your response should consider the proposed physical appearance of your proposal, as well as comparing your use to others in the area.

**There are no adverse impacts with respect to property values noise, dust, odors, vibration, fumes, glare, or any physical activity that can be expected with this use. All of the use and activity will be inside the building. There are no other approvals for such a use granted at this time. The building appearance will be very similar to neighbors with the only item that modifies appearance is the project signing.**

- C. Provide a statement explaining how your project will not be detrimental to the use, peaceful enjoyment or development of surrounding properties and the general neighborhood. **See statement in 2B above.**
- D. Consider the pedestrian and vehicular traffic that currently exists on the road serving your project. What impact will your development have when it is successfully operating? Will vehicles be making left turns? Will additional walkways and traffic lights be needed? Will you be causing traffic to substantially increase in the area? What will be the emergency vehicle response time? State how you have arrived at your conclusions. What City department have you contacted in researching your proposal? Explain the effect of your project with the existing traffic in the area.

**There is sidewalk along Highway 50 fronting the site. It does not appear to be a high pedestrian use location given the intensity of uses, lack of abutting residential, and being located on a high speed highway. Access is limited to right-in/right-out turns only. Left turns from the highway go to the traffic light at Lompa and u-turn to make their way to the site. There will not be a large increase in traffic with this use.**

- E. Explain any short-range and long-range benefit to the people of Carson City that will occur if your project is approved.

**The business will provide a service to the people of Carson City that have a need for the benefits of medical marijuana. This will be one of very few locations allowed in Carson City. The fiscal benefits will be significant in terms of taxes and license fees. Medical benefits of medical marijuana must be addressed by qualified scientists and researchers that have some evidence of the health benefit.**

Question 3. Has sufficient consideration been exercised by the applicant in adapting the project to existing improvements in the vicinity?

**Yes, sufficient consideration has been exercised in adapting the use to the improvements in the area. Please refer to the analysis and statements that follow.**

Explanation

- A. How will your project affect the school district? Will your project add to the student population or will it provide a service to the student population? How will your project affect the Sheriff's Office?

**The project will have no effect on the school district. It will not add to student population and it does not provide a service to the school population. It may have a minimal effect on the sheriff's office in terms of creating some demand for pro-rata calls for service.**

- B. If your project will result in the covering of land area with paving or a compacted surface, how will drainage be accommodated? Talk to Engineering for the required information.



***The site conditions will not change with the proposed use. This is reuse of an existing building that will involve tenant improvements only and the new wall signs.***

- C. Are the water supplies serving your project adequate to meet your needs without degrading supply and quality to others in the area? Is there adequate water pressure? Are the lines in need of replacement? Is your project served by a well? Talk to Public Works for the required information.

***Yes there is adequate water supply and water pressure to meet the user needs. There is no need to replace any water lines, and the water is provided by the municipal means and not a well.***

- D. Is there adequate capacity in the sewage disposal trunk line that you will connect to in order to serve your project, or is your site on a septic system? Please contact Public Works for the required information.

***Yes there is adequate sewer capacity to meet the user needs. There is no need to replace any sewer lines and the sewer is provided by municipal means and not a septic tank.***

- E. What kind of road improvements are proposed or needed to accommodate your project? Have you spoken to Public Works or Regional Transportation regarding road improvements?

***There are no road improvements needed or proposed to serve the project. All of the demands were analyzed and established with development of the commercial center.***

- F. Indicate the source of the information that you are providing to support your conclusions and statements made in this packet (private engineer, Public Works, Regional Transportation, title report, or other sources).

***The conclusions and statements in this report are the result of knowledge of the site and building, review of a preliminary title report, analysis of the site with respect to Title 18 of the Carson City code, and the approved SUP for the MME Dispensary use.***

- G. If outdoor lighting is to be a part of the project, please indicate how it will be shielded from adjoining property and the type of lighting (wattage/height/placement) provided.

***There is no outdoor lighting proposed at this time. The applicant expects to enhance the outdoor lighting with the project and tenant improvements. Lighting will be addressed with a lighting plan as part of the building permit application.***

- H. Describe the proposed landscaping, including screening and arterial landscape areas (if required by the zoning code). Include a site plan with existing and proposed landscaping shown on the plan which complies with City ordinance requirements.

