

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO**

**ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ESCONDIDO PLANNING COMMISSION  
VIDEO/VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

**April 27, 2021**

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

**Commissioners present:** Stan Weiler, Chair; Ingrid Rainey, Vice-Chair; Katharine Barba, Commissioner; Dao Doan, Commissioner; Rick Paul, Commissioner; Herminia Ramirez, Commissioner; and Nathan Serrato, Commissioner.

**Commissioners absent:** None.

**Staff present:** Mike Strong, Director of Community Development; Kurt Whitman, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Elizabeth Lopez, Associate Engineer; and Joanne Tasher, Minutes Clerk.

**MINUTES:**

Moved by Commissioner Paul, with the correction to the wording on item G.1 SUB 20-0001 from "recommendation" to "condition" and seconded by Vice-Chair Rainey to approve the Action Minutes of the April 13, 2021, Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). Ayes: Barba, Doan, Paul, Rainey, Ramirez, Serrato, and Weiler.

**SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:**

**Selection of Chair:**

Commissioner Serrato nominated Commissioner Barba. Commissioner Barba accepted the nomination and provided a brief statement of her qualifications.

Commissioner Paul nominated Chair Weiler. Chair Weiler accepted the nomination and provided a brief statement as to his qualifications.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Vice-Chair Rainey and seconded by Commissioner Serrato for Commissioner Barba to be elected Chair. Motion Approved 6-1. Ayes: Barba, Doan, Paul, Rainey, Ramirez, and Serrato. Noes: Weiler.

Due to logistical reasons, Commissioner/Chair Barba asked Commissioner Weiler to continue to serve as Chair for the duration of the April 27, 2021 meeting.

**Selection of Vice-Chair:**

Chair Barba nominated Vice-Chair Rainey to continue to serve as Vice-Chair. Vice-Chair Rainey accepted the nomination and provided a brief statement of her qualifications.

Acting Chair Weiler nominated Commissioner Paul. Commissioner Paul accepted the nomination and provided a brief statement of his qualifications.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Chair Barba and seconded by Commissioner Doan for Vice-Chair Rainey to be re-elected Vice-Chair. Motion Approved 5-2. Ayes: Barba, Doan, Rainey, Ramirez, and Serrato. Noes: Paul and Weiler.

Motion to continue to have Commissioner Weiler as Acting Chair for the remainder of the 04/27/21 Planning Commission Meeting due to logistics of conducting a virtual meeting. Moved by Chair Barba and seconded by Commissioner Serrato for Commissioner Weiler to serve as Acting Chair for the duration of the April 27, 2021, meeting. Motion approved unanimously (7-0). Ayes: Barba, Doan, Paul, Rainey, Ramirez, Serrato and Weiler.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Received.

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, dated April 19, 2021, regarding communication with the Planning Commission, was submitted into the record.

Two items of communication from Laura Hunter, Chair, Sierra Club North County Group, dated April 19, 2021 and April 26, 2021, regarding the Housing and Community Investment Study were submitted into the record.

**FUTURE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS:** None.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**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 provided an informational report and status update to the Commission.

**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION:**

The Commissioners thanked Director Strong for his presentation.

Vice-Chair Rainey discussed the Mobile Home Rent Review Board and the importance of maintaining fairness and stability of rent for seniors and those with low-income.

Commissioner Paul mentioned the dramatic increase in the construction of Accessory Dwelling Units in 2020.

Chair Barba mentioned that the majority of 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. The Commissioners discussed various aspects of this and how it could be implemented.

Acting Chair Weiler would like to have the ability to utilize continued education opportunities like the League of California Cities Commissioners Academy or other conferences for the commissioners. Vice-Chair Rainey also encouraged the use of continued education.

Commissioner Paul discussed the Comprehensive Transportation Plan and expressed the need for Planning Commission review. Chair Barba also expressed interest in reviewing the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Commissioner Paul expressed the need to create timelines with swimlanes.

Commissioner Ramirez and Commissioner Serrato both mentioned the importance of community engagement and different methods for providing information to the public. Commissioner Serrato would like to add Community Engagement to the Work Plan.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

No action was taken; information was presented and discussed. Direction was provided to City staff to finalize the Work Plan.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**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.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Acting Chair Weiler adjourned the meeting at 10 p.m.

  
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Mike Strong, Secretary to the  
Escondido Planning Commission

  
Joanne Tasher, Minutes Clerk

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