



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Environmental Planning Commission

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

7:00 PM

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

This meeting was conducted with a virtual component.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Yin called the meeting of the Environmental Planning Commission to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

Chair Yin introduced the item for discussion.

Chair Yin opened the floor at 7:02 p.m. to public testimony, asking if anyone from the public wished to speak on the item.

No members of the public wished to speak.

Public testimony concluded at 7:03 p.m.

MOTION - MS - Guterrez/Dempsey - That the Environmental Planning Commission approve the minutes of August 16, 2023.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Donahue

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chair Yin 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 7:05 p.m.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.1 2023 Housing Element Annual Progress Report and Emergency Shelters Amendment

Senior Planner Krisha Penollar and Advanced Planning Manager Eric Anderson gave an oral staff presentation and responded to questions from the Environmental Planning Commission.

Chair Yin opened the floor at 7:22 p.m. to public testimony, asking if anyone from the public wished to speak on this item.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR;

- Jackie Cashen
- Ann McLaughlin
- Salim Damerджи
- Alex Brown

SPEAKING VIRTUALLY;

- Louise Katz

Public testimony concluded at 7:34 p.m.

The Commission started with the portion of the item regarding the amendments to development standards and the permitting process for the emergency shelters in Chapter 36 (Zoning) of the City Code and proposed amendments to the El Camino Real Precise Plan to add emergency shelters as a permitted use.

Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Gutierrez recused themselves from participation in any discussion or action on items this portion of the item - due to the proximity of their residences to the El Camino Real Precise Plan area.

The EPC deliberated on Staff Recommendations 2 and 3 regarding amendments to development standards and the permitting process for emergency shelters in Chapter 36 (Zoning) of the City Code and proposed amendments to the El Camino Real Precise Plan to add emergency shelters as a permitted use.

MOTION - M/S - Yin/ Dempsey - That the Environmental Planning Commission:

1. Recommend the City Council adopt an ordinance of the City of Mountain View Amending Chapter 36 (Zoning) of the City Code Amending the Development Standards and Permitting Process for Emergency Shelters and Finding the Amendment to be Categorically Exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (Exhibit 2 to the EPC Staff Report) with a modification to remove amendments to Section 36.20.05, regarding permit processes in the MM (General Industrial) Zoning District.

2. Recommend the City Council adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Amending the El Camino Real (P-38) Precise Plan to Add Emergency Shelters as a Permitted Use and To Include Permitting Process for Shelters, Consistent with the Housing Element Program 1.1.f, and Finding the Amendment to be Categorically Exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Exhibit 3 to the EPC Staff Report).

The motion passed by the following vote:

Recused - Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Gutierrez

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Donahue, Vice Chair Dempsey and Chair Yin

No: 2 - Commissioner Cranston and Commissioner Nunez

Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Gutierrez returned to the meeting to discuss the Housing Element Annual Progress Report.

The EPC deliberated on staff recommendation 1, the 2023-31 Housing Element Annual Progress Report.

MOTION - M/S - Clark/Cranston - That the Environmental Planning Commission recommend the City Council review and recommend City Council consider the 2023 Annual Progress Report: 2023-31 Housing Element (Exhibit 1 to the EPC Staff Report)

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner Gutierrez

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 2023 General Plan Annual Progress Report

Assistant Planner Vinson Kwan and Principal Planner Diana Pancholi gave an oral staff presentation and responded to questions from the Environmental Planning Commission.

Chair Yin opened the floor at 9:17 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 9:17 p.m.

The EPC deliberated on this item.

MOTION - MS - Cranston/ Nunez - That the Environmental Planning Commission recommend that the City Council consider the 2023 General Plan Annual Progress Report (Exhibit 1 to the EPC Staff Report).

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Cranston, Commissioner Donahue, Commissioner Gutierrez, Commissioner Nunez, Vice Chair Dempsey and Chair Yin

6.2 EPC Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Chair Yin introduced the item for discussion.

Chair Yin opened the nominations for EPC Chair.

Commissioner Nunez nominated Vice Chair Dempsey for EPC Chair.

Vice Chair Dempsey accepted.

Chair Yin opened the floor at 9:22 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 on this item.

Public testimony concluded at 9:22 p.m.

Roll Call Vote taken and approved;

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Cranston, Commissioner Donahue, Commissioner Gutierrez, Commissioner Nunez and Chair Yin

Recused: 1 - Vice Chair Dempsey

Chair Yin opened the nominations for EPC Vice Chair.

Commissioner Nunez nominated Commissioner Gutierrez for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Gutierrez accepted.

Chair Yin opened the floor at 9:24 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 on this item.

Public testimony concluded at 9:25 p.m.

Roll call vote taken and approved:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Cranston, Commissioner Donahue, Commissioner Nunez, Vice Chair Dempsey and Chair Yin.

Recused: 1 - Commissioner Gutierrez

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

Principal Planner Diana Pancholi announced that there will be a special meeting to be held on March 13, 2024 and that R3 zoning updates will be the topic of discussion.

Commissioner Cranston thanked Chair Yin for her year of service as the Chair of the Environmental Planning Commission.

Chair Yin welcomed Commissioner Donohue to the Environmental Planning Commission.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Yin adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Pancholi
Principal Planner

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