

**PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF  
JANUARY 30, 2020  
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
202 C STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

**CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:**

Vice-Chairperson William Hofman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Vice-Chairperson William Hofman adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:**

Chairperson Susan Peerson – absent  
Vice-Chairperson William Hofman – present  
Commissioner James Whalen – present  
Commissioner Douglas Austin – present / left at 9:33 a.m.  
Commissioner Vicki Granowitz – present  
Commissioner Dennis Otsuji – present  
Commissioner Matthew Boomhower - present

Staff

Corrine Neuffer, City Attorney – present  
Laura Black, Planning Department – present  
PJ FitzGerald, Development Services Department – present  
Tony Khalil, Development Services Department – present  
Carmina Trajano, Recorder – present

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED AND/OR WITHDRAWN**

- Speaker slip submitted by Arkan Somo requesting for a continuance.

Note: No motions for the continuance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOOMHOWER TO MOVE ITEM # 4 - TAILGATE PARK – INITIATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN/DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLAN AND REZONING AS THE SECOND DISCUSSION ITEM AND MOVE ITEM # 2 - GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE 2021-2029 - PROJECT NO. 628374 AS THE LAST DISCUSSION ITEM. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-1 with Commissioners Hofman, Austin, Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji and Whalen voting yea and with Commissioner Peerson absent.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None.

**COMMISSION COMMENT**

Commissioner Austin acknowledged Ryan Owens and Alec Mahar who were in the audience; both are graduate students from New School of Architecture & Design, and they are here to learn about how the Planning Commission works.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

ITEM-1: ***Request for Reconsideration/Planning Commission 12/15/19***  
**4337 HOME AVENUE ALCOHOL CUP - PROJECT NO. 593686**

City Council District: 9

Plan Area: Mid-City-City Heights Community Plan Area

Staff: Edith Gutierrez

Speaker slips in favor of the project submitted by Evelyn Gomez, Lorena Lara, Randall Zaitona, Arkan Somo, and Baydaa Somo.

No speaker slips in opposition to the project were submitted.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

**MOTION 1:**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOOMHOWER TO SUSPEND THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. Seconded by Commissioner Whalen. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-1 with Commissioners Hofman, Austin, Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji and Whalen voting yea and with Commissioner Peerson absent.

**MOTION 2:**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WHALEN TO RECONSIDER ANY MATTER TO PERMIT CORRECTION OF HASTY, ILL-ADVISED, OR ERRONEOUS ACTION, OR TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ADDED INFORMATION OR A CHANGED SITUATION THAT HAS DEVELOPED SINCE THE TAKING OF THE ORIGINAL VOTE. Seconded by Commissioner Austin. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-1 with Commissioners Hofman, Austin, Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji and Whalen voting yea and with Commissioner Peerson absent.

ITEM-2: **GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE 2021-2029**

City Council District: All                      Plan Area: Citywide

Staff: Leslie Keaveney

Speaker slips in favor of the item submitted by Stefanie Benvenuto, Ryan Clumpner and Colin Parent.

No speaker slips in opposition to the project were submitted.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WHALEN APPROVING THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE 2021-2029 AND ADDENDUM TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO.104495/SCH NO. 2006091032. Seconded by Commissioner Boomhower. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0-2 with Commissioners Hofman, Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji and Whalen voting yea and with Commissioner Austin recusing and with Commissioner Peerson absent.

ITEM-3: **MT. ETNA DR. CPA AND REZONE - PROJECT NO. 628374**

City Council District: 6                      Plan Area: Clairemont Mesa

Staff: Martha Blake

Speaker slips in favor of the project submitted by Anne Wilson, Derek Danzinger, Scott Brown, Melinda Forstej, Paul Downey, Marjorie Whitaker, Elle Ledy, Catharine LaFonde, Hailong Huang, Fred Davis, Korina Borash, Christina Selder, Ron Brokhoff, Linda Livingston, Yara Fisher, Erin Phillips, Krista Ellis, Jody Mays, Angela Jackson Llamas, Dawna Morse, Marc Cass, Janelle Firoozi, Kim Baranek, Stefanie Benvenuto, Aria Pounaki, Ryan Clumpner, Colin Parent and Alex Wenzel.

Speaker slips in opposition to the project submitted by Michael Brewer, Steve Franks, Lisa Johnson, Holly Churchill, Chris Daudet and Julie Wilds.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOOMHOWER APPROVING THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO RECOMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, AS A RESPONSIBLE AGENCY, HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) (SCH NO. 2018091016) FOR THE MOUNT ETNA COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT AND REZONE PROJECT THAT WAS PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, AS LEAD AGENCY, AND ADOPTED MITIGATION, MONITORING, AND REPORTING PROGRAM, AND FINDINGS AND A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS; AND APPROVE MUNICIPAL CODE AND LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENT NO. 2387021; AND APPROVE COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2387025; APPROVE REZONE NO. 2387021. Seconded by Commissioner Otsuji. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0-2 with Commissioners Hofman, Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji and Whalen voting yea and with Commissioner Austin recusing and with Commissioner Peerson absent.

**ITEM-4: TAILGATE PARK – INITIATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN/DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLAN AND REZONING**

City Council District: 3                      Plan Area: Downtown

Staff: Brad Richter

No speaker slips in favor of the project were submitted.

No speaker slips in opposition to the project were submitted.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WHALEN APPROVING THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO INITIATE THE PLAN AMENDMENT AND REZONING PROCESS. Seconded by Commissioner Boomhower. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0-2 with Commissioners Hofman, Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji and Whalen voting yea and with Commissioner Austin recusing and with Commissioner Peerson absent.