



City of Santa Barbara

PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2024

1:00 P.M.

City Hall, Council Chambers
735 Anacapa Street
SantaBarbaraCA.gov

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

John M. Baucke, *Chair*
Devon Wardlow, *Vice Chair*
Brian Barnwell
Lucille Boss
Donald DeLuccio
Sheila Lodge
Lesley Wiscomb

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:

Mike Jordan

STAFF:

Tava Ostrenger, Assistant City Attorney
Megan Arciniega, Senior Planner
Mariah Johnson, Commission Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Baucke called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair John M. Baucke, Vice Chair Devon Wardlow, Commissioners Brian Barnwell, Lucille Boss, Donald DeLuccio, Sheila Lodge, and Lesley Wiscomb

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Tava Ostrenger, Assistant City Attorney
Megan Arciniega, Senior Planner
Christopher Bell, City TV Production Supervisor
Janet Ahern, City TV Production Specialist
Mariah Johnson, Commission Secretary

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Requests for continuances, withdrawals, postponements, or addition of ex-agenda items:

No requests.

B. Announcements and appeals:

Ms. Arciniega announced that on January 8, 2024 the City put out a media release for the La Cumbre Macy's redevelopment. Earlier in the Spring the developers submitted a Pre-Application for redevelopment of the site that exceeded the City's Charter height limit. Initially the City understood that the City Charter height limit prevailed over the State

Bonus Density Law and the City provided that feedback to the applicant team. Since that time, the City sought outside council and found that the State Bonus Density Law trumps the City's Charter height limit. In the second review this winter the City informed the developers that they could exceed the height limit using a State Bonus Density Waiver. Environmental review, design review, and policy review will still apply.

C. Review, consideration, and action on the following draft Planning Commission minutes and resolutions:

1. December 21, 2023 Planning Commission Minutes
2. Planning Commission Resolution No. 015-23
Highway 101 Segment 4E
3. Planning Commission Resolution No. 016-23
1509 Shoreline Drive

MOTION: Wiscomb / Wardlow

Approve the minutes and resolutions as amended.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 2 (Lodge and Barnwell) Absent: 0

D. Comments from members of the public pertaining to items not on this agenda:

Public comment opened at 1:09 p.m., and as no one wished to speak, it closed.

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

ACTUAL TIME: 1:10 P.M.

Training on City's Planning Application Review Process

Reference Number: PLN2024-00017

Overview and discussion of the City's Planning Application review process, the Planning Commission's role within the Planning entitlement process, including making findings, making environmental review determinations, and considering conditions of approval.

Megan Arciniega, Senior Planner, gave the Staff presentation.

Written correspondence from Steven A. Johnson was acknowledged.

Discussion held.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**ACTUAL TIME: 3:09 P.M.****A. Committee and Liaison Reports:****1. Staff Hearing Officer Liaison Report**

No report.

2. Other Committee and Liaison Reports

- a. Chair Baucke reported on the upcoming Objective Design Standards Working Group meeting on February 9, 2024.
- b. Commissioner DeLuccio reported on the upcoming Historic Landmarks Commission meeting of January 31, 2024.
- c. Commissioner Barnwell reported on the Open House at La Cumbre Plaza on January 17, 2024.

MOTION: Barnwell / Wiscomb

Request for a discussion on subcommittees and workshops be added to a Planning Commission agenda.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Baucke adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Submitted by,



Mariah Johnson, Commission Secretary