



MINUTES

San Rafael Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 7:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

(669) 900-9128

Meeting ID: 897-5534-1830#

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Present: Chair Mercado
Commissioner Davidson
Commissioner Hill
Commissioner Previtali
Commissioner Samudzi
Commissioner Saude

Absent: Commissioner Lubamersky

Also Present: Raffi Boloyan, Planning Manager
Alicia Giudice, Principal Planner
Barry Miller, Project Planner
Paul Jensen, Community Development Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mercado called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and invited Principal Planner Alicia Giudice to call the roll. All commissioners were present, except for Commissioner Lubamersky.

APPROVAL OR REVISION OF ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING PROCEDURES

Chair Mercado invited Planning Manager Raffi Boloyan who informed the community the meeting would be streamed live to YouTube and members of the public would provide public comment either on the telephone or through YouTube live chat. He explained the process for community participation through the telephone and on YouTube.

Chair Mercado reviewed the procedures for the meeting.

URGENT COMMUNICATION

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Mercado invited public comment; however, there was none.

Commissioner Davidson moved and Commissioner Samudzi seconded to approve the Consent Calendar.

1. Approval of the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2020

Approved as submitted

AYES: Commissioners: Davidson, Hill, Previtali, Samudzi, Saude & Chair Mercado

NOES: Commissioners: None

ABSENT: Commissioners: Lubamersky

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None

Motion carried 6-0

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Project: General Plan 2040

The Planning Commission will conduct its first public hearings on the Draft General Plan 2040 on October 27 and November 12, 2020. The October 27 hearing will cover Chapters 1-9 of the Draft Plan (now available for review at <https://www.sanrafael2040.org>). The November 12 hearing will cover Chapters 10-14. The purpose of each hearing is to receive initial public comments on the Draft Plan chapters. Opportunities for public comment will continue at future hearings to be convened in December 2020 and early 2021, concurrently with review of the Downtown Precise Plan and a Draft Environmental Impact Report covering both projects. The Commission is tentatively scheduled to take action on the 2040 General Plan in March 2021. The City Council will hold public hearings following Planning Commission action. Case Nos. GPA16-001 & P16-013.
Project Planner: Barry Miller

Barry Miller, Project Planner presented the staff report.

Staff responded to comments and questions from the Commissioners.

Chair Mercado declared the public hearing opened.

Speakers: Laura Silverman, Claire Halenbeck, Scott Frerich, Susan Coleman, Regina

Kretschmer, Pamela Reaves, Laurie Pirini, Shirley Fischer, Chris Hart, Kate Powers, Bill Carney, Roger Smith, David Smith, Barbara Salzman

Staff responded to public comments.

Commissioners responded to public comments.

Barry Miller, Project Planner discussed in order chapters 1-9 of the Draft Plan. He and Paul Jensen, Community Development Director responded to comments and questions from the Commissioners after each chapter.

Commissioner Previtali moved and Commissioner Samudzi seconded to accept the report, provide their comments as discussed throughout the meeting, and continue the hearing to November 12, 2020 for the remaining chapters

AYES: Commissioners: Davidson, Hill, Previtali, Samudzi, Saude & Chair Mercado
NOES: Commissioners: None
ABSENT: Commissioners: Lubamersky
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None

Motion carried 6-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Alicia Giudice, Principal Planner announced:

- Marin County has moved into Tier 3 in regards to the Shelter in Place Order, and City Hall is starting a reopening process
- City furlough days coming up on November 9 and 10, and Veterans Day on November 11, so offices will be closed
- City furlough days on November 23, 24 and 25 before Thanksgiving, so City Hall is closed the entire week
- General Plan updates coming up in November and December
- Due to furlough days and holidays, upcoming Planning Commission meetings to be held on November 12, November 17, December 8 and December 15.
- November 24 and December 29th Planning Commission meeting will be cancelled

COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mercado adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2020

ALDO MERCADO, Chair