



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Environmental Planning Commission

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

7:00 PM

Council Chambers, 500 Castro St., Mountain
View, CA 94041

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dempsey called the meeting of the Environmental Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Commissioner Chris Clark, Commissioner Bill Cranston, Commissioner Paul Donahue, Commissioner Joyce Yin, Commissioner Alex Nunez, Vice Chair Jose Gutierrez and Chair Hank Dempsey

3. MINUTES APPROVAL - NONE.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chair Dempsey opened the floor at 7:02 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 7:03 p.m.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.1 Eliminate Minimum Parking Standards for Residential Uses in Article X (Parking and Loading) of Chapter 36 (Zoning) of the City Code and the P(19) Downtown Precise Plan, P(38) El Camino Real Precise Plan, P(40) San Antonio Precise Plan and P(41) East Whisman Precise Plan

Chair Dempsey read the item into the record.

Commissioner Clark recused himself from discussion of item 5.1 due to the proximity of his home to the project.

Vice Chair Gutierrez recused himself from discussion of item 5.1 due to the proximity of his home to the

project.

Commissioner Cranston asked a clarifying question to the EPC, City Attorney and staff regarding his ability to discuss item 5.1 due to the proximity of his home to the project. It was confirmed by staff that Commissioner Cranston was not in conflict.

Associate Planner Hang Zhou and Principal Planner Diana Pancholi gave an oral staff presentation and responded to questions from the EPC.

Chair Dempsey opened the floor at 7:29 p.m. to public testimony, asking if anyone from the public wished to speak on this item.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR;

- Logan Herrera

Public testimony concluded at 7:32 p.m.

The EPC deliberated on the item.

MOTION - M/S - Cranston/Nunez - That the Environmental Planning Commission:

1. Recommend the City Council adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Mountain View amending Chapter 36 (Zoning) of the City Code to implement Subtask (B) of Housing Element Program 1.2, including updates to section 36.32.50 (Required Number of Parking Spaces) to eliminate minimum parking requirements for Residential Developments in certain areas, and making conforming and clarifying changes to other sections of Chapter 36 (Zoning) and finding the Amendments to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA guidelines section 15061 (B)(3) as recommended by the Environmental Planning Commission, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Exhibit 1 to the EPC Staff Report).

and

2. Recommend the City Council adopt resolutions of the City Council of the City of Mountain View amending the P(19) Downtown, P(38) El Camino Real, P(40) San Antonio, and P(41) East Whisman Precise Plans to eliminate minimum parking standards for residential developments, consistent with Housing Element Program 1.2, and finding the amendments to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA guidelines section 15061 (b)(3), to be read in title only, further reading waived (Exhibits 2 through 5 to the EPC Staff Report).

The motion passed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Cranston, Commissioner Donahue, Commissioner Nunez and Chair Dempsey
- Recused:** 2 - Commissioner Clark and Vice Chair Gutierrez
- Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Yin

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

Principal Planner Diana Pancholi announced a second reminder that the Annual Celebration of Service Awards will be held on September 30, 2024 at the Michael's Restaurant located at Shoreline.

Assistant Community Development Director, Amber Blizinski clarified concerns regarding EPC minutes and

the process to the commission.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dempsey adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Pancholi
Principal Planner

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