PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Regular Hearing
Commencing at 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
First Floor, City Hall Wing
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, California

Dori Yob, Chair
Ed Abelite, Vice Chair
Shiloh Ballard      Edesa Bit-Badal
Brian O’Halloran   Nick Pham
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Planning, Building & Code Enforcement
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SUMMARY OF HEARING PROCEDURES

If you want to address the Commission, please fill out a speaker card located on the table near the Audio Visual Technician and deposit the completed card in the basket. There are also speaker cards in the back of the Chambers and at the side entrance.

The procedure for this hearing is as follows:

- After the staff report, applicants, and appellants may make a 5-minute presentation.
- The chair will call out names on the submitted speaker cards in the order received.
- As your name is called, line up in front of the microphone at the front of the Chamber. Each speaker will have two minutes. Speakers using a translator will have four minutes.
- After the public testimony, the applicant and appellant may make closing remarks for an additional five minutes.
- Planning Commissioners may ask questions of the speakers. Response to Commissioner questions will not reduce the speaker’s time allowance.
- The public hearing will then be closed and the Planning Commission will take action on the item. The Planning Commission may request staff to respond to the public testimony, ask staff questions, and discuss the item.

If you challenge these land use decisions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at this public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The Planning Commission’s action on rezonings, prezonings, General Plan Amendments and Code Amendments is only advisory to the City Council. The City Council will hold public hearings on these items. Section 20.120.400 of the Municipal Code provides the procedures for legal protests to the City Council on rezonings and prezonings. The Planning Commission’s action on Conditional Use Permits is appealable to the City Council in accordance with Section 20.100.220 of the Municipal Code. Agendas and a binder of all staff reports have been placed on the table near the door for your convenience.
AGENDA
ORDER OF BUSINESS

WELCOME
Welcome to the Planning Commission Meeting. Please remember to turn off your cell phones. The parking validation machine for the garage under City Hall is located at the rear of the Chambers.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

SUMMARY OF HEARING PROCEDURES

1. PUBLIC COMMENT
Public comments to the Planning Commission on nonagendized items. Please fill out a speaker's card and give it to the technician. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The commission cannot take any formal action without the item being properly noticed and placed on an agenda. In response to public comment, the Planning Commission is limited to the following options:

- Responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public; or
- Requesting staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or
- Directing staff to place the item on a future agenda.

2. DEFERRALS AND REMOVALS FROM CALENDAR
Any item scheduled for hearing this evening for which deferral is being requested will be taken out of order to be heard first on the matter of deferral. A list of staff-recommended deferrals is available on the Press Table.

Staff will provide an update on the items for which deferral is being requested. If you want to change any of the deferral dates recommended, or speak to the question of deferring these or any other items, you should say so at this time.

a. CP15-075 (Administrative Hearing). Conditional Use Permit to allow the installation of a communications utilities facility and a generator on a 0.61 gross acre site in the R-1-8 Single-Family Residence Zoning District located on the southeast corner of Blossom Hill Road and Blossom Park Lane (City of San Jose, Owner). Council District 10. CEQA: Addendum to Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Google Fiber project (Resolution No. 77591). PROJECT MANAGER, ROSCOE MATA

Staff Recommendation:
1. Defer to the 2/10/16 Planning Commission meeting per Staff request.
b. **CP15-076 (Administrative Hearing).** Conditional Use Permit to allow the installation of a communications utilities facility and a generator on a 2.93 gross acre site in the IP Industrial Park Zoning District located on the west side of Hellyer Avenue, approximately 1,010 feet southerly of Piercy Road (City of San Jose, Owner). Council District 2. CEQA: Addendum to Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Google Fiber project (Resolution No. 77591).  **PROJECT MANAGER, ROSCOE MATA**

   **Staff Recommendation:**
   1. Defer to the 2/10/16 Planning Commission meeting per Staff request.

   c. **CP15-079 (Administrative Hearing).** Conditional Use Permit to allow the installation of a communications utilities facility and a generator on a 6.17 gross acre site in the R-2 Two-Family Residence Zoning District located at the terminus of Oldham Way, approximately 720 feet northerly of Senter Road (2834 Lone Bluff Way) (City of San Jose, Owner). Council District 7. CEQA: Addendum to Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Google Fiber project (Resolution No. 77591).

   **PROJECT MANAGER, ROSCOE MATA**

   **Staff Recommendation:**
   1. Defer to the 2/10/16 Planning Commission meeting per Staff request.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

   The consent calendar items are considered to be routine and will be adopted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made by a member of the Planning Commission, staff, or the public to have an item removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.

