



City of Santa Barbara

PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2023

1:00 P.M.
City Hall, Council Chambers
735 Anacapa Street
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COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Roxana Bonderson, Chair
John M. Baucke, Vice Chair
Lucille Boss
Sheila Lodge
Devon Wardlow
Lesley Wiscomb

STAFF:

Tava Ostrenger, Assistant City Attorney
Allison DeBusk, Senior Planner
Gillian Fennessy, Commission Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bonderson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Roxana Bonderson, Commissioners John M. Baucke, Lucille Boss, Sheila Lodge, Devon Wardlow, and Lesley Wiscomb

STAFF PRESENT

Tava Ostrenger, Assistant City Attorney
Allison DeBusk, Senior Planner
Tony Ruggieri, City TV Production Supervisor
Janet Ahern, City TV Production Specialist
Krystal Vaughn, Administrative Supervisor
Kira Esparza, Commission Secretary

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Nominations and election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Wiscomb / Lodge

Nomination of Commissioner Bonderson as Chair and Commissioner Baucke as Vice Chair for the 2023 calendar year.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

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

No requests.

C. Announcements and appeals:

Ms. DeBusk announced the following:

1. An Emergency Coastal Development Permit for the harbor was issued on January 11, 2023 by the Coastal Commission to address damages from the recent storm.
2. Staff has received an appeal for the project at 621 W. Micheltorena Street and it will be heard at City Council on March 14, 2023. Commissioner Baucke will be the Planning Commission representative.
3. Staff has received an appeal for the project at 2315 Edgewater Way, and it will be heard at City Council on February 7, 2023. Commissioner Wiscomb will be representative.

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

Public comment opened at 1:10 p.m.

The following individual spoke:

1. E Planet Thunderstriker

Public comment closed at 1:11 p.m.

1. December 8, 2022 Planning Commission Minutes
2. Planning Commission Resolution No. 014-22
1364 Shoreline Drive

MOTION: Wiscomb / Lodge

Approve the December 8, 2022 minutes and resolutions as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 1 (Boss) Absent: 0

3. December 15, 2022 Planning Commission Minutes
4. Planning Commission Resolution No. 015-22
533 E. Micheltorena Street
5. Planning Commission Resolution No. 016-22
621 W. Micheltorena Street

MOTION: Wiscomb / Lodge

Approve the December 15, 2022 minutes and resolutions as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 1 (Boss) Absent: 0

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

Public comment opened at 1:17 p.m.

The following individuals spoke:

1. E Planet Thunderstriker

Public comment closed at 1:19 p.m.

III. **NEW ITEM**

ACTUAL TIME: 1:19 P.M.

DRAFT FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 TO 2028

Application Number: PLN2023-00016

Review of projects added to the City's Draft Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2024 to 2028 for consistency with the General Plan per Government Code §65103(c) and §65401. The City Planner, City Engineer, and the City Boards and Commissions governing each program area have reviewed the proposed CIP projects.

Michael Pease, Public Works Business Manager, gave the Staff presentation. Cliff Mauer, Public Works Director; Fire Chief Mailes; Sara Iza, Airport Development Manager; Melissa Hetrick, Acting Energy and Climate Manager; Angela Oslund, Facilities and Fleet Manager; Dan Gullet, Interim City Planner; Jessica Grant, Transportation Manager; George Johnson, Creeks Supervisor; and representatives from all other departments listed in the CIP were available to answer questions.

Public comment opened at 1:35 p.m., and as no one wished to speak, it closed.

*** THE COMMISSION RECESSED FROM 2:05 TO 2:15 P.M. ***

Commissioner comments:

Commissioner Wiscomb:

- Supports the purpose of today's meeting.
- Disappointed on the funding for the Fire Department.
- Pleased that the Fire Department has received the grant, but more emphasis needs to be placed on public safety and hopes the department can receive additional funds in the future.
- The Central Library Faulkner Gallery AV upgrade is a much-needed project. It is a community center used for broad purposes and public meetings and has an antiquated AV capacity. This project should be a priority.
- Central Library Fire Protection project is a public safety project. Dismayed that a majority of the project remains without fire safety and feels the project should be prioritized.
- Pleased that the Braemar Lift station rehabilitation is gaining some traction.

- Wastewater and Water Systems Sea Level Rise Adaptation Report project is an essential project because critical infrastructure could be threatened by sea level rise.
- Projects that are interlinked should be footnoted or cross-referenced so they don't appear as separate projects without any connection.
- Projects in different departments that are working together should be noted as such for public understanding.
- Believes the draft CIP is consistent with the General Plan.

Commissioner Boss:

- Appreciates staff for being proactive in seeking out grant funding.
- Looks forward to the master plans, including workforce housing.
- Appreciates that ADA compliance and upgrades have been called out in multiple projects.

Commissioner Wardlow:

- Finds the CIP consistent with the General Plan
- Appreciates the staff work effort to make the CIP as comprehensive and as easy to understand as possible.
- Exciting to see all the work that will be coming to the City in the coming years.
- Frustrating to see certain State required projects are prioritized over projects that address local needs.

Commissioner Bonderson:

- Hopes that the improvements to 630 Garden Street will help all work better together and improve the processes with Planning Commission.
- Thanks staff from various departments for their patience and attending and answering all questions from the Commission. It is helpful to understand the process on how projects move through the queue.
- Would have liked to see more housing in the new proposals and hopes to see more in future proposals.
- Finds the CIP consistent with General Plan.

MOTION: Wiscomb / Lodge

The Commission finds the projects added to the Draft Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2024 to 2028 to be consistent with the General Plan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**ACTUAL TIME: 2:47 P.M.**

A. Appointment of Staff Hearing Officer Liaison.

MOTION: Bonderson / Baucke

Nominate Commissioner Boss as Staff Hearing Officer Liaison, and Commissioner Wardlow as the Alternate.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

B. Committee and Liaison Reports:

1. Staff Hearing Officer Liaison Report

No report.

2. Other Committee and Liaison Reports

a. Commissioner Bonderson reported on the December 19, 2022 Consent meeting of the Architectural Board of Review.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bonderson adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Submitted by,



Kira Esparza, Commission Secretary