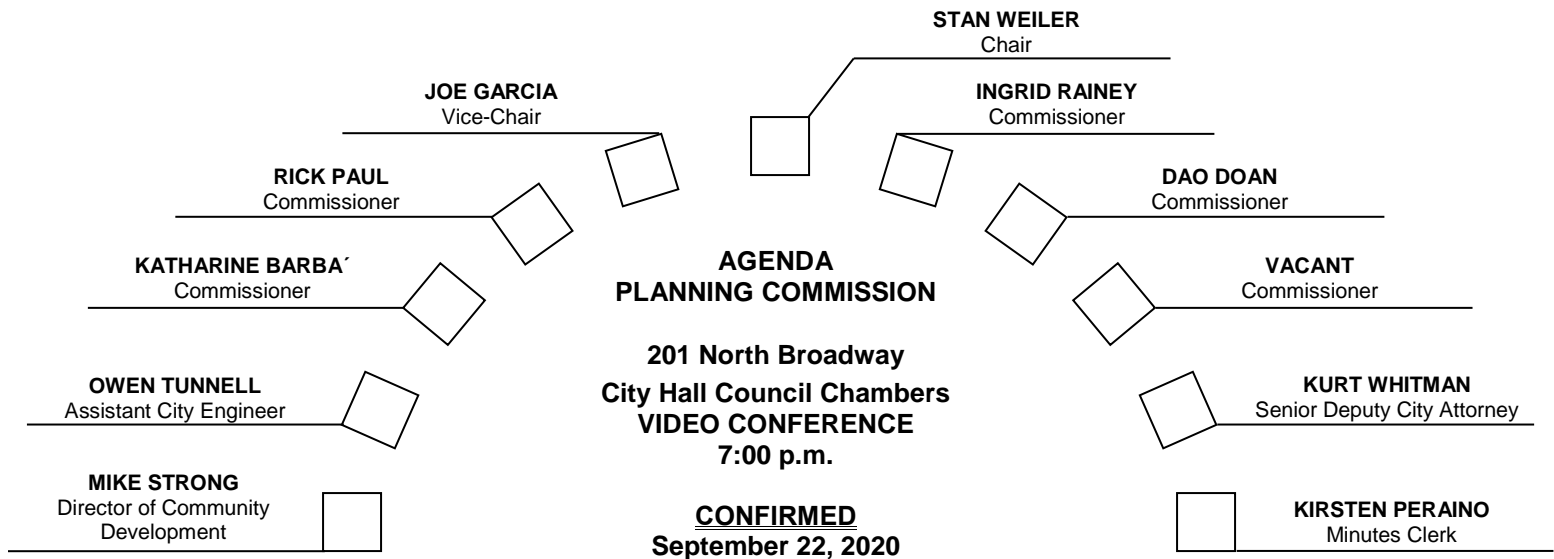


CITY OF ESCONDIDO

Planning Commission and Staff Seating



- A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.**
- B. FLAG SALUTE**
- C. ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Barba', Doan, Garcia, Paul, and Weiler; Rainey arrived after roll call at 7:07 p.m.**
- D. MINUTES: 09/08/20 APPROVED 5-0-0 (Rainey arrived after vote count)**

The Brown Act provides an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Planning Commission on any item of interest to the public before or during the Planning Commission's consideration of the item. If you wish to speak regarding an agenda item, please fill out a speaker's slip and give it to the minutes clerk who will forward it to the chairman.

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders, including N-25-20 and N-29-20: Certain Brown Act requirements for the holding of a public meeting have been temporarily suspended and members of the Zoning Administrator and staff will participate in this meeting via teleconference. In the interest of reducing the spread of COVID-19, members of the public are encouraged to submit their agenda and non-agenda comments online at the following link <https://www.escondido.org/public-comment-form.aspx>. Council Chambers will be closed, no public allowed.

Public Comment: To submit comments in writing, please do so at the following link: <https://www.escondido.org/public-comment-form.aspx>. If you would like to have the comment read out loud at the meeting (not to exceed three minutes), please write "Read Out Loud" in the subject line. All comments received from the public will be made a part of the record of the meeting. The meeting will be available for viewing via public television on Cox Communications Channel 19 (Escondido only). The meeting will also be live streamed online at the following link: <https://www.escondido.org/> and click on the graphic showing "live stream - meeting in progress".

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E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

"Under State law, all items under Written Communications can have no action, and will be referred to the staff for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda."

1. Future Neighborhood Meetings

F. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

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G. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Please try to limit your testimony to 3 minutes.

1. TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP, CONDOMINIUM PERMIT/PLOT PLAN, AND NON-EMERGENCY DEMOLITION PERMIT; MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION – SUB 19-0010, PHG 19-0050 AND ENV 19-0007:

REQUEST: Tentative Subdivision Map along with a Condominium Permit/Plot Plan for the proposed development of 42 air-space, three-story condominium units. A Non-Emergency Demolition Permit is requested for the proposed demolition of a Spanish Colonial Revival-style adobe structure constructed in 1946 that is classified as a historic resource. The structure originally was constructed as a single-family residence and was converted into a restaurant in 1963 (most recently known as "Hacienda de Vega"), which was shuttered in 2017. Access to the site would be provided from South Escondido Boulevard via a 24-foot-wide private street. South Escondido Boulevard would be improved across the project frontage (eastern side) to include curb, gutter, and sidewalk. A southbound left-turn lane would be striped across the project frontage. Up to 95 parking spaces would be provided on-site (garages/open guest spaces). On-street spaces would be restricted. The proposal also includes the adoption of the environmental determination prepared for the project.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: Approximately 1.75 acres of land generally located on the eastern side of S. Escondido Boulevard, south of Citracado Parkway, east of S. Centre City Parkway, addressed as 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (Assessor Parcel Nos.: 238-152-06-00 and 238-152-07-00).

