

January 16, 2020 Agenda Item No. 6

**SUBJECT:** CorePower Yoga Fashion Island (PA2019-226)

Minor Use Permit No. UP2019-051

**SITE LOCATION:** 957 Newport Center Drive

**APPLICANT:** CorePower Yoga

**OWNER:** Irvine Company Retail Properties

**PLANNER:** Patrick Achis, Planning Technician

949-644-3237, pachis@newportbeachca.gov

#### LAND USE AND ZONING

• General Plan Land Use Plan Category: Regional Commercial (CR)

• **Zoning District**: North Newport Center (PC56)

#### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

A minor use permit (MUP) request to allow a 3,302-square-foot indoor yoga fitness facility within an existing tenant space in the Fashion Island Regional Center. The existing tenant space was previously occupied by a restaurant operation (Lark Creek). As proposed, the space will be renovated and improved with two yoga rooms, a reception/retail area, administrative office, and restroom with storage lockers for patrons. Classes are proposed to be held from 5 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., daily.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) Conduct a public hearing;
- 2) Find this project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 under Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 3) Adopt Draft Zoning Administrator Resolution No. \_ approving Minor Use Permit No. UP2019-051 (Attachment No. ZA 1).

#### DISCUSSION

- The proposed indoor yoga fitness facility will occupy an existing lower-level, vacant tenant space (formerly Lark Creek restaurant) near the center of the Fashion Island Regional Center at 957 Newport Center Drive. A fitness facility use conforms with the applicable goals and policies of the CR (Regional Commercial) land use designation of the General Plan because the project provides local and regional residents with a service use compatible with the surrounding retail, dining, and commercial entertainment land uses in the area. The subject property is within the North Newport Center Planned Community (PC56), specifically Fashion Island Sub-Area A, which is intended to provide a vibrant regional retail and entertainment center and a day/evening destination with a wide variety of uses that will serve visitors, residents, and employees on a local and regional scale. Health and fitness clubs, including the subject yoga studio, are a permitted use within PC56 through the approval of a minor use permit. The Applicant's project justification and description is available as Attachment No. ZA 3 of this report.
- Surrounding uses within the regional center include a number of retail, commercial
  entertainment, and dining with which the proposed fitness facility is compatible.
  Fashion Island is encircled by Newport Center Drive and is developed with several
  surface parking lots, parking structures, and loading areas. The entrance to the
  yoga studio takes access via an exterior pedestrian corridor on the north side of
  the tenants space. Fashion Island does not directly abut sensitive land uses and
  is separated from other uses by parking lots, roadways and other commercial uses.
- CorePower Yoga offers varied forms of yoga practice and fitness classes.
   Classes last up to 60 minutes and are scheduled to occur within the hours of 5 a.m. and 10:30 p.m., daily. Approximately four employees, counting instructors and administrative staff, are anticipated to support the operation at any given time.
- The existing vacant suite of the propsoal encompasses 3,302 square feet of gross floor area. As proposed, this space will be renovated and improved with two yoga rooms, a reception/retail area, administrative office, and restroom with storage lockers for patrons.
- Abundant parking availability exists on-site to provide for the proposed yoga studio
  at the required three spaces per 1000-square-feet parking rate prescribed for
  regional commercial land uses in this zoning district. The proposed project does
  not include any additional floor area and, therefore, does not increase the parking
  requirement.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 under Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment. In this case, the proposal is a minor use permit to allow a fitness and health facility in an existing tenant suite, and improvements are limited to minimal construction in the form of a tenant improvement.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of this application was published in the Daily Pilot, mailed to all owners of property within 300 feet of the boundaries of the site (excluding intervening rights-of-way and waterways), including the applicant, and posted on the subject property at least 10 days before the scheduled hearing, consistent with the provisions of the Municipal Code. Additionally, the item appeared on the agenda for this meeting, which was posted at City Hall and on the City website.

#### **APPEAL PERIOD**:

An appeal or call for review may be filed with the Director of Community Development within 14 days following the date of action. For additional information on filing an appeal, contact the Planning Division at 949-644-3200.

