



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission

02/11/2026

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting
City Hall Council
Chambers/Virtual
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order

Chair Crutchlow called the meeting order at 6:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Statement of Values

Secretary Cherukuru read the Statement of Values.

Roll Call

Present 7 - Commissioner Yashraj Bhatnagar, Commissioner Nancy A. Biagini, Commissioner Priya Cherukuru, Commissioner Qian Huang, Vice Chair Mario Bouza, Commissioner Lance Saleme, and Chair Eric Crutchlow

DECLARATION OF COMMISSION PROCEDURES

Secretary Cherukuru read the Declaration of Procedures.

CONTINUANCES/EXCEPTIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Crutchlow announced translation services would be used for the Appellant for Public Hearing Item 2.

1. [26-114](#) Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2026

Recommendation: Approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of the January 14, 2026 Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cherukuru, seconded by Commissioner Bouza to approve this item.

Commissioners Bhatnagar and Biagini were not in attendance at the January 14, 2026 meeting and abstained from voting.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Cherukuru, Commissioner Huang, Vice Chair Bouza, Commissioner Saleme, and Chair Crutchlow

Abstained: 2 - Commissioner Bhatnagar, and Commissioner Biagini

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

Meeting went into recess at 6:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:21 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. [26-35](#) Action on an Appeal (PLN25-00562) of the Community Development Director's Denial of a Zoning Clearance (PZC25-00381) for a Smoke Shop Located at 770 Kiely Boulevard.

Recommendation: Overrule the appeal and affirm the Community Development Director's decision to deny the Zoning Clearance for a smoke shop to operate at 770 Kiely Boulevard.

Chair Crutchlow and Commissioner Bouza both disclosed they had visited the site of the Smoke Shop but had not had conversations with the Appellant.

Associate Planner Tracy Tam provided the staff presentation and announced a correction to the staff report that smoke shops are not allowed in the R6 Zoning District.

Appellant Xiangqiong Wu provided details on the Appeal.

Commissioners inquired upon several items including ordinances related to smoke shops and proximity to schools, details of the appeal letter sent to the Appellant; if there was a business license for the site; and the zoning clearance process.

The meeting went into recess at 7:37 p.m. and reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Beyers provided clarification on the business permit and the role of the City to review and provide permits.

Public Comments

Public Speaker.

A motion was made by Commissioner Biagini, seconded by Commissioner Huang to close public hearing.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Bhatnagar, Commissioner Biagini, Commissioner Cherukuru, Commissioner Huang, Vice Chair Bouza, Commissioner Saleme, and Chair Crutchlow

A motion was made by Commissioner Biagini, seconded by Commissioner Bouza to approve staff recommendation.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Bhatnagar, Commissioner Biagini, Commissioner Cherukuru, Commissioner Huang, Vice Chair Bouza, Commissioner Saleme, and Chair Crutchlow

3. [26-52](#) Public Hearing: Action on Appeal (PLN25-00561) of Development Review Officer's Approval at 2892 Mesquite Drive for an Architectural Review (PLN25-00295) for a 621 Square Foot First Floor Addition and a 397 Square Foot Second Floor Addition to an Existing Two-Story 2,081 Square Foot Single-Family Residence with a 500 Square Foot Attached Garage on a 7,351 Square Foot Lot. CEQA Status: Exempt from CEQA per Section 15332.

Recommendation: The project is consistent with the General Plan, Zoning Code and Design Guidelines and therefore staff recommends the Planning Commission deny the appeal application and:

1. Determine the project to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) formal pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 - Existing Facilities); and
2. Affirm the decision of the Development Review Officer to approve the Architectural Review for the construction of a 621 square foot first floor addition and a 397 square foot second floor addition to an existing two-story 2,081 square foot single-family residence with a 500 square foot attached garage on a 7,351 square foot lot at 2892 Mesquite Drive, subject to findings and conditions of approval.

The meeting went into recess at 8:26 p.m. and reconvened at 8:34 p.m.

Assistant Planner Alex Tellez provided the staff presentation.

Appellant Sorin Spanoche provided a presentation.

Applicant/Homeowner Ling ("Annie") Zhou provided comments.

Applicant's Architect Michael Hyde provided details on the proposed project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cherukuru, seconded by Commissioner Biagini to close public hearing.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Bhatnagar, Commissioner Biagini, Commissioner Cherukuru, Commissioner Huang, Vice Chair Bouza, Commissioner Saleme, and Chair Crutchlow

A motion was made by Commissioner Biagini, seconded by Commissioner Huang to approve staff recommendation 1.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Bhatnagar, Commissioner Biagini, Commissioner Cherukuru, Commissioner Huang, Vice Chair Bouza, Commissioner Saleme, and Chair Crutchlow

A motion was made by Commissioner Biagini, seconded by Commissioner Huang to Adopt a Resolution to affirm the decision of the Development Review Officer.

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Bhatnagar, Commissioner Biagini, Commissioner Huang, and Commissioner Saleme

Nay: 3 - Commissioner Cherukuru, Vice Chair Bouza, and Chair Crutchlow

REPORTS OF COMMISSION/BOARD LIAISON AND COMMITTEE:

1. Announcements/Other Items

None.

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

Staff Aide II Elizabeth Elliott provided updates.

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.

3. City Council Actions

Planning Manager Lesley Xavier provided updates.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m. The next regular schedule meeting is on March 11, 2026 at 6 p.m.

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