

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

Planning Commission and Staff Seating



August 25, 2020

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.**
- B. FLAG SALUTE**
- C. ROLL CALL:**
- D. MINUTES: 08/11/20**

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".

To watch the archived Planning Commission meeting(s) please visit:
<https://escondido.12milesout.com/presentations/boards-and-commissions-and-state-of-the-city-videos>

Availability of supplemental materials after agenda posting: any supplemental writings or documents provided to the Planning Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the Planning Division located at 201 N. Broadway during normal business hours, or in the Council Chambers while the meeting is in session.

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The Planning Division is the coordinating division for the Planning Commission. For information, call (760) 839-4671.

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:

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

This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on any item of business within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Please try to limit your testimony to 3 minutes.

1. SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (MASTER AND PRECISE DEVELOPMENT PLAN), TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP, GRADING EXEMPTIONS, SPECIFIC ALIGNMENT PLANS, AND DENSITY TRANSFER AGREEMENT – SUB 18-0011, PHG 18-0049, and ENV 18-0009:

(CONTINUED TO A DATE UNCERTAIN—SEE STAFF MEMORANDUM)

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.

1. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Provide status update on the on-going Climate Action Plan.

I. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

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

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J. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

K. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

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

August 11, 2020

The meeting of the Escondido Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Weiler, in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Stan Weiler, Chair; Joe Garcia, Vice-Chair; Katharine Barba, Commissioner; Dao Doan, Commissioner; Rick Paul, Commissioner; and Ingrid Rainey, Commissioner. 1 Vacancy

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Mike Strong, Director of Community Development; Kurt Whitman, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Owen Tunnell, Assistant City Engineer; Kirsten Peraino, Minutes Clerk.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Paul and seconded by Commissioner Rainey to approve the Action Minutes of the July 28, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0; one vacancy)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Received.

FUTURE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No hearing items.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Climate Action Plan Update

Provide an update for the on-going Climate Action Plan.

Information was provided and the Commissioners discussed various aspects of the project.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS (SUBMITTED PUBLIC WRITTEN COMMENTS)

Maria Wallace, submitted comments and has no position on project.

Timothy Swift, submitted comments in favor of the project.

Aisha Wallace-Palomares, submitted comments and has no position on the project.

Matthew Vasilakis, submitted comments in favor of the project.

Richard Miller, submitted comments in favor of the project.

Nathan Serrato, submitted comments in favor of the project.

Laura Hunter, submitted comments and has no position on the project.

COMMISSION ACTION: None taken, information provided.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Weiler adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, in the City Council Chambers via video conference, 201 North Broadway Escondido, California.

Mike Strong, Secretary to the
Escondido Planning Commission

Kirsten Peraino, Minutes Clerk



Written Communications
Agenda Item No.: G.1
SUB 18-0011
August 25, 2020

Memorandum

August 25, 2020

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Adam Finestone, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: Palomar Heights Project (SUB 18-0011) – Continuance to a Future Meeting

The Palomar Heights project (SUB 18-0011), has been removed from the August 25, 2020, Planning Commission agenda. The item will be presented at a future meeting. The date of that future meeting will be announced at the August 25, 2020, meeting, if known.

CC: Mike Strong, Director of Community Development
Kurt Whitman, Senior Deputy City Attorney



PLANNING COMMISSION

Agenda Item No.: H.1
Date: August 25, 2020

PROJECT NUMBER / NAME: PHG 18-0009 / Climate Action Plan Update

REQUEST: Receive presentation and file report.

LOCATION: Citywide

APPLICANT: City of Escondido

APN / APNS: N/A

PRIMARY REPRESENTATIVE: Planning Division

GENERAL PLAN / ZONING:
N/A

DISCRETIONARY ACTIONS REQUESTED: N/A

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: Previous informational presentations to the Planning Commission as described in the staff report.

PROJECT STAFF: Mike Strong, Director of Community Development
mstrong@escondido.org

CEQA RECOMMENDATION: The City of Escondido, as the lead agency, has prepared a draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration ("IS/MND" (SCH No. 2020079003)) for the project. The review and comment period ended on July 31, 2020. City staff is currently reviewing comments, preparing responses, and preparing the Final IS/MND. Written communications and technical information obtained during the course of the work program will be utilized in finalizing the IS/MND.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file report.

REQUESTED ACTION: None.