   Staff will provide an update on the consent calendar. If you wish to speak on one of these items individually, please come to the podium at this time.

   a. **C15-005.** Conventional Rezoning from the CN Commercial Neighborhood Zoning District to the R-2 Two-Family Residence Zoning District on an approximately 0.16 gross acre site, located on the east side of Almaden Avenue, approximately 80 feet north of Oak Street (890 Almaden Avenue) (Lin Connie, Owner). Council District 3. CEQA: Determination of Consistency with the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 76041) and Supplemental Program EIR (Resolution No. 77617).  **PROJECT MANAGER, ROSCOE MATA**

   **Staff Recommendation:**
   1. Consider the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 76041) and Supplemental Program EIR thereto (Resolution No. 77617), in accordance to CEQA.

   2. Recommend to the City Council the approval of a Conventional Rezoning Ordinance as described above.

   b. **C15-052.** Conventional Rezoning from the CG Commercial General Zoning District to the DC Downtown Primary Commercial Zoning District on a 0.72 gross acre site, located on the west side of North 4th Street between East St. John and East Santa Clara Streets (49 North 4th Street) (First Presbyterian Church of San Jose, Owner). Council District 3. CEQA: Addendum to the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report and Supplemental Program EIR thereto (Resolution No. 76041).  **PROJECT MANAGER, REBECCA BUSTOS**
Staff Recommendation:
1. Consider the Addendum to the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 76041) and Supplemental Program EIR (Resolution No. 76041) in accordance to CEQA.
2. Recommend to the City Council the approval of a Conventional Rezoning Ordinance as described above.

c. **CP15-013 (Administrative Hearing).** Conditional Use Permit to modify the hours of operation for an existing restaurant (Germania Verein) to be open from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, with an outdoor patio from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., on a 0.2-gross acre site in the CG Commercial General Zoning District, located at 261 North 2nd Street (Germania Verein, Inc., Owner). Council District: 3. CEQA: Exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(a) for Existing Facilities. **PROJECT MANAGER, JENNIFER PIOZET**

Staff Recommendation:
1. Consider the Exemption in accordance with CEQA.
2. Approve a Conditional Use Permit Resolution as described above.

d. **CP15-047 (Administrative Hearing).** Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of a 4,718-square foot building to expand an existing church for Sunday School classrooms and incidental gathering space, on a 3.0-gross acre site in the R-1-5 Single-Family Residence Zoning District located at 19550 McKean Road (Almaden Neighborhood Church, Owner). Council District: 10. CEQA: Exempt per CEQA Section 15301(e)(2)(A) for Existing Facilities. **PROJECT MANAGER, LEA SIMVOUNAKIS**

Staff Recommendation:
1. Consider the Exemption in accordance with CEQA.
2. Approve a Conditional Use Permit Resolution as described above.

e. **CP15-050 & ABC15-015.** Conditional Use Permit and Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity to allow the off-sale of alcohol of a full range of alcoholic beverages at a 30,455 square foot full service grocery store (Smart & Final) on a 2.78 gross acre site, located on the southwest corner of West San Carlos Street and Royal Avenue (720 West San Carlos Street) (National Retail Properties LP, Owner). Council District 6. CEQA: Exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(a) for Existing Facilities. **PROJECT MANAGER, REBECCA BUSTOS**

Staff Recommendation:
1. Consider the Exemption in accordance with CEQA.
2. Recommend to the City Council the approval of a Conditional Use Permit Resolution and Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity as described above.

f. **CP15-054 (Administrative Hearing).** A Conditional Use Permit to allow for a change from the off-sale of beer and wine to the off-sale of a full range of alcoholic beverages at an existing 54,635 square foot full service grocery store (Whole Foods Market) on a 10.2 gross acre site, in the CG Commercial General Zoning District located at the southwest corner of Blossom Hill Road and Almaden Road (1146 Blossom Hill Road) (Pueblo Plaza Partnership, Owner). Council District 10. CEQA: Exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(a) for Existing Facilities. **PROJECT MANAGER, JOHN TU**
Staff Recommendation:
1. Consider the Exemption in accordance with CEQA.
2. Approve a Conditional Use Permit Resolution as described above.

g. **CP15-063 (Administrative Hearing)**. Conditional Use Permit to allow an approximately 15,000 square foot post-secondary school within an approximately 56,995 square foot existing office building on a 3.35 gross acre site in the IP Industrial Park Zoning District located on the west side of Lundy Avenue, approximately 690 feet north of McKay Drive (1885 Lundy Avenue) (Lundy Investments LLC, Owner). Council District 4. CEQA: Exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 for In-Fill Development Projects. *PROJECT MANAGER, DAVID FONG*

h. **CP15-066 (Administrative Hearing)**. Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction/installation of a 2,880-square foot building and allow the sale of passenger vehicles (including pick-up trucks and motorcycles), on a 2.93-gross acre site in the CIC Combined Industrial/Commercial Zoning District, located on easterly side of Monterey Road, approximately 969 feet north of Lewis Road (John and Jane Sun, Owners). Council District: 7. CEQA: Exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(c) for New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. *PROJECT MANAGER, RINA SHAH*

