



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Environmental Planning Commission

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

7:00 PM

Council Chambers and Video Conference, 500
Castro Street, 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 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Commissioner Chris Clark, Commissioner Bill Cranston, Commissioner Preeti Hehmeyer, Vice Chair Hank Dempsey and Chair Joyce Yin

Absent 3 - Commissioner Jose Gutierrez, Commissioner Alex Nunez and Commissioner Alex Nunez

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

Chair Yin introduced the item for discussion.

Chair Yin opened the floor at 7:03 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 7:04 p.m.

MOTION: M/S - Yin/Cranston - That the Environmental Planning Commission approve the minutes of May 3, 2023 and May 17, 2023.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Cranston, Commissioner Hehmeyer and Vice Chair Dempsey

Abstain: 1 - Chair Yin

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chair Yin opened the floor at 7:06 p.m. to public testimony, asking if anyone from the public wished to speak on anything not on the agenda.

SPEAKING VIRTUALLY:

- Bruce England

Public Testimony concluded at 7:07 p.m.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.1 500 and 550 Ellis Street Hotel and Office Project

Senior Planner Ellen Yau gave an oral staff presentation and responded to questions from the Environmental Planning Commission.

Applicant Tom Jess (Vance Brown) present, gave an oral presentation and responded to questions from the Environmental Planning Commission.

Chair Yin opened the floor at 7:56 p.m. to public testimony, asking if anyone from the public wished to speak on this item.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:

- Unidentified Woman

SPEAKING VIRTUALLY:

- Bruce England

Public Testimony concluded at 8:00 p.m.

The EPC deliberated on this item.

MOTION - M/S - Clark/Heymeyer - That the Environmental Planning Commission recommend the City Council with direction for staff to explore additional opportunities to preserve existing healthy trees on site through design modifications (especially in Paseo and along Ellis Street even if it may affect the 20' setback requirement) without substantially modifying the project and to transmit to Council the EPC concerns expressed at this meeting with respect to tree preservation.

The motion passed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Cranston, Commissioner Heymeyer and Vice Chair Dempsey
- No:** 1 - Chair Yin

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

Commissioner Cranston made a request to the Development Review Committee in reference to agenda item 5.1, requesting to have a variety in the important corner building design in future projects. Commissioner Cranston would like the evaluation of trees to be different when consideration of new projects from applicants to the City of Mountain View.

Principal Planner and EPC liaison Diana Pancholi announced that the EPC meeting scheduled for October 18, 2023, has been canceled. The next EPC meeting will be held on November 3, 2023.

Chair Yin recognized the application process for new EPC commission members as Commissioner Heymeyer is terming out and Chair Yin recognized Commissioner Heymeyer for her 20 years of service to the City of Mountain View.

Chair Yin welcomed Diana Pancholi as the new liaison to the Environmental Planning Commission and thanked Advanced Planning Manager Eric Anderson for his contribution as staff liaison.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Yin adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Diana Pancholi
Principal Planner**

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