



# City of Mountain View

## Minutes

### Environmental Planning Commission

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Wednesday, April 19, 2023

7:00 PM

Council Chambers and Video Conference, 500  
Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041

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This meeting was conducted with a virtual component.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present** 6 - Commissioner Chris Clark, Commissioner Bill Cranston, Commissioner Jose Gutierrez, Commissioner Alex Nunez, Vice Chair Hank Dempsey and Chair Joyce Yin

**Excused** 1 - Commissioner Preeti Hehmeyer

#### 3. MINUTES APPROVAL

Chair Yin introduced the item for discussion.

Chair Yin opened the floor at 7:01 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 Gutierrez/Cranston - That the Environmental Planning Commission approve the minutes of March 15, 2023 and March 22, 2023.

The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Cranston, Commissioner Gutierrez, Commissioner Nunez, Vice Chair Dempsey and Chair Yin

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Hehmeyer

#### 4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chair Yin opened the floor at 7:03 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

**Code Amendments to Chapter 36 (Zoning) of the City Code and the Downtown (P-19) Precise Plan to Repeal the Sidewalk Café Program and Replace it with a New Outdoor Patio Program as Applied to Private Property to Allow for Outdoor Dining and Merchandise Displays in conformance with Proposed Design Guidelines of the Downtown Mountain View Outdoor Patio Standards/Guidelines that Will Apply to the Public Right-of-Way**

Associate Planner Krisha Penolar and Assistant Community Development Director Lindsay Hagan gave an oral presentation. Associate Planner Penollar, Assistant Community Development Director Hagan, Public Works Director Dawn Cameron and Transportation Planner Aruna Boduna answered questions from the EPC.

Chair Yin opened the floor at 9:12 p.m. to public testimony, asking if anyone from the public wished to speak on this item.

The following member of the public spoke:

- Silja Paymer

MOTION - MS - Cranston/ Nunez - That the Environmental Planning Commission recommend the City Council:

1. Find the proposed amendments to Chapter 36 (Zoning) of the City Code and the Downtown (P-19) Precise Plan text amendments to be exempt under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as the amendments modify design guidelines and procedures to already-existing outdoor activities and make other minor code reference updates to be consistent with Chapter 36.
2. Adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Repealing Article XV of Chapter 36 (Zoning) of the Mountain View City Code to Repeal Sidewalk Cafes in the Downtown Area; Amending Section 36.44.65 (Development Review Procedures) Related to Outdoor Dining and Merchandise Displays; and Amending Other Sections of Chapter 36 for Consistency and Minor Amendments (Exhibit 1 to the EPC Staff Report).
3. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Amending the Downtown (P-19) Precise Plan to Add an Outdoor Activities Section Authorizing Outdoor Dining and Merchandise Displays on Private Property; Repeal and Replace Sidewalk Cafe References with Outdoor Activities, and Make Other Minor Amendments (Exhibit 2 to the EPC Staff Report).
4. In the Outdoor Patio Standards/Guidelines, consider flexibility in the sidewalk width clearance for side streets off of Castro Street, based on analysis of the effect on existing businesses.

The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Cranston, Commissioner Gutierrez,  
Commissioner Nunez, Vice Chair Dempsey and Chair Yin

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Hehmeyer

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

Advanced Planning Manager Eric Anderson announced the following;

The Housing Element was adopted by City Council at last week's meeting and will be submitted to HCD in the upcoming days.

April 22 is Earth Day celebration, along with starting outreach for Biodiversity Strategy & Urban Forest Plan.

On April 25, the City Council will continue their Work Plan discussion, which the EPC provided a recommendation on.

Advanced Planning Manager Eric Anderson provided an overview of development applications submitted to the City pursuing builder's remedy provisions of State Law.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Yin adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Anderson  
Advanced Planning Manager