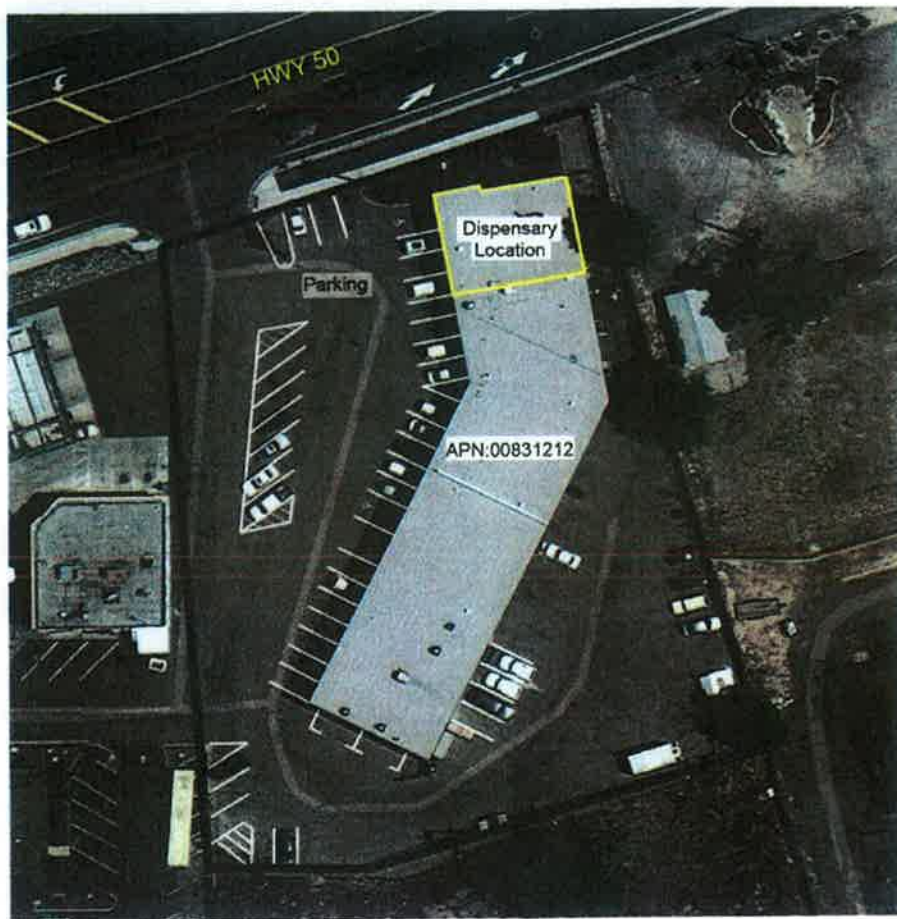
***Yes, the existing landscaping does comply with city code. Section 18.3.2 states that no additional landscaping is required for a site that expands by less than 5%. The landscaping on site is shown on the site plan and the site photos in the application.***

- I. Provide a parking plan for your project. If you are requesting approval for off-site parking within 300 feet, provide site plans showing (1) parking on your site, (2) parking on the off-site parking lot, and (3) how much of the off-site parking area is required for any business other than your own. Design and dimensions of parking stalls, landscape islands, and traffic aisles must be provided.

***The parking is shown on Figure 2, the site plan in the application. All of the parking is on-site and appears to meet the code at a rate of 1 space per 300 sq ft of commercial uses. There are a few tenants that are low intensity and not typical commercial users (Sunrise Auto, Silver State Electric) that likely have less parking demand than code requires.***

If there is any other information that would provide a clearer picture of your proposal that you would like to add for presentation to the Planning Commission, please be sure to include this information.

## SPECIAL USE PERMIT - SITE PLAN FOR SIERRA WELLNESS



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REQUEST: A SUP modification to allow for increased wall  
sign area in the General Commercial (GC) zone

LOCATION: 2765 US Hwy 50E, Carson City, NV

ZONING: General Commercial (GC)

MASTER PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION: Mixed Use-  
Commercial

APN: 008-312-12

Site Plan Prepared By: KLS Planning & Design

