Commissioner
KATHARINE BARBA
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F. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Received.

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.

Memo stating the removal of Agenda Item I.1, Code Enforcement Appeal Case No. C 20-4286.

Communication from Laura Hunter, Chair, Sierra Club North County Group, was submitted into the record.

Two items of communication from Laura Hunter, Chair, Sierra Club North County Group, regarding Housing and Community Investment Study were submitted into the record.

1. Future Neighborhood Meetings: None.

G. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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.

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H. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Please try to limit your testimony to three minutes.

None.

I. CURRENT BUSINESS:

Note: Current Business items are those that 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. Public Nuisance Appeal Case No. C 20-4286:

Request: An appeal of a notice and order to abate a public nuisance requiring the abatement of weeds and hazardous vegetation.

Location: 400 James Street (APN: 231-140-2000)

Staff Recommendation: Deny the appeal and uphold the Building Official’s decision

Commission Action: No action taken. The item was removed from the Agenda.

2. Housing and Community Investment Study
Staff will provide an informational report and status update to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION:

Commission discussed the Mobile Home Rent Review Board, the dramatic increase in the construction of Accessory Dwelling Units in 2020, and that Accessory Dwelling Units are priced for moderate income and not low-income.

COMMISSION ACTION:

No action was taken; information was presented and discussed.

3. Planning Commission Annual Work Plan

Staff provided information for the preparation of an Annual Work Plan.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION:

Chair Barba gave a brief presentation on the concept of preparing a Green Infrastructure Plan. Commissioners discussed various aspects of this and how it could be implemented.

Acting Chair Weiler would like to have the ability to utilize continuing education opportunities. Vice-Chair Rainey also encourage the use of continued education.

Commissioner Paul discussed the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Chair Barba expressed interest in reviewing the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Commissioner Ramirez and Commissioner Serrato both mentioned the importance of community engagement and different methods for providing information to the public.

J. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

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K. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

Acting Chair Weiler thanked all the Commissioners for having him as Chair for the prior year, he really enjoyed the experience, and wished good luck to the new Chair and Vice-Chair.

L. ADJOURNMENT at 10:00 p.m.