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Planning Technician

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Attachments: ZA 1 Draft Resolution

ZA 2 Vicinity Map

ZA 3 Applicant's Project Description and Justification

ZA 4 Project Plans

**Draft Resolution** 

#### **RESOLUTION NO. ZA2020-###**

A RESOLUTION OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA APPROVING MINOR USE PERMIT NO. UP2019-051 FOR A HEALTH AND FITNESS FACILITY LOCATED AT 957 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE (PA2019-226)

THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH HEREBY FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

#### SECTION 1. STATEMENT OF FACTS.

- 1. An application was filed by CorePower Yoga ("Applicant"), with respect to property located at 957 Newport Center Drive, and legally described as Parcel 2 of Lot Line Adjustment No. LA2009-001, requesting approval of a minor use permit.
- 2. The Applicant requests a minor use permit to allow a 3,302-square-foot indoor yoga fitness facility within an existing commercial tenant space in the Fashion Island Regional Center. The tenant space was previously occupied by a restaurant operation (Lark Creek). As proposed, the space will be renovated and improved with two yoga rooms, a reception/retail area, administrative office, and restroom with storage lockers for patrons. Classes are proposed to be held from 5 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., daily.
- 3. The subject property is designated Regional Commercial (CR) by the General Plan Land Use Element and is located within the North Newport Center Planned Community (PC56).
- 4. The subject property is not located within the coastal zone; therefore, a coastal development permit is not required.
- 5. A public hearing was held on January 16, 2020, in the Corona del Mar Conference Room (Bay E-1st Floor) at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. A notice of time, place and purpose of the hearing was given in accordance with the Newport Beach Municipal Code. Evidence, both written and oral, was presented to, and considered by, the Zoning Administrator at this hearing.

#### SECTION 2. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT DETERMINATION.

- 1. This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 under Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. Class 1 exempts the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. In this case, the proposal is a

minor use permit to allow a fitness and health facility in an existing tenant suite and improvements are limited to minimal construction in the form of a tenant improvement.

#### SECTION 3. REQUIRED FINDINGS.

In accordance with Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) Section 20.52.020(F) (Conditional Use Permits and Minor Use Permits, Findings and Decision), the following findings and facts in support of such findings are set forth:

#### Finding:

A. The use is consistent with the General Plan and any applicable specific plan.

#### Facts in Support of Finding:

- 1. The subject property has a General Plan Land Use designation of CR (Regional Commercial), which is intended to provide for a wide variety of commercial activities to serve citywide and regional needs. The proposed yoga studio is in conformance with the applicable goals and policies of the General Plan because the project provides a service use that is compatible with the retail, dining, and commercial entertainment of this area that serve local and regional residents.
- 2. The site is not within a specific plan.

#### Finding:

B. The use is allowed within the applicable zoning district and complies with all other applicable provisions of this Zoning Code and the Municipal Code.

#### Facts in Support of Finding:

- 1. The subject property is within the North Newport Center Planned Community (PC56), specifically Fashion Island Sub-Area A, which is intended to provide a vibrant regional retail and entertainment center and a day/evening destination with a wide variety of uses that will serve visitors, residents, and employees on a local and regional scale. The proposed yoga studio is a service use permitted within this zoning designation through the approval of a minor use permit.
- 2. Abundant parking availability exists on-site to provide for the proposed yoga studio at the required three parking spaces per every 1,000-square-feet of floor area parking rate prescribed for regional commercial land uses in the North Newport Center Planned Community Text. The proposed project does not include any additional floor area and, therefore, does not increase the parking requirement.

#### Finding:

C. The design, location, size, and operating characteristics of the use are compatible with the allowed uses in the vicinity.

#### Facts in Support of Finding:

- 1. The existing tenant space where the yoga studio will be located is within a building that contains various commercial retail, entertainment, and service uses.
- Yoga studios and similar health and fitness facilities currently operate in existing spaces on-site and in the immediate area, providing a service for residents and employees.
- 3. The health and fitness facility will operate between the hours of 5 a.m. and 10:30 p.m., daily, which will provide flexibility to serve a wide variety of patrons beyond typical work hours while still maintaining compatibility with the adjoining uses.

#### Finding:

D. The site is physically suitable in terms of design, location, shape, size, operating characteristics, and the provision of public and emergency vehicle (e.g., fire and medical) access and public services and utilities.

#### Facts in Support of Finding:

- 1. The health and fitness facility will be located in an existing 3,302-square-foot tenant space in the Fashion Island Regional Center ("Fashion Island").
- 2. Adequate public and emergency vehicle access, public services, and utilities are provided within the existing infrastructure. Fashion Island is an outdoor and indoor mall with wide and open walkways. Fashion Island is encircled by Newport Center Drive and is developed with several surface parking lots, parking structures, and loading areas. Access from Newport Center Drive to all Fashion Island structures is provided by several private drives.
- 3. The design of the tenant improvements will comply with all Building, Public Works, and Fire Codes.

