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# CUP-2-19 Conditional Use Permit

# Nabis Holdings Inc. & Perpetual Healthcare, Inc.

APACHE JUNCTION PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION December 10, 2019

### **REQUEST:** Conditional Use Permit

#### Request:

- Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the operation of a non-profit medical marijuana cultivation and infusion facility within the Property's two existing permanent buildings.
- The proposed facility will be managed by a new management group, Nabis Holdings Inc.
- Perpetual Healthcare, the entity that was awarded a medical marijuana dispensary certificate by the Arizona Department of Health Services, will be the operator of the proposed facility.





#### **Aerial Context Map**

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#### **HISTORY:** Conditional Use Permit

#### History:

May 2014	December 2015	June 2017	
CUP-2-14 approved for MMJ Cultivation / Infusion Facility	CUP-2-15 approved to allow temporary use of mobile minis for certain facility operations	CUP-4-17 approved to allow expansion of facility within new proposed permanent building (replacing mobile minis)	



#### **HISTORY:** Conditional Use Permit cont.

#### History:

July 2019	October 2019	November 14, 2019 November 21, 2019
CUP-4-17 revoked with revocation to become effective on November 21, 2019	Nabis Holdings Inc. gains 100% control of Perpetual Healthcare	Nabis files this Nabis causes all operations application for new CUP associated with prior facility to cease in accordance with revocation of CUP-4-17



#### Nabis Holdings Inc.

- Canadian-based investment company that focuses on investing in highquality assets across multiple industries, including the cannabis sector.
- Nabis's management team includes business professionals with 20+ years of business experience, including industry leaders in the cannabis space.
- Nabis has successfully operated cannabis facilities in multiple Countries and States throughout the U.S., including in Arizona.









### Site Photographs: Existing Conditions

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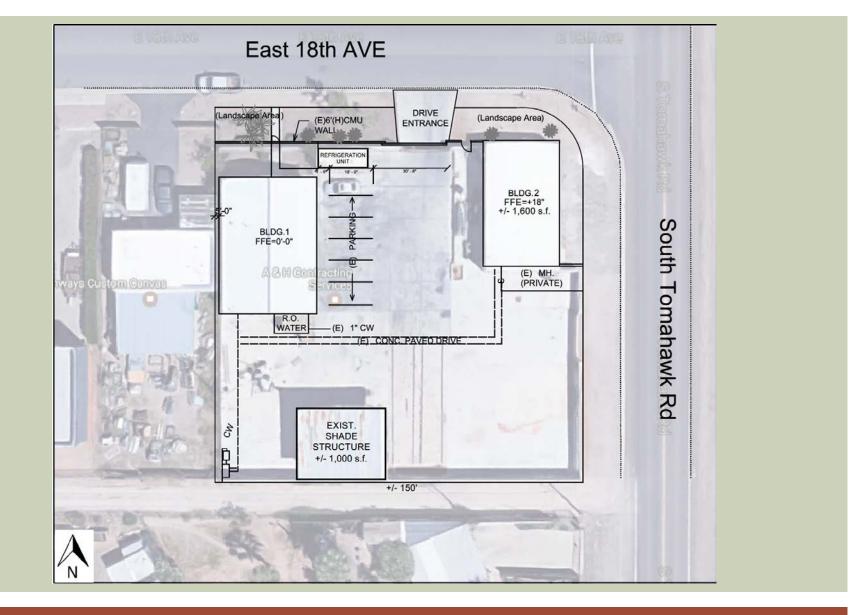


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#### **Proposed CUP-2-19 Site Plan**

(a) Adequacy of roadways, off-street parking, public facilities and services to accommodate the proposed use.

- Proposed facility will <u>not</u> affect or require improvements to roadways, off-street parking, public facilities and services.
- Site has all necessary services and will be connected to sewer; no other improvements are required.
- Proposed facility will not be open to general public.
- Proposed facility will operate similarly to prior MMJ facility, which did not cause any adverse impacts on roadways, offstreet parking, public facilities or services.



(b) Negative impacts arising from the emission of odor, dust, gas, noise, lighting, vibration, smoke, heat or glare.

- Prior MMJ facility did not cause a significant increase in emission of odor, dust, gas, noise, lighting, vibration, smoke, heat or glare.
- Primary operations of the proposed facility will be manufacturing/infusion with only limited cultivation.
- All operations will be conducted entirely indoors within the Property's two existing buildings – no noise, dust, gas, etc.
- Nabis will install and maintain an odor control system capable of preventing odor from disturbing nearby properties.



(c) Contribution to the deterioration of the neighborhood or the negative impact of neighborhood property values.

- Prior MMJ facility did not cause any adverse impacts on properties in the surrounding area.
- Proposed facility will also be compatible with the surrounding area, which includes existing intense industrial uses.
- There will be no signage relating to the proposed facility.
- City Staff expects no negative impact to neighborhood with this application.



(d) Compatible with surrounding uses and structures.

- Proposed facility is compatible with surrounding uses and structures.
- Site is zoned B-5 and surrounded by industrial uses to the north and west. Proposed use is similar in intensity, if not less intense, than the surrounding industrial uses.
- Prior MMJ facility did not have a detrimental impact on surrounding properties.
- Proposed facility, which will operate similar to prior MMJ facility, will also have no negative impacts.



(e) Conformance with the General Plan and city policies.

- This industrial area existed prior to City incorporation and General Plan.
- Proposed use complies with CUP approval criteria.



(f) Screening and buffering of uses.

- Proposed use will <u>not</u> require improvements to screening and buffering.
- Site is already surrounded by a 6-foot high wall, with a gated entrance and security.



(g) Unique nature of the property, use and/or development's physical constraints.

#### **COMPLIES**:

- Apache Junction Zoning Ordinance requires that a MMJ cultivation and infusion facility be located on property zoned
  B-5 and separated from certain "protected uses."
- Because of stringent zoning/separation requirements, few properties qualify.
- +/- 1,300% increase in medical marijuana registration cards issued to qualifying patients since 2011.
- This property is among the scarce properties in the City that qualify for a MMJ facility and, given its location alongside other industrial uses, is appropriate for a MMJ use to satisfy the tremendous increase in demand.

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# CONCLUSION

- Approval will allow Nabis/Perpetual to operate the proposed facility in compliance with all applicable laws and requirements.
- Nabis will ensure the proposed facility complies with all approval stipulations, as recommended by City Staff.
- City Staff is recommending approval.

#### **Request:**

Approval, subject to City Staff recommended stipulations.



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