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: A Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was issued for a 20-day public review, beginning on March 16, 2020, and ending April 6, 2020, in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Sixteen (16) written comments were received during the review period. The IS/MND incorporates mitigation measures that will avoid or mitigate impacts related to cultural/tribal cultural resources and noise to a less than significant level.

APPLICANT: Kitchell Development Company / South Escondido, LP

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval to City Council (Recommend that the City Council adopt the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project; Recommend that the City Council conditionally approve the project)

COMMISSION ACTION: **Approval to City Council 4-2-0 (Doan and Rainey voted No; one vacancy) with the modification to Mitigation Measure CUL-3:**

1. **The interpretive program be reviewed and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission.**

PROJECTED COUNCIL HEARING DATE: **October 21, 2020**
Reso. No. 2020-11

2. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT, DENSITY TRANSFER AGREEMENT, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (MASTER AND PRECISE DEVELOPMENT PLAN), SPECIFIC ALIGNMENT PLANS, GRADING EXEMPTIONS, TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP; AND NON-EMERGENCY DEMOLITION PERMIT; ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT – SUB 18-0011, PHG 18-0049, and ENV 18-0009 (CONTINUED FROM AUGUST 25, 2020):

REQUEST: The project involves a General Plan Amendment (Mobility and Infrastructure Element), Specific Plan Amendment (Downtown Specific Plan), Density Transfer Agreement, Planned Development Permit (Master and Precise Development Plan), Specific Alignment Plans, Grading Exemptions, and Tentative Subdivision Map for the redevelopment of the former Palomar Hospital Downtown Campus and surrounding properties ("Project Site"). The project proposes to construct 510 residential dwelling units (258 for-rent apartments, 90 for-rent senior apartments, and 162 for-sale row-homes and villas) and up to 10,000 square feet of commercial/office space on property currently occupied by the hospital buildings and surrounding medical and general office buildings. All existing buildings on the Project Site would be demolished in order to accommodate the proposed project. The General Plan Amendment would downgrade the roadway classification for a portion of N. Fig Street from "Collector" to "Local Collector." The Specific Plan Amendment would eliminate the requirement for ground-floor commercial uses at the project site through a Planned Development Permit process. The Density Transfer Agreement would allow the transfer of 15 dwelling units from the City's downtown Density Credit Pool to the property west of Valley Boulevard (senior apartment building). The Planned Development Permit would allow ground-floor residential uses on the property, as well as a reduction in the number of required parking spaces and a minor setback encroachment along E. Grand Avenue. The Specific Alignment Plan for Valley Boulevard would accommodate a change to one-way (northbound-only) traffic, with on-street parking on both sides. The Specific Alignment Plan for N. Fig Street is necessary as a result of the reduction in the roadway classification. Grading exemptions are required for fill slopes along the eastern side of the property and at the main project entryway (at the corner of Valley Boulevard, E. Valley Parkway, and N. Hickory Street). The Tentative Subdivision Map would create eight lots (seven residential and one open space) and allow for the creation of 202 residential condominium units. The proposal also includes a request to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for the project and adopt the related Findings and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: The approximately Project Site 13.8-acre is located at the eastern end of the Downtown Specific Plan, on both sides of Valley Boulevard, and generally bounded by E. Valley Parkway to the north and E. Grand Avenue to the south, and is comprised of ten parcels (APNs 229-450-06-00, 229-450-05-00, 229-442-18-00, 229-442-04-00, 229-442-03-00, 229-442-01-00, 230-163-01-00, 230-163-02-00, 230-163-05-00, and 230-163-04-00). The reference address is 555 E. Valley Parkway.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: An Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") has been prepared for this project to assess potential environmental impacts. The EIR for the proposed Project is comprised of two parts, the Draft EIR and the Final EIR. A Draft EIR was prepared to identify and discuss potential impacts and mitigation measures for identified environmental subject areas. The Draft EIR was made available and circulated for a 45-day public review period, from March 20, 2020 to May 4, 2020. The public review period was subsequently extended an additional 15 days, to May 19, 2020, to allow additional time for the public to review and comment on the document in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Final EIR responds to the comments and includes text revisions to the Draft EIR in response to input received. It also establishes a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program to monitor the proposed mitigation measures. The Draft and Final EIR will be utilized by the Planning Commission and City Council during the decision-making process for the proposed Project. A decision to approve the Project would be accompanied by written findings.

APPLICANT: The Palomar Heights Project Owner, LLC (Integral Communities / Ninia Hammond)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval to City Council (Recommend that the City Council certify the Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2019059013) prepared for the project; Recommend that the City Council conditionally approve the project)

COMMISSION ACTION:

First motion – Approve staff recommendation to City Council 3-3-0 (Barba', Doan and Paul voted No; one vacancy) Motion failed.

Second Motion – Recommend approval to City Council with the added condition that the applicant, Integral Communities, meet with City staff to discuss including affordable housing units within the project. Motion carried 4-2-0 (Barba' and Paul voted No; one vacancy).

PROJECTED COUNCIL HEARING DATE: To be determined.

Reso. No. 2020-12

Reso. No. 2020-13

H. CURRENT BUSINESS:

Note: Current Business items are those which under state law and local ordinances do not require either public notice or public hearings. Public comments will be limited to a maximum time of three minutes per person.

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J. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

K. ADJOURNMENT at 11:30 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, via video conference in the City Council Chambers 201 N. Broadway Escondido, CA 92025.