



City of Santa Barbara

PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

1:00 P.M.

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COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Deborah L. Schwartz, Chair
Gabriel Escobedo, Vice Chair
Roxana Bonderson
Jay D. Higgins
Sheila Lodge
Barrett Reed
Lesley Wiscomb

STAFF:

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Gabriel Escobedo, Commissioners Roxana Bonderson, Jay D. Higgins, Sheila Lodge, Barrett Reed, and Lesley Wiscomb

Absent: Chair Schwartz

STAFF PRESENT

Tava Ostrenger, Assistant City Attorney
Allison DeBusk, Senior Planner
Ted Hamilton, Assistant Planner
Tony Boughman, Associate Planner
Tony Ruggieri, City TV Production Supervisor
Janet Ahern, City TV Production Specialist
Gillian Fennessy, Commission Secretary

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

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

No requests.

B. Announcements and appeals:

Ms. DeBusk announced that the City will be issuing an Emergency Coastal Development Permit on September 8, 2021 at 1421 Shoreline Drive to cut down a cypress tree that is

in failing health. The City has issued a public notice as the tree is visible from Thousand Steps which is a fairly prominent location.

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

1. August 12, 2021 Planning Commission Minutes
2. Planning Commission Resolution No. 004-21
360 Chapala Street
3. Planning Commission Resolution No. 005-21
GMP Nonresidential Allocation

MOTION: Wiscomb / Bonderson

Approve the August 12, 2021 minutes and associated resolutions as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Schwartz)

4. August 19, 2021 Planning Commission Minutes
5. Planning Commission Resolution No. 006-21
501 Ninos Drive (Dwight Murphey Field)
6. Planning Commission Resolution No. 007-21
1309 State Street

MOTION: Wiscomb / Bonderson

Approve the August 19, 2021 minutes and associated resolutions as amended.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 1 (Higgins) Absent: 1 (Schwartz)

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.

Written correspondence from Anne Hubbard was acknowledged.

III. CONTINUED ITEM CONTINUED FROM JULY 8, 2021**ACTUAL TIME: 1:08 P.M.****801 CLIFF DRIVE (APN: 045-250-008) HABITAT RESTORATION STATUS REPORT (PLN2014-00586)**

The Planning Commission will receive a status report on the Honda Valley Monarch Butterfly Habitat Restoration and Monitoring Plan for the 801 Cliff Drive project, as required by Planning Commission Resolution No. 020-16 Condition G.1, Restoration Plan Update. This condition requires the Project Environment Coordinator (PEC) to return to the Planning Commission at a public hearing at year 3 and at year 5 to present status reports of the restoration plan.

EX PARTE COMMUNICATION: Commissioner Higgins disclosed an ex parte communication regarding a site visit with the applicant and the biologist.

Tony Boughman, Associate Planner, gave the Staff presentation, and was available to answer questions.

Mark De La Garza, Project Environmental Coordinator (PEC), Environmental Inc.; and Lawrence Hunt, Restoration Biologist, Hunt & Associates Biological Consulting Services were available to answer questions.

Public comment opened at 1:32 p.m., and as no one wished to speak, it closed.

Commissioner comments:

Vice Chair Escobedo:

- Would be interested in requiring ongoing reports beyond the five years to make sure the habitat is maintained at the same or as near as possible to the same quality it is currently.

Commissioner Wiscomb:

- Appreciates the photos in the report and believes that they tell a great story.
- Could support Vice Chair Escobedo's idea of continuation of monitoring beyond the five years because she would hate to see the site after five years not weeded and degraded and urges staff and the team to consider that.

Commissioner Lodge:

- Agrees with Commissioner Wiscomb's comments and believes that the site needs to be kept in view to ensure that it stays the way that it is supposed to be.

Discussion held.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

ACTUAL TIME: 2:00 P.M.

A. Committee and Liaison Reports:

1. Staff Hearing Officer Liaison Report

Commissioner Higgins reported on recent Staff Hearing Officer meetings.

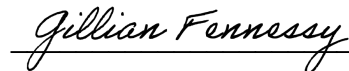
2. Other Committee and Liaison Reports

- a. Commissioner Bonderson reported on the August 23, 2021 meeting of the Architectural Board of Review.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Escobedo adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

Submitted by,



Gillian Fennessy, Commission Secretary