



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Environmental Planning Commission

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

7:00 PM

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

This meeting was conducted with a virtual component.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Commissioner Bill Cranston, Commissioner Hank Dempsey, Commissioner Paul Donahue, Commissioner Tina Pham, Commissioner Shwetha Subramanian, Vice Chair Alex Nunez and Chair Jose Gutierrez

3. MINUTES APPROVAL - NONE

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chair Gutierrez opened the floor at 7:01 to public testimony, asking if any members of the public wished to speak on anything not on the agenda.

No members of the public wished to speak.

Chair Gutierrez closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

5. STUDY SESSION

5.1 R3 Zoning District Update - Development Standards and Strategies

Chair Gutierrez read the item into the record.

Planning Manager, Eric Anderson gave an oral staff presentation.

Chair Gutierrez opened the public comment portion of the meeting asking if any members of the public wished to speak on this item.

SPEAKING VIRTUALLY:

- James Kuszmaul
- Leslie Friedman
- Isaac Stone
- Robert Cox
- Hala Alshawany
- Daniel Hulse
- Alex Brown
- Matthew Marting
- Manuel Salazar

IN PERSON:

- David Watson

Planning Manager Eric Anderson, Community Development Director Christian Murdock, Assistant Community Development Director Amber Blizinski and Cecilia Kim, Planning Manager at Opticos Design Inc., responded to questions from the Environmental Planning Commission.

Commissioner Donahue recused himself from discussion regarding the R3- A Subdistrict and the Residential -12 and Residential - 20 general plan land use designations due to the proximity of these designations to his residence.

Commissioner Dempsey recused himself from discussion on Residential -12 general plan land use designation due to the proximity of this designation to his residence.

The Environmental Planning Commission deliberated on the Residential -12 general plan land use designation. By consensus, the Commission supported the staff recommendation for the Residential-12 general plan land sue designation.

Commissioner Dempsey returned to the meeting.

The Environmental Planning Commission deliberated on R3-A Sub-district & Residential- 20 plan designation. By consensus, the Commission supported the staff recommendation for the R3-A Sub-district & Residential-20 general plan designation.

Commissioner Donahue returned to the meeting.

The Environmental Planning Commission deliberated the remaining items. By consensus, the Commission recommended the staff recommendation to the City Council, with the following exceptions:

- Allow commercial uses in more areas beyond the R3-D sub-district, except in the R3-A Sub-district.
- Do not recommend the staff-recommended incentive for lot consolidation and evaluate more potential incentives that are more encouraging and less punitive.

6 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 EPC Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Commissioner Cranston nominated Vice Chair Nunez to be the Environmental Planning Commission Chair.

Vice Chair Nunez accepted.

Chair Gutierrez opened the public comment portion of the meeting asking if any members of the public wished to speak on this item.

No members of the public wished to speak.

Chair Gutierrez closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Roll call vote was taken for the Chair position.

Yes - Commissioner Subramanian, Commissioner Pham, Commissioner Donahue, Commissioner Dempsey, Commissioner Cranston, Vice Chair Nunez and Chair Gutierrez

Chair Gutierrez opened nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Cranston nominated Commissioner Donahue.

Commissioner Donahue accepted.

Chair Gutierrez opened the public comment portion of the meeting asking if any members of the public wished to speak on this item.

No members of the public wished to speak.

Chair Gutierrez closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Roll call vote was taken for Vice Chair.

Yes - Commissioner Subramanian, Commissioner Pham, Commissioner Donahue, Commissioner Dempsey, Commissioner Cranston, Vice Chair Nunez and Chair Gutierrez

7 COMMISSION/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, REQUESTS, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Principal Planner Diana Pancholi thanked Chair Gutierrez for his role as Chair.

Community Development Director Christian Murdock thanked Vice Chair Nunez for his role as Vice Chair.

Chair Gutierrez announced the next meeting to be held on February 21, 2026.

8 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 10:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Pancholi
Principal Planner

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