

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

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

July 13, 2021

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

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

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Adam Finestone, Interim Director of Community Development; Kurt Whitman, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Owen Tunnell, Assistant City Engineer; Jay Paul, Senior Planner, Darren Parker, Associate Planner; and Joanne Tasher, Minutes Clerk.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Weiler, seconded by Commissioner Serrato, to approve the Action Minutes of the June 22, 2021, Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). Ayes: Barba, Doan, Paul, Rainey, Ramirez, Serrato, and Weiler.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Two pieces of correspondence from (former) Director Mike Strong, regarding the Housing Element Community Outreach and the status of Housing Element and communication with HCD.

FUTURE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:**1. TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP AND GRADING EXEMPTION – PL 21-0056:**

Request: Tentative Subdivision Map for six single-family residential lots in the R-1-10 (Single-Family Residential, 10,000 square foot minimum lot size) zone. A Grading Exemption is requested for a fill slope up to 12 feet in height located towards the southwestern section of the project site.

Property Size and Location: The approximately 2.1-acre site is located on the southeastern corner of North Broadway and La Lomita Drive (Accessor's Parcel No. 227-180-27-00).

Environmental Status: The Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects).

Staff Recommendation: Approval

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

The Planning Commission discussed the project and Commission Weiler inquired about the street frontage.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: None.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Motion by Commissioner Paul, seconded by Vice-Chair Rainey to approve Planning Commission Resolution 2021-11 as presented by staff. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Barba, Doan, Paul, Rainey, Ramirez, Serrato and Weiler. Noes: None.

CURRENT BUSINESS:**1. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN**

The Green Infrastructure Subcommittee (Chair Barba and Commissioners Ramirez and Serrato) provided a presentation.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioners had a brief discussion.

COMMISSION ACTION:

No action was taken; information was presented and discussed.

2. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT STUDY (HCIS) – EAST VALLEY SPECIFIC PLAN (PLANNING CASE NO.: PHG 20-0028)

Staff provided an informational report and status update to the Commission on the East Valley Specific Plan.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioners had a brief discussion.

COMMISSION ACTION:

No action was taken; information was presented and discussed.

3. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT STUDY (HCIS) – HOUSING ELEMENT (PLANNING CASE NO.: PHG 20-0030)

Staff provided an informational report and status update to the Commission on the Housing Element.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioners had a brief discussion.

COMMISSION ACTION:

No action was taken; information was presented and discussed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The Housing Element and the Mercedes Benz expansion project are anticipated to be presented at the July 27, 2021 Planning Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Barba adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.



Adam Finestone, Secretary to the
Escondido Planning Commission



Joanne Tasher, Minutes Clerk