i. **CPA09-046-01 (Administrative Hearing)**. Conditional Use Permit Amendment to allow the following modifications to an existing child day care: (1) increase the number of children from 25 to 60; (2) increase the allowable interior area of the child day care to 2,017 square feet within the commercial center building; (3) increase the amount of outdoor play area to 2,106 square feet; (4) allow the single event noise level at the property lines to exceed the Zoning Ordinance standard by allowing up to 63 decibels; and (5) continue the outdoor use within 150 feet of residentially zoned property on a 13.1-gross acre site, in the CN Commercial Neighborhood Zoning District, located at 6148 Bollinger Road (Marchese Christopher Trustee & Et Al, Owner). Council District: 1. CEQA: Exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 for In-Fill Development Projects. *PROJECT MANAGER, JENNIFER PIÖZET*

j. **CPA13-003-01 (Administrative Hearing)**. Conditional Use Permit Amendment modifying Conditional Use Permit File No. CP13-003 approving a church, to allow a reconfiguration of the parking lot, revised landscaping, a new six-foot wrought iron fence at the eastern property line, and to remove a condition of approval that required a reciprocal access easement to Speak Lane from the parking lot to the east through the parking lot on the subject 1.33 gross acre site in the CN Commercial Neighborhood Zoning District located at the southeast corner of Branham Lane and Speak Lane (1188 Branham Lane)
Staff Recommendation:
1. Consider the Exemption in accordance with CEQA.
2. Approve a Conditional Use Permit Amendment Resolution as described above.

k. **PDC14-033.** Planned Development Rezoning from the CIC Combined Industrial/Commercial and CP Commercial Pedestrian Zoning Districts to the R-M(PD) Planned Development Zoning District to allow a 7-story mixed-use development with up to 110 multi-family residential units and approximately 2,990 square feet of commercial space on an approximately 1.3 gross acre site located on the east side of Sunol Street, approximately 120 feet north of West San Carlos Street (270 Sunol Street and 777 West San Carlos Street). (Marcus James R. Trustee, Owner). Council District 6. CEQA: Addendum to the Diridon Station Area Plan Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 77096).

**PROJECT MANAGER, DAVID FONG**

Staff Recommendation:
1. Consider the Addendum to the Diridon Station Area Plan Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 77096) in accordance with CEQA.
2. Recommend to the City Council the approval of a Planned Development Zoning Ordinance as described above.

l. **PDC15-041.** Planned Development Rezoning from the R-M Multiple Residence Zoning District to the R-M(PD) Planned Development Zoning District to allow the demolition of 3 single-story multi-family buildings and 2 accessory structures, totaling 8,500 square feet; the construction of 18 attached residences; and the removal of 9 ordinance sized trees and 10 non-ordinance sized trees on a 0.91 gross acre site located at 368 and 388 South Buena Vista Avenue (BVista Properties Group, LLC, Owner). Council District: 6. CEQA: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Buena Vista Townhomes project.

**PROJECT MANAGER, LEA SIMVOULAKIS**

Staff Recommendation:
1. Consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Buena Vista Townhomes project in accordance with CEQA.
2. Recommend to the City Council the approval of a Planned Development Zoning Ordinance as described above.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

Generally, the Public Hearing items are considered by the Planning Commission in the order in which they appear on the agenda. However, please be advised that the Commission may take items out of order to facilitate the agenda, such as to accommodate significant public testimony, or may defer discussion of items to later agendas for public hearing time management purposes.

a. **PD15-025 (Administrative Hearing).** APPEAL of the Planning Director’s Decision to approve a Planned Development Permit to allow the installation of an 84-foot tall freeway sign with a total 488-square foot sign area, 237 square feet of which is programmable electronic sign, located in the Almaden Ranch Retail Center on a 44.3-gross acre site, in the A(PD) Planned Development Zoning District,

**PROJECT MANAGER, REBECCA BUSTOS**

**Staff Recommendation:**

1. Consider the Addendum to the Almaden Ranch Environmental Impact Report (Resolution No. 76168), in accordance with CEQA.
2. Modify the Planning Director’s decision and approve a Planned Development Permit Resolution as described above.

b. **PDC15-010.** Planned Development Rezoning from the CG Commercial General Zoning District to the A(PD) Planned Development Zoning District to allow the demolition of two on-site buildings designated as Structures of Merit on the City's Historic Resources Inventory and the development of a 7-story building with up to 164 multi-family residential units and a minimum of 37,500 square feet of commercial space on a 1.72 gross acre site located on the northeast side of Stockton Avenue, approximately 300 feet north of West Santa Clara Street (120 and 138 Stockton Avenue) (Daniel Hudson Et Al, Owner). Council District 3. CEQA: Addendum to the Downtown Strategy 2000 and Diridon Station Area Plan Final Environmental Impact Reports (Resolution Nos. 72767 and 77096).