#### Finding:

E. The Operation of the use at the location proposed would not be detrimental to the harmonious and orderly growth of the City, nor endanger, jeopardize, or otherwise constitute a hazard to the public convenience, health, interest, safety, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of the proposed use.

#### Facts in Support of Finding:

- 1. The improvements to accommodate the health and fitness facility are minor in nature and will not impact the overall operation of the building and the surrounding commercial tenants.
- 2. Fashion Island does not directly abut sensitive land uses and is separated from other uses by parking lots, roadways and other commercial uses.

SECTION 4. DECISION.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. The Zoning Administrator of the City of Newport Beach hereby finds this project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15301 under Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. The Zoning Administrator of the City of Newport Beach hereby approves Minor Use Permit No. UP2019-051, subject to the conditions set forth in Exhibit "A," which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.
- 3. This action shall become final and effective 14 days following the date this Resolution was adopted unless within such time an appeal is filed with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of NBMC Title 20 Planning and Zoning.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

James Campbell, Zoning Administrator

#### **EXHIBIT "A"**

#### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

(Project-specific conditions are in italics)

#### **Planning Division**

- 1. The development shall be in substantial conformance with the approved site plan, floor plans and building elevations stamped and dated with the date of this approval (except as modified by applicable conditions of approval).
- 2. The project is subject to all applicable City ordinances, policies, and standards, unless specifically waived or modified by the conditions of approval.
- 3. The applicant shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws. Material violation of any of those laws in connection with the use may be cause for revocation of this Use Permit.
- 4. The use shall be limited to operate during the hours between 5 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., daily.
- Minor Use Permit No. UP2019-051 shall expire unless exercised within 24 months from the date of approval as specified in NBMC Section 20.91.050, unless an extension is otherwise granted.
- 6. This Use Permit may be modified or revoked by the Zoning Administrator if determined that the proposed uses or conditions under which it is being operated or maintained is detrimental to the public health, welfare or materially injurious to property or improvements in the vicinity or if the property is operated or maintained so as to constitute a public nuisance.
- 7. Any change in operational characteristics, expansion in area, or other modification to the approved plans, shall require subsequent review and approval by the Planning Division and may necessitate an amendment to this Use Permit or the processing of a new Use Permit.
- 8. Should the property be sold or otherwise come under different ownership, any future owners or assignees shall be notified of the conditions of this approval by either the current business owner, property owner or the leasing agent.
- 9. A Special Events Permit is required for any event or promotional activity outside the normal operational characteristics of the approved use, as conditioned, or that would attract large crowds, involve the sale of alcoholic beverages, include any form of on-site media broadcast, or any other activities as specified in the Newport Beach Municipal Code to require such permits.

10. All noise generated by the proposed use shall comply with the provisions of NBMC Chapter 10.26 and other applicable noise control requirements of the NBMC. The maximum noise shall be limited to no more than depicted below for the specified time periods unless the ambient noise level is higher:

	Between the hours of 7:00AM and 10:00PM		Between the hours of 10:00PM and 7:00AM	
Location	Interior	Exterior	Interior	Exterior
Residential Property	45dBA	55dBA	40dBA	50dBA
Residential Property located within 100 feet of a commercial property	45dBA	60dBA	45dBA	50dBA
Mixed Use Property	45dBA	60dBA	45dBA	50dBA
Commercial Property	N/A	65dBA	N/A	60dBA

- 11. A copy of the Resolution, including conditions of approval Exhibit "A" shall be incorporated into the Building Division and field sets of plans prior to issuance of the building permits.
- 12. Trash receptacles for patrons shall be conveniently located both inside and outside of the establishment, however, not located on or within any public property or right-of-way.
- 13. The exterior of the business shall be maintained free of litter and graffiti at all times. The owner or operator shall provide for daily removal of trash, litter debris and graffiti from the premises and on all abutting sidewalks within 20 feet of the premises.
- 14. The applicant shall ensure that the trash dumpsters and/or receptacles are maintained to control odors. This may include the provision of either fully self-contained dumpsters or periodic steam cleaning of the dumpsters, if deemed necessary by the Planning Division. Cleaning and maintenance of trash dumpsters shall be done in compliance with the provisions of Title 14, including all future amendments.
- 15. Deliveries and refuse collection for the facility shall be prohibited between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. on weekdays and Saturdays and between the hours of 10 p.m. and 9 a.m. on Sundays and Federal holidays, unless otherwise approved by the Director of Community Development, and may require an amendment to this Use Permit.
- 16. Storage outside of the building in the front or at the rear of the property shall be prohibited, with the exception of the required trash container enclosure.
- 17. This approval shall expire and become void unless exercised within 24 months from the actual date of review authority approval, except where an extension of time is approved in compliance with the provisions of NBMC Title 20 Planning and Zoning.
- 18. To the fullest extent permitted by law, applicant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless City, its City Council, its boards and commissions, officials, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, demands, obligations, damages, actions, causes of action, suits, losses, judgments, fines, penalties, liabilities, costs and expenses (including

