



City of Santa Clara

Special Meeting Minutes

Joint City Council, Planning Commission, &

Downtown Community Task Force Meeting

09/08/2021

4:00 PM

Virtual Meeting
 Joint Council, Downtown Task Force, and
 Planning Commission Meeting

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4:00 PM JOINT SPECIAL MEETING: CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION, AND DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

Call to Order

Mayor Gillmor called the Special meeting to order at 4:09 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance and Statement of Values

Council, Planning Commission and Downtown Community Task Force recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Hardy recited the Statement of Values.

Assistant City Clerk Pimentel recited the Statement of Behavioral Standards.

Roll Call

City Council

Present: 7 - Councilmember Kathy Watanabe, Vice Mayor Raj Chahal, Councilmember Karen Hardy, Councilmember Kevin Park, Councilmember Suds Jain, Councilmember Anthony Becker, and Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor

Planning Commission

Present: 6 - Chair Nancy A. Biagini, Vice Chair Priya Cherukuru, Commissioner Ricci Herro, Commissioner Qian Huang, Commissioner Yuki Ikezi, and Commissioner Lance Saleme

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Yashraj Bhatnagar

Downtown Community Task Force

Present: 8 - Member Adam Thompson, Member Dan Ondrasek, Member Rob Mayer, Member Debra von Huene, Member Ana Vargas-Smith, Member Butch Coyne, Member Atisha Varshney, and Member Chan Thai

Absent: 1 - Member Mathew Reed

STUDY SESSION

[21-1244](#)

Joint Study Session with the City Council, Planning Commission and Downtown Community Task Force (DCTF) on Form Based Zoning Codes.

Recommendation: There is no staff recommendation.

David Sargent (President, Sargent Town Planning, Inc.) gave a PowerPoint Presentation on Form Base Codes.

Council, Planning Commission and Downtown Community Task Force Member comments and questions followed.

David Sargent addressed **Council, Planning Commission and Downtown Community Task Force Member** questions and comments.

David Sargent (President, Sargent Town Planning, Inc.) continued his PowerPoint Presentation on Form Base Codes.

Public Speaker(s): Jonathan Evans
Skip Pearson
Sal Caruso

David Sargent addressed public comments and questions.

Mayor Gillmor recused herself from this portion of the Study Session (Discussion on Downtown) due to a potential conflict of interest as her business resides in Downtown Santa Clara (Franklin Mall).

Councilmember Jain recused himself from this portion of the Study Session at due to a potential conflict of interest as he owns property near Downtown Santa Clara.

Vice Mayor Chahal presided over the remaining portion of the study session and called for a break at 6:05 PM.

Vice Mayor Chahal reconvened the meeting at 6:12 PM.

David Sargent continued with PowerPoint Presentation on the vision on remaking Downtown Santa Clara.

Council, Planning Commission, and Downtown Task Force Member's comments and questions followed.

David Sargent addressed **Council, Planning Commission and Downtown Community Task Force Member** questions and comments.

Public Speaker(s): Mary Grizzle
Sal Caruso
Skip Pearson

David Sargent addressed public comments and questions.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Atisha Varshney expressed gratitude to the Old Quad, Downtown Community Task Force, and Santa Clara Parade of Champions for winning an APA Award.

Debbie expressed comments of gratitude for the presentation and requested information on what would be the draw to get the public to the Santa Clara Downtown.

Mary Grizzle expressed concern regarding **Mayor Gillmor** and **Councilmember Jain** not being able to participate in a Study Session since no decision was being made.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

A motion was made by Councilmember Becker, seconded by Planning Commissioner Biagini, to adjourn the meeting.

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