



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Planning Commission

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10/26/2022

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

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### **6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

#### **Call to Order**

**Chair Cherukuru** called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance and Statement of Values**

#### **Roll Call**

- Present** 5 - Commissioner Yashraj Bhatnagar, Chair Priya Cherukuru, Commissioner Qian Huang, Commissioner Mario Bouza, and Commissioner Lance Saleme
- Absent** 2 - Commissioner Nancy A. Biagini, and Vice Chair Ricci Herro

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bouza, seconded by Commissioner Saleme to excuse Commissioner Biagini and Commissioner Herro from the meeting.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Bhatnagar, Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Bouza, and Commissioner Saleme

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Biagini, and Vice Chair Herro

### **DECLARATION OF COMMISSION PROCEDURES**

**Secretary Bhatnagar** read the Declaration of Commission Procedures.

### **CONTINUANCES/EXCEPTIONS**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Chair Cherukuru pulled Item 1.B from the Consent Calendar.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bouza, seconded by Commissioner Bhatnagar, to approve Consent Calendar Items 1.A and 1.C**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Bhatnagar, Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Bouza, and Commissioner Saleme

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Biagini, and Vice Chair Herro

**1.A**     [22-1301](#)     Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2022 Special Meeting

**Recommendation:** Approve the Planning Commission Minutes of the September 21, 2022 Special Meeting

**1.C**     [22-1264](#)     Action to Approve a Use Permit to Allow On-Site Sale and Consumption of Beer and Wine for an Existing Food-Service Establishment, Swaraj India, at 1855 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, 95050 - continued from the September 21, 2022 Planning Commission meeting

**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution approving a Use Permit to allow the on-site sale and consumption of beer and wine (ABC License Type 41) for a 3200 square foot food-service establishment, Swaraj India, located at 1855 El Camino Real, Santa Clara CA 95050, subject to conditions of approval

**1.B**     [22-1255](#)     Action on Use Permit to Allow an Outdoor Play Area for an Expanding Pre-School Facility at 1041 and 1075 El Camino Real

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the Use Permit to allow outdoor play area for an expanding pre-school facility at 1041 and 1075 El Camino Real.

**Chair Cherukuru** inquired about the Conditions of Approval and the private parking agreement. Commissioners asked additional questions concerning limited parking spaces and traffic control.

**Associate Planner Daniel Sobczak** provided the staff PowerPoint and notified the Commission that the parking meets code requirements.

**Applicant Kyungmi Gu** spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Saleme, seconded by Commissioner Huang to approve staff recommendation with a condition that the outdoor play area be free from dust, vibrations, sound, or foreign materials that may be harmful to any person or persons using the outdoor play area. Contractor to monitor the conditions for compliance.**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Bhatnagar, Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Huang, and Commissioner Saleme

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Bouza

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Biagini, and Vice Chair Herro

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Public Speaker:** Timi Okah spoke regarding short term rentals and inquired as to when the item will appear on an upcoming agenda.

2. [22-686](#) Action on a Development Area Plan (DAP) 1 Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map for the Related Santa Clara Project at 5155 Stars and Stripes Drive

**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution recommending the City Council to approve the DAP I Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map Phase 1 for the Related development for the property located at 5155 Stars and Stripes Drive.

**Associate Planner Nimisha Agrawal** provided the staff PowerPoint.

**Commissioners** inquired about the vertical subdivision and if it was the first of this kind in the City. Staff confirmed that there have been no prior three-dimensional subdivision applications and the City has brought in a third-party consultant to assist with this process. There were further questions if the garage parcel could function on its own and be sold unconnectedly. **Outside Counsel Anna Shimko** clarified that the DAP I is a City-owned property, and the City would be ground leasing the property to Related ('Applicant'). **Principal Engineer/Division Manager Allie Jackman** clarified that there will be a single ground lease for the office and the entire garage. Additionally, there will be separate ground leases for the Hotel and Service Apartments to the entities that develop those parcels.

There were further questions about why the ground lease would only include the office parcel and the garage, and if it would impact the future parking needs for the Hotel and service apartments parcel. **Outside Counsel Anna Shimko** clarified that the City controls the ground leases and any transfer to new lessees will be carefully reviewed by the City. Further, there will be covenants, and restrictions in place. The project also has a condition of approval to have agreements between all entities within the parcels in DAP 1 to ensure access and availability of garage remains in place.

**Commissioners** stated that the project will be an iconic project for the City that enables a much needed mixed-use development and communal feel. The Commission further inquired if the architectural drawings for the proposal were submitted and under staff review. Staff explained that the DAP I plans have been submitted to obtain the Building permit and the approval of the building permit was dependent on the approval of the Tentative Map before the Commission. **Anna Shimko** further clarified that the broader proposal was approved by the Council previously (March 24, 2020) and the more detailed plans were approved administratively by the Community Development Director per the Master Community Plan (MCP) (on February 26, 2021).

**A motion was made by Commissioner Saleme, seconded by**

**Commissioner Huang to approve staff recommendation**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Bhatnagar, Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Bouza, and Commissioner Saleme

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Biagini, and Vice Chair Herro

3. [22-1067](#) Study Session: Silicon Valley Power

**Kevin Kolnowski, Electric Utility Chief Operating Officer, Silicon Valley Power** provided the staff PowerPoint presentation.

The presentation included an overview of Silicon Valley Power (SVP) including:

Historic Load Growth  
New Transmission Projects  
Project Highlights  
Future Growth  
Transportation Electrification

**Commissioners** inquired on the various aspects of the presentation and thanked SVP for the very informative presentation.

**REPORTS OF COMMISSION/BOARD LIAISON AND COMMITTEE:**

1. Announcements/Other Items

**Chair Cherukuru** announced the Diwali celebration and wished the Community a Happy Diwali at this time.

**Staff Aide II, Elizabeth Elliott** announced all Commissioners will need to complete an upcoming Cybersecurity Training and details would be sent via email.

2. Commissioner Travel and Training Reports, Requests to attend Trainings

**Commissioner Saleme and Chair Cherukuru** provided updates regarding their remote attendance at the October California APA Conference and several glitches in the virtual attendance .

**Commissioners** provided updates regarding a very positive experience at the in-person October 7, 2022 ILG Planning Commissioners Academy in Cupertino.

**Staff Aide II Elizabeth Elliott** provided information on an upcoming CEQA Conference taking place in San Francisco in December 2022.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORTS:**

1. Planning Commission Budget Update

**Staff Aide II Elizabeth Elliott** provided budget updates.

2. Upcoming Agenda Items

**Planning Manager Lesley Xavier** provided updates.

**Commissioner Bhatnagar** requested a presentation for an upcoming Study Session on Public Outreach.

3. City Council Actions

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**A motion was made by Chair Cherukuru, seconded by Commissioner Bouza to adjourn the meeting.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. The next meeting is November 9, 2022 at 6 p.m.**

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