**PROJECT MANAGER, ELIZABETH SCHULLER**

**Staff Recommendation:**

1. Consider the Addendum to the Downtown Strategy 2000 and Diridon Station Area Plan Final Environmental Impact Reports (Resolution Nos. 72767 and 77096) in accordance with CEQA.
2. Recommend to the City Council the approval of a Planned Development Zoning Ordinance as described above.

5. **REFERRALS FROM CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER AGENCIES**

*No Items*

6. **GOOD AND WELFARE**

a. Report from City Council
b. Review and Approve Synopsis from 1-13-16
c. Subcommittee Formation, Reports, and Outstanding Business
d. Commission Calendar and Study Sessions
e. The Public Record

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ABOUT THE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission is a seven-member body, appointed by the City Council, which performs two types of actions:

- One type is “Quasi-Legislative” in nature in which the Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council regarding the adoption, amendment, or repeal of general or specific plans, Zoning Code provisions, or regulations related to the land use development, redevelopment, rehabilitation or renewal of the City, including its Capital Improvement Programs.

- The second type of action is “Quasi-Judicial” in nature in which the Planning Commission applies previously adopted legislation to particular applications and acts as a decision-making or appellate body. Examples of these types of actions include Commission decisions on Conditional Use Permits, appeals of the Planning Director’s decisions on certain land use permits, and the certification of Environmental Impact Reports.

A notation of “Administrative Hearing” for an agenda item indicates that the item is a Quasi-Judicial action of the Commission in order to assist the public in understanding the role of the Planning Commission on a particular item.

To effectively manage the Planning Commission Agenda, and to be sensitive to concerns regarding the length of public hearing, the Planning Commission may determine to proceed with remaining agendized items past 11:00 p.m., or to continue this hearing to a later date, or to defer remaining items to the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting date. The decision on how to proceed will be heard by the Planning Commission no later than 11:00 p.m.

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If you have any agenda questions, please contact Support Staff at (408) 535-5695 or email. Thank you for taking the time to attend today’s meeting. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

FREQUENTLY USED ABBREVIATIONS

CEQA  California Environmental Quality Act
CP    Conditional Use Permit
DA    Development Agreement
PD    Planned Development Permit
PDC   Planned Development Zoning
CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS

The Code of Conduct is intended to promote open meetings that welcome debate of public policy issues being discussed by the City Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, their Committees, and City Boards and Commissions in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy, and respect for differing points of view.

1. Public Meeting Decorum:
   a) Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior, which will disrupt the public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
   b) Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
   c) Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
   d) Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms at all times.
   e) Persons in the audience will not place their feet on the seats in front of them.
   f) No food, drink (other than bottled water with a cap), or chewing gum will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, except as otherwise pre-approved by City staff.
   g) All persons entering the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, including their bags, purses, briefcases and similar belongings, may be subject to search for weapons and other dangerous materials.

2. Signs, Objects or Symbolic Material:
   a) Objects and symbolic materials, such as signs or banners, will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, with the following restrictions:
      ● No objects will be larger than 2 feet by 3 feet.
      ● No sticks, posts, poles or other such items will be attached to the signs or other symbolic materials.
      ● The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.
   b) Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.
   c) Objects that are deemed a threat to persons at the meeting or the facility infrastructure are not allowed. City staff is authorized to remove items and/or individuals from the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms if a threat exists or is perceived to exist. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: firearms (including replicas and antiques), toy guns, explosive material, and ammunition; knives and other edged weapons; illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia; laser pointers, scissors, razors, scalpels, box cutting knives, and other cutting tools; letter openers, corkscrews, can openers with points, knitting needles, and hooks; hairspray, pepper spray, and aerosol containers; tools; glass containers; and large backpacks and suitcases that contain items unrelated to the meeting.
3. Addressing the Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, Committee, Board or Commission:

a) Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item or during open forum are requested to complete a speaker card and submit the card to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.

b) Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any agenda item and/or during open forum; the time limit is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. Applicants and appellants in land use matters are usually given more time to speak.

c) Speakers should discuss topics related to City business on the agenda, unless they are speaking during open forum.

d) Speakers’ comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners, or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.

e) Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.

f) If an individual wishes to submit written information, he or she may give it to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.

g) Speakers and any other members of the public will not approach the dais at any time without prior consent from the Chair of the meeting.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct which will disturb, disrupt or impede the orderly conduct of the meeting may result in removal from the meeting and/or possible arrest.