



City of Santa Barbara

PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2026

1:00 P.M.
City Hall, Council Chambers
735 Anacapa Street
SantaBarbaraCA.gov

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:

Mike Jordan

STAFF:

Tava Ostrenger, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Megan Arciniega, Senior Planner
Jasper Carman, Commission Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioners Benjamin Peterson and Devon Wardlow

STAFF PRESENT

Tava Ostrenger, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Megan Arciniega, Senior Planner
Melissa Hetrick, Adaptation and Resilience Manager
Timmy Bolton, Senior Climate Adaptation Analyst
Michael Wells, Climate Adaptation Analyst
Christopher Bell, City TV Production Supervisor
Janet Ahern, City TV Production Specialist
Jasper Carman, 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 the Planning Commission approval for the project at 2339 Edgewater Way has been appealed to the City Council and will be heard at the end of June.

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

1. March 12, 2026 Planning Commission Minutes
2. March 19, 2026 Planning Commission Minutes
3. Planning Commission Resolution No. 004-26
2339 Edgewater Way

MOTION: Barnwell / Baucke

Approve the March 12, 2026 minutes as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2 (Peterson and Wardlow)

MOTION: Barnwell / Wiscomb

Approve the March 19, 2026 minutes and resolution as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 1 (Boss) Absent: 2 (Peterson and Wardlow)

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

Public comment opened at 1:06 p.m., and as no one wished to speak, it closed.

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

ACTUAL TIME: 1:06 P.M.

REVIEW OF OPTIONS FOR WATERFRONT ADAPTATION PLAN

Application Number: CITY2026-00011

Applicant: Timmy Bolton / Sustainability and Resilience Department

That the Commission receive an update on coastal erosion and flooding hazards at the Waterfront and potential adaptation options to be studied further in the upcoming Waterfront Adaptation Plan.

Timmy Bolton, Senior Climate Adaptation Analyst, gave the Staff presentation. Melissa Hetrick, Adaptation and Resilience Program Manager, and Michael Wells, Climate Adaptation Analyst, were available to answer questions.

Public comment opened at 1:37 p.m., and as no one wished to speak, it closed.

Commission comments:

1. Regarding Design Direction:
 - a. The Commission supports the elevated levee concept with the raised walking and biking path.
 - b. The Commission appreciates the early engagement in this process.
 - c. The Commission states the importance of acknowledging and emphasizing safety concerns.
 - d. The Commission encourages multilingual engagement.
2. Regarding Additional Options:
 - a. Consider being more aggressive with sand retention and headlands.
 - b. Include lawn or landscaped areas and their recreational or other uses in future planning.
 - c. Consider the underwater environment, specifically kelp, starfish, and artificial reefs.
 - d. Consider economic development or food service in areas where it is not currently available.
 - e. Analyze impacts from and on creeks, specifically creek deltas and Mission Creek.
 - f. Review beach nourishment through trucking or barging in sand.
 - g. Involve people in the commercial fishing industry in the plan review.
3. Regarding Priorities and Tradeoffs:
 - a. Review cost comparison and goals.
 - b. Integrate mitigation with enhancements in commerce, economic development and boating.
4. Regarding Key Questions for Analysis:
 - a. Review financing and cost estimates.
 - b. Consider harbor commercial revenue producing opportunities,
 - c. Build in flexibility in case of emergencies.
 - d. Consider specific vulnerable populations in emergency response.
5. Regarding Timing and Phasing:
 - a. The Commission emphasizes the elevated levee again and prioritizing sand retention.
 - b. Defer to experts on timing recommendations.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**ACTUAL TIME: 2:36 P.M.**

- A. Committee and Liaison Reports:
 1. Staff Hearing Officer Liaison Report
No report.
 2. Other Committee and Liaison Reports
No reports.
- B. Discussion on Subcommittees and Workshops
Discussion held.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Boss adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jasper Carman, Commission Secretary