CITY COUNCIL HEARING REQUIRED: YES NO

REPORT APPROVALS: Mike Strong, Director of Community Development

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the City of Escondido adopted a CAP as a pathway toward creating a more sustainable, healthy, and livable community. The strategies outlined in the CAP were to not only reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but also to provide energy, fuel, water, and monetary savings to residents, businesses, and other community members – while improving the quality of life in Escondido. Although the City of Escondido was one of the first group of cities to prepare and adopt a CAP in the San Diego region, a lot has changed since then and the City’s CAP needs to be amended.

The City recently initiated an effort to update the CAP, with the objective of recommending updated strategies and programs to ensure compliance with updated state policies and regulations. On June 20, 2018, the City Council considered and endorsed a Public Participation Plan (“Outreach Plan”) and associated timeline to involve the community in the first phase of outreach. This outreach plan summarizes the strategies that the project management team will use to engage the public and other interested parties in the work effort. Among other things, the proposed work plan and schedule proposes a series of meetings with the Planning Commission to discuss different aspects and components related to the CAP update. The “review meetings” schedule is reflected below, in Table 1.

Table 1: Planning Commission Review Schedule

Meeting No.	Topic Or Discussion Item Covered	Milestone or Target Date
1	General overview about the process and public engagement.	May 8, 2018
2	Review of Phase 1 outreach materials and workshop format.	July 10, 2018
3	Presentation on greenhouse gas emission inventory and forecasts.	August 28, 2018
4	Informational meeting on Phase 1 outreach results.	November 27, 2018
5	Draft CAP presentation.	July 28, 2020
6	CEQA significance thresholds discussion.	August 11, 2020
7	1) Presentation: Climate change impact overview with guest speaker Dr. Daniel Cayan, Research Meteorologist UCSD Scripps Institution of Oceanography; and 2) Presentation: Preliminary benefit/cost analysis.	August 25, 2020
8	1) Presentation: Environmental Community Advisory Community (“ECAG”) recommendations; and 2) Presentation: Implementation staff resourcing impacts.	September 8, 2020
---	Additional work sessions if needed.	<i>tbd</i>
---	Planning Commission public hearing and recommendation to City Council.	<i>tbd</i>

Up to this point in the work program, attachments to the staff reports served as the basis of the Planning Commission's discussion. There are no project materials to attach to this staff report. The purpose of the seventh and eighth work sessions is to receive presentations on various topics as requested by the Planning Commission. Therefore, there are no project materials to attach to this staff report. However, there are some helpful background information is still being provided (Attachments 1 and 2).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: In addition to providing public comment directly to Planning Commission and City staff, the City has developed a periodic review page that can be accessed online at the link below to help the public access key documents. Informational reports and data generated during the review will be available for the public to view online.

<https://www.escondido.org/climate-action-plan-documents.aspx>

With the release of the draft CAP and Notice of Intended Decision for the IS/MND, all content necessary to begin the decision-making process has been prepared. Steps remaining include finalizing the CAP and IS/MND after public review, along with responding to input received during the public process.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Biography: Dr. Daniel Cayan, Research Meteorologist UCSD Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- 2 Benefit/cost analysis documents for the cities of La Mesa, Oceanside, and El Cajon; and the County of San Diego

ATTACHMENT 1
PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT
PHG 18-0009
(AUGUST 25, 2020)

The following link has been provided to review the documents electronically.

- Dr. Daniel Cayan, Research Meteorologist UCSD Scripps Institution of Oceanography

<https://dcayan.scrippsprofiles.ucsd.edu/>

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ATTACHMENT 2
PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT
PHG 18-0009
AUGUST 25, 2020

Due to the number of pages of Attachment 2, the following links have been provided to review the documents electronically on the City's web site:

- Referenced benefit cost analyses

La Mesa:

https://www.escondido.org/Data/Sites/1/media/PDFs/Planning/ClimateActionPlan/BC/LMCAP_CC03132018.pdf

Oceanside:

<https://www.escondido.org/Data/Sites/1/media/PDFs/Planning/ClimateActionPlan/BC/blobdload.pdf>

El Cajon:

<https://www.escondido.org/Data/Sites/1/media/PDFs/Planning/ClimateActionPlan/BC/showdocument.pdf>

County of San Diego:

<https://www.escondido.org/Data/Sites/1/media/PDFs/Planning/ClimateActionPlan/BC/CAPCost-EffectivenessAnalysis.pdf>

A hardcopy of the Attachments are available for review in the Office of the Planning Division during normal business hours. To obtain a copy, please contact the City Clerk at (760) 839-4617 or Planning Division at (760) 839-4671.