EPC 3/17/2021 Study Session Public Comments

- Streetscapes are really important, interest in lighting controls, the benefits for wildlife + human safety
- More affordable + market rate housing are important. Big question is howto fit it into Mountain View, but note that it is historic and common to the area.
- Mostly supportive, but uncertain if this is the right time. May want to take more cautious approach. First assess if we've hit housing goals. Second review setbacks.
- Points out that some of the densest neighborhoods are the furthest from the transit hubs. How does this affect the quality of life of these people? Agrees that currently R3 is a patchwork. Near downtown is pretty low density. Consider coordinating with transit. Consider how planning department will deal with all the development applications
- What does it mean to have a quality of life? Is playground/dog walk in walkable distance? Many of these places are park poor. Mountain View is very dependent on noncity-owned park space.
- Agrees with two other speakers the holistic approach to the space. Buildings do not exist in isolation green space, transit, etc.
- Density is good, parks are good, make the buildings interesting and weird, they are boring right now.
- We are being too timid. Expand R3-C zone + D zone. We will not meet needs at this level. The height overlays are due to slow growth time periods. Green streets are a good idea. There is currently a sameness about the current buildings.
- Silicon Valley Home Affordable Housing. Not enough places to live in causes overcrowding, which is unhealthy. Areas near transit are too lowly zoned use an Overlay or change zone. Del Medio can be higher density (7 stories right now) + Cuernaavaca area near Sunnyvale border. Allow changing of zoning for aggregated lots.
- Green Spaces MV: Improve equitable access to green spaces, she is gladfor many city initiatives for park improvements.
- Think of the long term look + housing needs + economic feasibility. Mountain View should reduce parking requirements + remove density per acre requirements. Increase density at transit- should never be just 2 stories near a Cal train.
- YIMBY, resident. Allow option for architectural arcades in densest zones.
- Reiterating previous comments. This plan is for the long-term. Set higher height limits for the densest zones to meet housing needs for the next 30-40 years. TOD is very important for the climate.