

# CITY OF ESCONDIDO

## Planning Commission and Staff Seating



- A. CALL TO ORDER:** 7 p.m.
- B. FLAG SALUTE**
- C. ROLL CALL:** **PRESENT:** Barba, Paul, Ramirez, Serrato, and Weiler
- ABSENT:** Rainey and Doan
- D. MINUTES:** 10/12/2021 APPROVED (5-0)

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.

**Electronic Media:** Electronic media that members of the public want to be used during any public comment period should be submitted to the Planning Division at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

The electronic media will be subject to a virus scan and must be compatible with the City's existing system. The media must be labeled with the applicable agenda item and the name and contact information of the person presenting the media.

The time used to present any electronic media will be considered as part of the maximum time limit provided to speakers. City staff will queue the electronic information when the applicable speaker is called upon to speak. Materials shown to the Commission during the meeting are part of the public record and will be retained by the City.

The City of Escondido is not responsible for the content of any material presented, and the presentation and content of electronic media shall be subject to the same protocol regarding decorum and presentation as are applicable to live presentations.

If you wish to speak concerning an item not on the agenda, you may do so during the designated time for "Oral Communications." All persons addressing the Planning Commission are asked to state their names for the public record.

**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.

The City of Escondido recognizes its obligation to provide equal access to public services for individuals with disabilities. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at 760-839-4643 with any requests for reasonable accommodation at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.**

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: None.**

**F. 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.

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: None.**

**Please try to limit your testimony to three minutes.**

**H. 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. General Plan Housing Element Status Report**

Staff will provide a presentation on status of the General Plan Housing Element update. The presentation will also address an associated update to the Community Protection chapter of the General Plan, and the creation of an Environmental Justice Element.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION:**

**Commissioners discussed various aspects of the update, including pollution protection, environmental justice policy plans, and community engagement.**

**2. Street Trees and Landscaping in Public Right-of-Way**

Staff will facilitate a discussion regarding street trees and landscaping in the public right-of-way.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION:**

**Commissioners discussed the tree canopy and asked questions regarding a presentation made by the Public Works Department to City Council.**

**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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**Yusef Miller with the Escondido Community Housing Coalition provided comments on the Housing Element and homelessness crisis.**

**J. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Paul asked if signage goes up for new businesses before or after they open. Interim Director Finestone confirmed that there is no set order for signage.

Commissioner Serrato requested an update on the status of the work plan. Interim Director Finestone confirmed that it will be an agenda item in the future.

**K. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Interim Director of Community Development Adam Finestone noted that the regularly scheduled meeting of December 28, 2021 would be cancelled. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on January 11, 2022.

**L. ADJOURNMENT at 7:30 p.m.**