



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission

01/10/2022

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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 January 10, 2022, 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.

Pursuant to California Government Code section 54953(e) and City of Santa Clara Resolution 21-9038, the Planning Commission meeting will be held by teleconference only. No physical location will be available for this meeting; however, the City of Santa Clara continues to provide methods for the public to participate remotely:

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6:00 PM SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order

Chair Biagini called the special meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Statement of Values

Roll Call

Present 7 - Chair Nancy A. Biagini, Vice Chair Priya Cherukuru, Commissioner Ricci Herro, Commissioner Qian Huang, Commissioner Yuki Ikezi, Commissioner Lance Saleme, and Commissioner Yashraj Bhatnagar

DECLARATION OF COMMISSION PROCEDURES

Secretary Herro read the Declaration of Commission Procedures.

CONTINUANCES/EXCEPTIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Assistant Director of Community Development Reena Brilliot requested that Item 1.B be moved to the Public Hearing Calendar to be heard after Item 2.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cherukuru, seconded by Commissioner Bhatnagar to approve Item 1.A with a minor modification.

Aye: 7 - Chair Biagini, Vice Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Herro, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Ikezi, Commissioner Saleme, and Commissioner Bhatnagar

1.A [22-70](#) Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2021 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the Planning Commission Minutes of the December 8, 2021 Meeting

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. [22-1718](#) Patrick Henry Drive Specific Plan Study Session

Principal Planner John Davidson provided a PowerPoint presentation. **Assistant Director of Community Development Reena Brilliot** and **Director of Community Development Andrew Crabtree** provided input on this item.

Public Speakers:

Erica Valentine, UA Local 393, spoke in favor of the project and asked that the Commission recommend the use of local skilled labor for this project.

Jonathon Evans, member of Santa Clara Library Board of Trustees, spoke in favor of the project and request for a Library to be established at this location.

Edward Strine, resident, spoke and suggested that a fitness center, similar to a 24-Hour Fitness Center, be considered for this area.

Jan Hintermeister, member of Santa Clara Library Board of Trustees, spoke and urged the Commission to take into consideration the growing population in this area and accommodate this growth with a Library in this location.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Biagini, Vice Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Herro, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Ikezi, Commissioner Saleme, and Commissioner Bhatnagar

- 1.B [22-1542](#) Review and Recommend to the City Council to Approve Adoption of an IS/MND, a Billboard Relocation Agreement and Zoning Code Amendment to allow the installation of a new single-sided LED digital billboard at 630 Laurelwood Road

Recommendation: That the Planning Commission take the following actions:

1. Adopt a resolution recommending Council adoption of the Initial Study (IS)/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) prepared for this project and the mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP);
2. Recommend adoption of the Zoning Code Text Amendment to allow for increased sign height; and
3. Recommend approval of the Billboard Relocation Agreement.

Assistant Planner Tiffany Vien provide a Powerpoint presentation.

Applicant Jeff McCuen spoke. **Sean Marciniak, Outfront Media**, spoke and noted he provided materials to staff on the day of the meeting.

Public Speakers:

Jonathon Evans - spoke in opposition of the project and requested to know which billboard are being taken down.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Biagini, Vice Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Herro, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Ikezi, Commissioner Saleme, and Commissioner Bhatnagar

A motion was made by Commissioner Ikezi, seconded by Commissioner Huang to approve Staff Recommendation 1.

Aye: 7 - Chair Biagini, Vice Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Herro, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Ikezi, Commissioner Saleme, and Commissioner Bhatnagar

A motion was made by Commissioner Ikezi, seconded by Commissioner Bhatnagar to approve Staff Recommendation 2.

Aye: 5 - Chair Biagini, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Ikezi, Commissioner Saleme, and Commissioner Bhatnagar

Nay: 2 - Vice Chair Cherukuru, and Commissioner Herro

A motion was made by Commissioner Ikezi, seconded by Commissioner Huang to approve Staff Recommendation 3.

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

Nay: 3 - Chair Biagini, Vice Chair Cherukuru, and Commissioner Herro

The meeting went into recess at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

3. [22-71](#) Study Session: 2021 State Housing Legislation Update

Assistant City Attorney Alexander Abbe provided a presentation on recently passed legislation and answered questions from the Commission.

REPORTS OF COMMISSION/BOARD LIAISON AND COMMITTEE:

1. Announcements/Other Items
2. Commissioner Travel and Training Reports, Requests to attend Trainings
 1. Joint Venture State of the Valley - February 18, 2022
 2. LCC Planning Commissioner Academy - March 16-18, 2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Saleme, seconded by Commissioner Herro to expend funds for Commissioners to attend the conferences of their choice.

Aye: 7 - Chair Biagini, Vice Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Herro, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Ikezi, Commissioner Saleme, and Commissioner Bhatnagar

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORTS:

1. Planning Commission Budget Update

Office Specialist IV Elizabeth Elliott provided budget updates.

2. Upcoming Agenda Items

Assistant Director of Community Development Reena Brilliot provided updates.

3. City Council Actions

Assistant Director of Community Development Reena Brilliot provided updates.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Saleme, seconded by Commissioner Cherukuru to adjourn the meeting in honor of Assistant Director of Community Development Reena Brilliot's birthday. Motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

Aye: 7 - Chair Biagini, Vice Chair Cherukuru, Commissioner Herro, Commissioner Huang, Commissioner Ikezi, Commissioner Saleme, and Commissioner Bhatnagar

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