



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission

10/14/2020**5:00 PM****City Hall Council Chambers**

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The meeting set-up is in line with the recommendations of the COVID-19 White House Task Force, which notes no more than 10 people gatherings. Planning Commissioners will be participating remotely. A limited number of staff will also be present.

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5:00 PM STUDY SESSION

Call to Order

Due to technical difficulties the meeting start time was delayed. **Chair Saleme** called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Statement of Values

Roll Call

Present 7 - Commissioner Yuki Ikezi, Commissioner Suds Jain, Chair Lance Saleme, Commissioner Anthony Becker, Vice Chair Nancy A. Biagini, Commissioner Priya Cherukuru, and Commissioner Ricci Herro

[20-833](#)**STUDY SESSION: Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update**

Associate Planner Nimisha Agrawal provided an update on the Climate Action Plan. She informed the Commission that the initial actions list had new additions, greenhouse gas targets, considerations for the integrated resources plan, and feedback from the survey. **Walker Wells, Raimi and Associates**, shared the results of the analysis. **Ann Hatcher, Assistant Director of Silicon Valley Power**, answered questions from the Commission regarding SVP's involvement. **John Davidson, Principal Planner**, clarified the term of the IRP. **Sami Taylor, Raimi and Associates**, shared the number of EV chargers expected by 2030 and percentage of electric vehicles by 2045.

Commissioners expressed support in the reduction of vehicle miles traveled and in going beyond the state's requirements and asked questions regarding the timeline.

An ecomment received from a member of the public, **Janelle London**, was read aloud during the meeting urging the Commission to include a CAP goal to reduce annual gasoline sales in Santa Clara.

Public Speakers:

Kristel Wickham, Sunnyvale resident, expressed support to the complete transition to greenhouse gas-free electricity and voiced concern for the reduced EV infrastructure for affordable housing.

Jenny Green, Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley member, expressed support for the City's all-electric reach code with strong EV charging requirements.

The meeting went into recess at 6:24 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m.

6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING**DECLARATION OF COMMISSION PROCEDURES**

Secretary Cherukuru and **Chair Saleme** read the Declaration of Commission Procedures.

CONTINUANCES/EXCEPTIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [20-985](#) Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2020 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the Planning Commission Minutes of the May 27, 2020 Meeting.

Commissioner Jain pulled Item 1.A to propose amended language for the minutes.

Commissioner Jain expressed support for the inclusion of comments made by Commissioners and stated that he would like to see the discussion of parking and the expansion of the project size reflected in the minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cherukuru, seconded by Commissioner Becker to approve staff recommendation with amended language proposed by Commissioner Jain.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Ikezi, Commissioner Jain, Chair Saleme, Commissioner Becker, and Commissioner Cherukuru

Abstained: 1 - Commissioner Herro

Recused: 1 - Vice Chair Biagini

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. [20-842](#) Public Hearing: Action on Appeal of Architectural Review Approval by the Community Development Director for the property at 2847 Sycamore Way

Recommendation: 1. Adopt a resolution to deny the appeal and uphold the Community Development Director's approval of the proposed addition at 2847 Sycamore Way.

Commissioner Ikezi recused for Item 2 due to the proximity of her residence to the property.

Associate Planner Nimisha Agrawal provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Saleme and Commissioner Becker inquired if they could participate in voting on this item, as they were members of the Architectural Committee in 2018 when a different application for the same property was heard at an Architectural Committee meeting. **Assistant City Attorney Alexander Abbe** clarified that this was a new application, with different design parameters from the 2018 application, and so they could participate on this item.

Commissioners inquired about the neighbors' comments, if there was a historical significance request for this neighborhood, and the bedroom count for the residence. **Development Review Officer Gloria Sciara** clarified that the proposed changes are allowed to be made in this neighborhood under the current code. **Planning Manager Reena Brilliot** clarified the code change for the administrative approvals based on the bedroom count in residences.

The appellants, **Dan and Debbie Smith**, provided a presentation. Neighbor **Suhas Sheshadri** also made a presentation and voiced his comments supporting the appeal.

The applicant, **Edna Jeon**, provided a presentation supporting the remodel.

Public Speakers:

Judith Blanco, neighbor, provided a presentation supporting the appeal. **Chair Saleme** granted two extra minutes to complete the presentation. **Alan Dillon**, neighbor, stated that no house in the neighborhood has been allowed to relocate the garage previously.

Applicant **Edna Jeon** provided a rebuttal followed by a rebuttal from neighbor **Suhas Sheshadri** and appellant **Dan Smith**.

Commissioners expressed support for the remodel and stated that the proposal is in compliance with the codes.

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Jain, Chair Saleme, Commissioner Becker, Vice Chair Biagini, Commissioner Cherukuru, and Commissioner Herro

Recused: 1 - Commissioner Ikezi

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

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Jain, Chair Saleme, Vice Chair Biagini, Commissioner Cherukuru, and Commissioner Herro

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Becker

Recused: 1 - Commissioner Ikezi

REPORTS OF COMMISSION/BOARD LIAISON AND COMMITTEE:

1. Announcements/Other Items

Planning Manager Reena Brilliot provided updates.

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

Planning Manager Reena Brilliot requested that Commissioners inform staff in advance if there are trainings and speakers they would like to make presentations at an upcoming meeting. **Commissioner Biagini** expressed interest in attending the Planning Commission Academy in Spring if held virtually.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORTS:

1. Planning Commission Budget Update

Development Review Officer Gloria Sciara provided updates.

2. Upcoming Agenda Items

Planning Manager Reena Brilliot provided updates.

3. City Council Actions

Development Review Officer Gloria Sciara provided updates.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 28, 2020.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Ikezi, Commissioner Jain, Chair Saleme, Commissioner Becker, Vice Chair Biagini, Commissioner Cherukuru, and Commissioner Herro