

MINUTES



San Rafael Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

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In response to Executive Order N-29-20, the City of San Rafael will no longer offer an in-person meeting location for the public to attend. This meeting will be held virtually using Zoom and is being streamed to YouTube at www.youtube.com/cityofsanrafael.

How to participate in the meeting:

- Submit public comments in writing before 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting to Alicia.giudice@cityofsanrafael.org.
- Join the Zoom webinar and use the 'raise hand' feature to provide verbal public comment.
- Dial-in to Zoom's telephone number using the meeting ID and provide verbal public comment.

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Present: Chair Samudzi
Commissioner Davidson
Commissioner Haveman
Commissioner Lubamersky
Commissioner Mercado
Commissioner Saude

Absent: Vice Chair Previtali

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Samudzi called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and welcomed newly appointed Planning Commissioner Haveman. He then invited Community Development Director Alicia Giudice to call the roll. All commissioners were present at roll call, except for Commissioner

Mercado and Vice Chair Previtali. Commissioner Mercado turned his camera on after the roll call, at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OR REVISION OF ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS

None

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING PROCEDURES

Chair Samudzi invited Community Development Director 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. She explained the process for community participation on the telephone and Zoom.

Chair Samudzi reviewed the procedures for the meeting.

URGENT COMMUNICATION

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

NOES: Commissioners: None

ABSENT: Commissioners: Mercado, Previtali

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: Haveman

Motion carried 4-0

After the roll call for this vote, Community Development Director Alicia Giudice announced that she now recognizes Commissioner Mercado as being present.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. **Final Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan 2040 and the Downtown Precise Plan**
 - a) Resolution Recommending to the City Council Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) (SCH #2019039167) Prepared for the San Rafael General Plan 2040 and Downtown San Rafael Precise Plan
 - b) Report on the Upcoming Review of the San Rafael General Plan 2040 Document and the Downtown Precise PlanProject Planners: Barry Miller

Barry Miller, Project Planner and Steve Noack, PlaceWorks presented the Staff Report.

Staff responded to questions from the Commissioners.

Chair Samudzi invited public comment.

Speakers: Bill Carney, Sustainable San Rafael, Victoria DeWitt, Bell Cole, Organizing for Action (OFA), Barbara Salzman, Leslie Simons

Staff responded to questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioners provided comments.

Commissioner Mercado moved and Commissioner Saude seconded to adopt the resolution as submitted, with the additional “Whereas” clause to the top of page 3 as presented by staff.

AYES: Commissioners: Davidson, Haveman, Lubamersky, Mercado, Saude & Chair Samudzi

NOES: Commissioners: None

ABSENT: Commissioners: Previtali

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None

Motion carried 6-0

*Resolution 21-02 - Resolution of the San Rafael Planning Commission Recommending to the City Council Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) (SCH #2019039167) Prepared for the San Rafael General Plan 2040 and Downtown San Rafael Precise Plan;
and Continued the Public Hearing to 6/29/2021*

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- Discussion of reopening plan and staff recruitment
- Summary of the last Design Review Board meeting
- Marin Municipal Water District Board meeting tonight, topics to include possible moratorium on development
- Hotel on East Francisco update
- Inquiries from Commissioners on Marin IJ article on City considering purchasing lands from Caltrans

COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

- The Commission congratulated new Community Development Director Alicia Giudice
- Commissioner Davidson’s last meeting will be on June 29, 2021
- Chair Samudzi welcomed a baby girl this past week

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Samudzi adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2021

SHINGAI SAMUDZI, Chair