

**PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 26, 2019
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 12TH FLOOR
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
202 C STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

Chairperson Susan Peerson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Chairperson Susan Peerson adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

Chairperson Susan Peerson – present
Vice-Chairperson William Hofman – present
Commissioner James Whalen – present
Commissioner Douglas Austin – present
Commissioner Vicki Granowitz – present
Commissioner Dennis Otsuji – present
Commissioner Matthew Boomhower – present

Staff

Corrine Neuffer, City Attorney – present
Brian Schoenfisch, Planning Department – present / left at 9:53 a.m. / returned at 10:09 a.m.
Tony Khalil, Development Services Department – present
Michelle Sokolowski, Development Services Department – present
Carmina Trajano, Recorder – present

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED AND/OR WITHDRAWN

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM-1: VERIZON - RB VILLAGE - PROJECT NO. 632762

City Council District: 5

Plan Area: Rancho Bernardo

Staff: Karen Lynch

No speaker slips in favor of the project were submitted.

No speaker slips in opposition to the project were submitted.

COMMISSION ACTION:

CONSENT MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOOMHOWER APPROVING THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) NO. 2277542 AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (PDP) NO. 2277544. Seconded by Commissioner Hofman. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0 with commissioners Peerson, Hofman, Austin, Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji and Whalen voting yea.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Accepted as presented.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Brian Schoenfisch reported that the Planning Department held three Housing Element Update Public Workshop in San Ysidro, Southeastern San Diego and Mira Mesa. They will have another one tonight from 6-8 p.m. at the Colina Del Sol Recreation in City Heights and one next Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at Crown Point Elementary in Pacific Beach. He would like to encourage the public to come out and participate.

Michelle Sokolowski, Deputy Director of Development Services Department announced that today is Paul Godwin's final Planning Commission Hearing as the Development Project Manager and has been promoted as Program Manager in the Engineering Division.

COMMISSION COMMENT

Commissioner Douglas Austin commented on the status of Affordable Housing Ordinance Updates that was heard a while back and he thought it will go for the second hearing; he is curious what happened.

Commissioner Matthew Boomhower commented on the Housing Plan Update and said that there is also an online version of that that's been pushed out, so if you can't actually show up for a public hearing you can still have your voice heard.

Commissioner James Whalen commented that he was contacted by a member of the public who is a Habitat Manager. He is concerned and asked him to ventilate to ask staff what could be done about the banning of Glyphosate, because it is a critical product used for weed control and habitat management. He said that he's afraid that all the City's Preserves will suffer if the Roundup is banned from City land. He would like to bring this up and ask staff if they could look into it a little bit.

Chairperson Susan Pearson commented that she attended the California State American Planning Association Conference held last week in Santa Barbara. She announced that the Alleys in Action UDSD received an Academic Award of Merit. It started literally here on the dais where we had Community Planned Updates coming forward and said that there's a lot of alleys in San Diego. While in fact, all but one Council District does have alleys. She worked closely with three outstanding UCSD students Vincent Paige II, Dmitriy Goncharuk and Joyce Lee and with our community partners. They are very pleased to share the award with Scott Kessler who is the Executive Director of the Adams Avenue Business Association and Erin Pennell, the Executive Director and Teaching Artists for ArtForm. She would like to share this to the Commission and stated that her studios this year are all about Alleys, either projects that include alleys or touch on alleys and it is a call to action. She would like to inform her colleagues in the Planning Commission and the community members to reach out to her, if they're interested.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM-2: ***Appeal of Hearing Officer's decision on July 10, 2019***

NEFF RENTAL VARIANCE - PROJECT NO. 482367

City Council District: 4

Plan Area: Encanto Neighborhoods

Staff: Paul Godwin

Speaker slips in favor of the project submitted by Keith Kaneko.

No speaker slips in opposition to the project were submitted.

COMMISSION ACTION:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER AUSTIN APPROVING THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE APPEAL AND REVERSE THE HEARING OFFICER DECISION TO DENY VARIANCE

NO. 1698050. Seconded by Commissioner Hofman. the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 with Commissioners Peerson, Hofman, Austin, Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji and Whalen voting yea.

ITEM-3: **UPDATE ON CANNABIS PERMITTING**

Staff: PJ FitzGerald & Sammi Ma

Speaker slips in favor of the item submitted by Phil Rath, Khoa Nguyen, Dawn Kamali, Lisa Bridges, William Perno, Carlo G. Patenia, Cynthia Sanchez, Natalie Usack, Fabiola Alvarez, Enrique De Lacm, and Mary Baun.

Speaker slips in opposition to the project submitted by Kathleen Lippitt and Scott Chipman.

COMMISSION ACTION:

NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATION ITEM ONLY.