



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Planning Commission

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05/10/2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code §54956 ("The Brown Act") and Section 708 of the Santa Clara City Charter, the Chair calls for a Special Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Clara, to commence and convene on May 10, 2021, at 6:00 pm for a Special Meeting to be held virtually via Zoom, to consider the following matter(s) and to potentially take action with respect to them.

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#### **6:00 PM PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

##### **Call to Order**

**Chair Saleme** called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

##### **Roll Call**

**Commissioner Biagini** notified the Commission that she would be joining the meeting late and joined the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

**Present** 5 - Vice Chair Priya Cherukuru, Commissioner Ricci Herro,  
Commissioner Qian Huang, Commissioner Yuki Ikezi, and  
Commissioner Lance Saleme

**Absent** 1 - Chair Nancy A. Biagini

#### **DECLARATION OF COMMISSION PROCEDURES**

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

#### **CONTINUANCES/EXCEPTIONS**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Commissioner Cherukuru** pulled Item 1.C from the Consent Calendar for discussion. **Chair Saleme** announced that Item 1.C will be heard after Item 2.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cherukuru, seconded by Commissioner Huang to approve Items 1.A and 1.B.**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Herro, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Ikezi, and Commissioner Saleme

**Absent:** 1 - Chair Biagini

**1.A**     [21-659](#)     Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2021 Meeting

**Recommendation:** Approve the Planning Commission Minutes of the April 28, 2021 Meeting

**1.B**     [21-697](#)     Request to Consider Using Planning Commission Funds for Form Based Code Training

**Recommendation:** There is no staff recommendation.

**1.C**     [21-567](#)     Action on a Use Permit for a Master Sign Program at 2350 Mission College Boulevard

**Recommendation:**     Alternative 1: Adopt a Resolution to approve a Use Permit for a Master Sign Program at 2350 Mission College Boulevard.

**Associate Planner Debby Fernandez** provided an overview of the project. **Commissioner Cherukuru** inquired about placemaking and the use of the property. **David Andris, South Bay Development**, provided an update to the project.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cherukuru, seconded by Chair Saleme to approve staff recommendation.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Biagini, Vice Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Herro, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Ikezi, and Commissioner Saleme

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

2. [21-431](#) Action on the El Camino Real Specific Plan, General Plan Amendment for the creation of four new General Plan land use designations, creation of the El Camino Real Zoning Districts, and an Environmental Impact Report and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

**Recommendation:** That the Planning Commission adopt Resolutions recommending that the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution approving and certifying the Final EIR prepared for the El Camino Real East Specific Plan (SCH # 2019059029), including CEQA Findings.
2. Adopt a resolution approving the El Camino Real Specific Plan, a specific plan consistent with CA Government Code Sections 65450-65457.
3. Adopt a resolution approving a General Plan text amendment creating the Regional Corridor Mixed Use (55-100 DU/AC; 0.2 Commercial FAR); Corridor Mixed Use (45-65 DU/AC); Corridor Residential (16-45 DU/AC); and Ground Floor Commercial Overlay land use designations, and amending the General Plan Land Use diagrams for Phases II and III to reflect the land use designations in the El Camino Real Specific Plan.
4. Adopt an ordinance amending the zoning code to create the El Camino Real Zoning district.

**Principal Planner Lesley Xavier and Alessandra Lundin, Raimi and Associates**, provided the presentation and answered questions from the Commission.

The Commission asked questions regarding the protected bike lane, which properties would be redeveloped, street vendors, potential impacts to historic resources, shuttles, the traffic study, and density. **Assistant City Attorney Alexander Abbe** clarified the process for historic properties, density requirements, and the affordable housing requirements.

**Public Speaker(s):** Howard Myers (ecomment)

Tom Quaglia  
Mathew Reed  
Sylvia Abboud  
Brian Preskitt  
Betsy Megas  
Bruce He  
Adam Thompson  
John Lesnick  
Karl Voelker  
Joey P.  
Adina Levin  
Monica Mallon

Gabby Landaveri  
Linda Knepper

The meeting went into recess at 8:13 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Biagini, Vice Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Herro, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Ikezi, and Commissioner Saleme

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Biagini, Vice Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Herro, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Ikezi, and Commissioner Saleme

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cherukuru, seconded by Commissioner Ikezi to adopt Resolution 1.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Biagini, Vice Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Herro, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Ikezi, and Commissioner Saleme

**Commissioner Huang** disclosed that he met with Bayview Development Group.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Biagini, seconded by Commissioner Cherukuru to adopt Resolution 2 with the friendly amendment from Commissioner Cherukuru that the property located at 3155 El Camino Real be made Corridor residential to allow for 16-45 dwelling units per acre, to create a policy to establish grandfather clause for projects already in the pipeline that are consistent with the Specific Plan, add a policy plan for the historic preservation resources, to consider the solar impact on the north side in the review process, and to recommend data centers as a prohibited use on El Camino Real.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Biagini, Vice Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Herro, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Ikezi, and Commissioner Saleme

**A motion was made by Commissioner Biagini, seconded by Chair Saleme to adopt Resolution 3.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Biagini, Vice Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Herro, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Ikezi, and Commissioner Saleme

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cherukuru, seconded by Commissioner Biagini to adopt Resolution 4 with a friendly amendment by Chair Saleme to consider height of buildings, to prohibit data centers in the Specific Plan, and to recommend the implementation of a free or low-cost shuttle.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Biagini, Vice Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Herro, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Ikezi, and Commissioner Saleme

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

1. Announcements/Other Items

**Planning Manager Reena Brilliot** provided an update of the form-based code training with the City Council and Downtown Community Task Force to take place on June 15, 2021.

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

None.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORTS:**

1. Planning Commission Budget Update

**Office Specialist IV Elizabeth Elliott** provided an update on the Planning Commission budget.

2. Upcoming Agenda Items

**Planning Manager Reena Brilliot** informed the Commission of a potential cancellation for the May 26, 2021 meeting and thanked them for their flexibility in meeting dates.

3. City Council Actions

**Staff Liaison Gloria Sciara** provided updates.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Biagini, seconded by Chair Saleme to adjourn the meeting.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.**

**The next regular scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 6 p.m.**

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