without limitation, attorney's fees, disbursements and court costs) of every kind and nature whatsoever which may arise from or in any manner relate (directly or indirectly) to City's approval of CorePower Yoga Fashion Island including, but not limited to, Minor Use Permit No. UP2019-051 (PA2019-226). This indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, damages awarded against the City, if any, costs of suit, attorneys' fees, and other expenses incurred in connection with such claim, action, causes of action, suit or proceeding whether incurred by applicant, City, and/or the parties initiating or bringing such proceeding. The applicant shall indemnify the City for all of City's costs, attorneys' fees, and damages which City incurs in enforcing the indemnification provisions set forth in this condition. The applicant shall pay to the City upon demand any amount owed to the City pursuant to the indemnification requirements prescribed in this condition.

#### **Fire Department**

19. Rooms with an occupant load of 50 or more persons will require two (2) or more exit doors.

#### **Building Division**

- 20. Restrooms, showers, changing rooms, and reception must comply with the State accessibility requirements in Chapter 11B of the California Building Code (CBC).
- 21. All doors and entry must comply with Chapter 11B (CBC).

Vicinity Map

# **VICINITY MAP**



Minor Use Permit No. UP2019-051 (PA2019-226)

**957 Newport Center Drive** 

Applicant's Project Description and Justification



November 1, 2019

Mr. James Campbell

Deputy Community Development Director City of Newport Beach 100 Civic Center Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660

Subject: Minor Use Permit Application, 957 Newport Center Drive

Fashion Island Regional Shopping Center

Dear Mr. Campbell:

On behalf of CorePower Yoga, CAA Planning, Inc. (CAA) submits the enclosed Minor Use Permit application to allow a Personal Improvement – Health/Fitness Club with accessory retail sales, doing business as CorePower Yoga, to be located at 957 Newport Center Drive within the Fashion Island Regional Shopping Center (Fashion Island). The space located at 957 Newport Center Drive is a 3,302- square-foot lower-level suite located on the west side of Fashion Island which previously occupied by the Lark Creek Restaurant. The suite is currently vacant.

#### **Proposed Project**

The proposed CorePower Yoga is an indoor yoga fitness facility consisting of two practice rooms for 30-40 students each where they can practice varying forms of heated yoga and fitness. Classes are scheduled to last 60 minutes with a 15-minute break between classes to allow reasonable time for one class to depart prior to the following class arriving. Generally, there will be 20-26 classes per day daily from 5:15 am to 10:30 pm. Walk-ins are welcome. It is anticipated that there will be up to four employees on the premises consisting of the studio manager, assistant studio manager, two teachers, and a front desk employee.

In addition to the studio, interior improvements will include an area for the ancillary retail sales of yoga related products, mat and towel rental, lockers, and men's and women's toilet facilities. Also included will be an office and reception area, a utility room and storage. Exterior improvements will be minor and limited to storefront modification to accommodate new business signage and branding. There will be storefront signage but it is not a part of this application.

#### Consistency

The project is located in the Fashion Island Sub-Area of the PC-56 (North Newport Center Planned Community) Zoning District. Pursuant to the Planned Community Text, Health/Fitness Clubs fall beneath the definition of "Personal Improvement" which is a permitted use within the



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Fashion Island Sub-Area. Pursuant to the Planned Community Text, the proposed fitness club requires minor use permit.

We believe that the Zoning Administrator will be able to make the appropriate findings for approval the CorePower Yoga. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 949-581-2888.

Sincerely,

CAA PLANNING, INC.

