

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

**ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ESCONDIDO PLANNING COMMISSION**

July 26, 2022

The meeting of the Escondido Planning Commission was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chair Barba, in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Katharine Barba, Chair; Rick Paul, Vice-Chair; David Barber, Commissioner; and Stan Weiler, Commissioner.

Commissioners absent: Dao Doan, Commissioner; Carrie Mecaro, Commissioner; Barry Speer, Commissioner.

Staff present: Andrew Firestine, Director of Development Services; Adam Finestone, City Planner; Dare Delano, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Jason Christman, Principal Engineer; Veronica Morones, Senior Planner; and Jessica Engel, Minutes Clerk.

MINUTES:

Moved by Chair Barba, seconded by Commissioner Barber, to approve the Action Minutes of the July 12, 2022, Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried (4-0). Ayes: Barba, Paul, Barber, and Weiler. Absent: Doan, Mecaro, and Speer.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATION: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

CURRENT BUSINESS:**1. 2022 General Plan Amendment - General Plan Community Protection Chapter Updates, Environmental Justice Element:**

REQUEST: Receive information on upcoming community outreach and engagement meetings for the 2022 General Plan Amendment work effort to update the City's Community Protection chapter (safety element) and create a new Environmental Justice Element.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Not a project under CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5).

APPLICANT: City of Escondido

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioners discussed the updates, including transparency, reviewing previous General Plan policies, potential re-zoning, identification of disadvantaged communities, the use of a mapping website, and general feedback received by the Public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Erika Carter provided comments on the City's outreach efforts.

COMMISSION ACTION: None.

2. PL22-0357 / Planning Commission By-Laws:

REQUEST: Amendment of Planning Commission By-Laws.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Not a project under CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5).

APPLICANT: Development Services Department

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Review existing Planning Commission By-Laws and discuss potential revisions to be incorporated into forthcoming draft amended document.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioners discussed potential changes, including extending the length of time for public testimony, public contact with Commissioners, potential City email addresses for Commissioners, changing meeting time, cut off time for written communication, and distribution of the agenda.

COMMISSION ACTION: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATION: None

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

Vice-Chair Paul requested to add a discussion about covered parking to a future agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

City Planner Adam Finestone introduced Jason Christman, Principal Engineer; and Andrew Firestone, Director of Development Services, to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Barba adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.


Adam Finestone, Secretary to the
Escondido Planning Commission
Jessica Engel, Minutes Clerk

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