



MINUTES

**San Rafael Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 7:00 P.M.**

Virtual Meeting

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

Absent: Commissioner Lubamersky

Also Present: Alicia Giudice, Planning Manager
Michele Ginn, Permit Services Coordinator
Barry Miller, Project Planner
Paul Jensen, Community Development Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Samudzi called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and invited Planning Manager 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 Samudzi invited Planning Manager Alicia Giudice 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 Zoom or YouTube live chat. She explained the process for community participation on the telephone, Zoom and YouTube.

Chair Samudzi reviewed the procedures for the meeting.

URGENT COMMUNICATION

Correspondence in real-time through YouTube, Zoom or telephone

- Name withheld, suggested that speakers could identify themselves first before speaking

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

1. **Approval of the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2021**
Approved as submitted

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

NOES: Commissioners: None

ABSENT: Commissioners: Lubamersky

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: Mercado

Motion carried 4-0-1

PUBLIC HEARING

2. **Draft Environmental Impact Report for General Plan 2040 and Downtown San Rafael Precise Plan**

The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for General Plan 2040 and the Downtown Precise Plan on March 9, 2021. The hearing is the final step in the public review period for the DEIR and provides an opportunity for public comment on the environmental review document.

Case Nos.: GPA16-001 & P16-013

Project Planner: Barry Miller

Barry Miller, Project Planner and Steve Noack and Torina Wilson, EIR Consultants from PlaceWorks presented the Staff Report.

Staff responded to questions from the Commissioners.

Chair Samudzi invited public comment.

Speakers: Linzy Klumpp, San Rafael Heritage, Jeffrey Rhoads, San Rafael Heritage, Leslie Simons, San Rafael Heritage, Bill Carny, Sustainable San Rafael, Kate Powers, Brad Sears

Commissioners provided comments. Staff responded to questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Mercado moved and Commissioner Previtali seconded to accept the report.

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

NOES: Commissioners: None

ABSENT: Commissioners: Lubamersky

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None

Motion carried 5-0

Accepted report

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Planning Manager Alicia Giudice reported:

- Meeting on March 23 will include a Draft ADU Ordinance
- Planning Commissioner recruitment is active

COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Samudzi adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2021

SHINGAI SAMUDZI, Chair