Shawna L. Schaffner

Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Minor Use Permit Application

Tenant Improvement Plans – 3 standard sets, 4 reduced sets, and CD

Authorization Letter

300' Radius Map and Mailing Labels

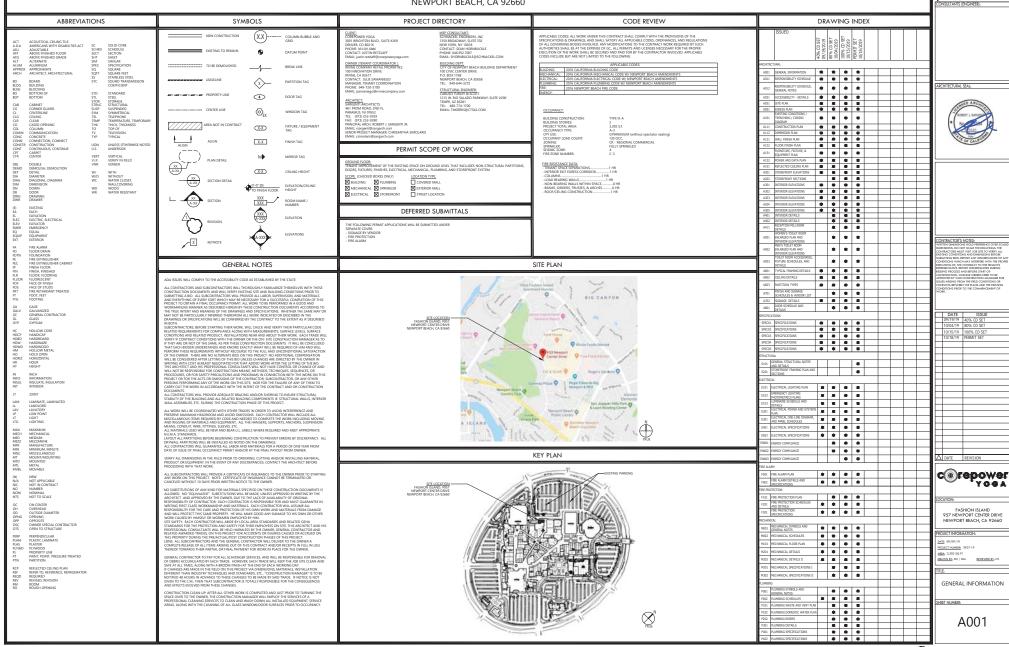
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c: Ms. Jillian Foster, CorePower Yoga

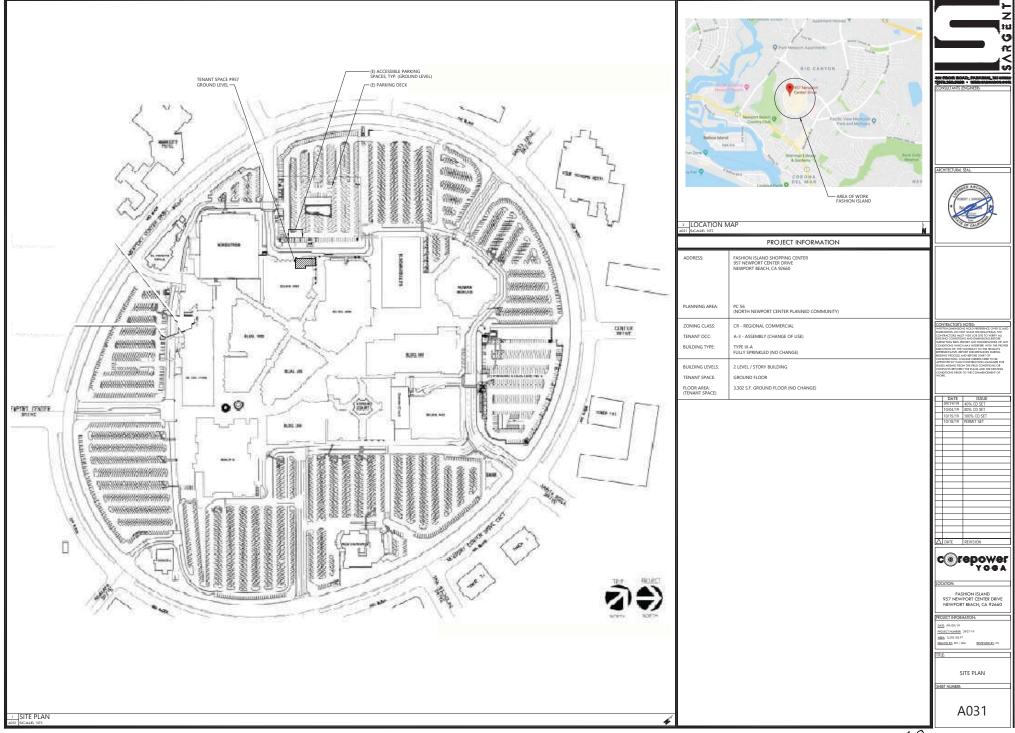
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