

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

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

February 22, 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, Commissioner; Herminia Ramirez, Commissioner; and Stan Weiler, Commissioner.

Commissioners absent: Dao Doan, Commissioner; Ingrid Rainey, Vice-Chair; Nathan Serrato, Commissioner.

Staff present: Adam Finestone, Interim Director of Community Development; Kurt Whitman, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Owen Tunnell, Assistant City Engineer; Veronica Morones, Senior Planner; and Jessica Engel, Minutes Clerk.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Weiler, seconded by Chair Barba, to approve the Action Minutes of the February 22, 2022, Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried (3-0). Ayes: Paul, Ramirez and Weiler; Absent: Doan, Rainey and Serrato; Abstained: Barba.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: A letter was provided to the Commissioners from the Sierra Club North County Group and an email from Patricia Borchmann.

FUTURE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

CURRENT BUSINESS:**1. 2022 General Plan Amendment: Community Protection Chapter (Safety Element) Update and Creation of an Environmental Justice Element – PL22-0010:**

REQUEST: Receive report and provide feedback on a draft community outreach and engagement plan for the concurrent work effort to update the City's Community Protection chapter (safety element) and create a new Environmental Justice Element.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Consideration of this request is categorically exempt from additional environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15306 (Information Collection), as information and data will be collected to assist with the necessary General Plan element tasks as outlined above. The actual update to the Safety Element and creation of the Environmental Justice Element will be subject to further environmental review in the context of an appropriate environmental review document in compliance with CEQA requirements.

APPLICANT: City of Escondido

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioners discussed the outreach plan including safety issues related to the Lake Wohlford dam, community involvement, utilization of a cross section of (interdepartmental) City staff, and the written communications received.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Interim Director of Community Development Adam Finestone noted that Senior Deputy City Attorney Kurt Whitman will be leaving the City. He also stated that the regularly scheduled meeting of March 8, 2022 would be cancelled. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on March 22, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Barba adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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Adam Finestone, Secretary to the
Escondido Planning Commission

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Jessica Engel, Minutes Clerk

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