



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Environmental Planning Commission

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

7:00 PM Video Conference with No Physical Meeting Location

This meeting was conducted in accordance with State of California Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020. All members of the Environmental Planning Commission participated in the meeting by video conference, with no physical meeting location.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cranston called the meeting of the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Commissioner Margaret Capriles, Commissioner Hank Dempsey, Commissioner Preeti Hehmeyer, Commissioner Allie Schmiesing, Commissioner Joyce Yin, Vice Chair Kammy Lo and Chair Bill Cranston

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

Chair Cranston introduced the item for discussion.

Chair Cranston opened the floor at 7:02 p.m. to public testimony, asking if anyone from the public wished to speak on this item. No members of the public wished to speak.

Public testimony concluded at 7:02 p.m.

MOTION - M / S - Hehmeyer / Lo - That the Environmental Planning Commission approve the minutes of May 5, 2021.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Capriles, Commissioner Dempsey, Commissioner Hehmeyer, Commissioner Schmiesing, Commissioner Yin, Vice Chair Lo and Chair Cranston

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chair Cranston opened the floor at 7:04 p.m. to public testimony, asking if anyone from the public wished to speak on anything not on the agenda. No members of the public wished to speak.

Public testimony concluded at 7:04 p.m.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.1 400 Logue Avenue

Senior Planner Margaret Netto gave an oral presentation and answered questions raised

by the EPC.

Brian Milman, Partner, and Arman Hadilou, Project Architect for WRNS Studio gave oral presentations and answered questions raised by the EPC.

Perry Hariri, Managing Partner at Miramar Capital; Gary Black, Hexagon Transportation Consultants, Inc.; Kathy Thibodeaux with KM Thibodeaux Consulting LLC; James Stockham, Landscape Architect at The Guzzardo Partnership; Planning Manager/Zoning Administrator Stephanie Williams; Principal Planner Eric Anderson; and Senior Civil Engineer Renee Gunn answered questions raised by the EPC.

Chair Cranston opened the floor at 8:06 p.m. to public testimony, asking if anyone from the public wished to speak on this item.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:

- Matt Regan, Senior Vice President of Public Policy, Bay Area Council
- Kat Wortham, Director of Health and Housing Policy, Silicon Valley Leadership Group
- Emily Ann Ramos, Mountain View YIMBY
- Bill Lambert

Public testimony concluded at 8:13 p.m.

The EPC deliberated on this item.

Motion - M / S - Capriles / Hehmeyer - That the Environmental Planning Commission:

1. Recommend the City Council approve the Initial Study of Environmental Significance for the 400 Logue Avenue residential project, pursuant to Section 15168 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and find the project within the scope of the East Whisman Precise Plan Final Environmental Impact Report (Exhibit 1 to the EPC Staff Report); and
2. Recommend the City Council adopt a Resolution approving a Planned Community Development Permit and Development Review Permit for a new eight-story, 408-unit residential development, a 36,000 square foot transfer of Development Rights, and a Heritage Tree Removal Permit to remove five heritage trees located at 400 Logue Avenue, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Exhibit 2 to the EPC Staff Report).

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Capriles, Commissioner Dempsey, Commissioner Hehmeyer, Commissioner Schmiesing, Commissioner Yin, Vice Chair Lo and Chair Cranston

6. COMMISSION/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, REQUESTS, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Schmiesing is stepping down as a Commissioner.

Principal Planner Anderson canceled the June 2, 2021 EPC meeting; and there is a high probability that the June 16, 2021 EPC meeting will most likely be canceled.

Agenda items for the upcoming EPC Fall schedule include: Study Sessions for the Housing Element and North Bayshore Master Plan; Public Hearings for the North Bayshore Bonus FAR and Gateway Master Plan; TDR for the San Antonio Center project; and 555 Middlefield project

The Council Strategic Roadmap will be up for review and adoption on June 8, 2021.

Chair Cranston is concerned about the trend that is emerging regarding BMR and the economic impact the BMR ordinance is having on projects: i.e. SummerHill cancellation; Google. The trend is causing more consternation than what the Commission expected to hear.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cranston adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Anderson, Principal Planner