



PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA

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*Wednesday, September 13, 2006
Council Chambers
Civic Center, 1st Floor
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, California 94301*

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners:

*Karen Holman
Lee I. Lippert
Patrick Burt
Paula Sandas
Arthur Keller
Daniel Garber
Samir Tuma*

Staff:

*Steven Emslie, Planning Director
Donald Larkin, Senior Deputy City Attorney
Curtis Williams, Chief Plan./Transp. Official
Amy French, Current Planning Manager
Clare Campbell, Planner
Julie Caporgno, Advance Planning Manager
Zariah Betten, Executive Secretary*

PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

Please be advised the normal order of public hearings of agenda items is as follows:

- *Announce agenda item*
- *Open public hearing*
- *Staff recommendation*
- *Applicant presentation - Fifteen(15) minutes limitation or at the discretion of the Commission.*
- *Appellant presentation (if applicable) - Fifteen(15) minutes limitation or at the discretion of the Commission.*
- *Planning Commission questions of the applicant/staff*
- *Public comment - Five(5) minutes limitation per speaker or limitation to three(3) minutes depending on large number of speakers per item.*
- *Applicant closing comments - Three (3) minutes*
- *Close public hearing*
- *Discussion/motions/recommendations by the Commission*
- *Final vote*

SPECIAL MEETING AT 5:30 PM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Study Session

1. **Zoning Ordinance Update** - Study Session to discuss Commercial zones, Mixed Use requirements and Performance Standards for commercial, industrial and multifamily zones.

REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 PM

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS. Members of the public may speak to any item not on the agenda with a limitation of three (3) minutes per speaker. Those who desire to speak must complete a speaker request card available from the secretary of the Commission. The Planning and Transportation Commission reserves the right to limit the oral communications period to 15 minutes.

AGENDA CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS. The agenda may have additional items added to it up until 72 hours prior to meeting time.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearings:

1. **705 & 711 Cowper Street [06PLN-00102]*:** Request by Steve Pierce on behalf of John Woodworth to subdivide two formerly merged parcels at 705 & 711 Cowper Street. The project consists of subdividing a single 16,507 square foot parcel back to the two original parcels, one at 7,503 square feet and one at 9,004 square feet. Exceptions to lot design would be required to allow a lot area of 7,500 square feet at 705 Cowper Street where 8,500 square feet would normally be the minimum lot area, and site widths of 50-feet for 705 Cowper Street and 60-feet for 711 Cowper Street, where a 75-foot lot width would normally be required. Environmental Assessment: An Initial Study has been completed and a Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. Zoning District: RM-30.
2. **1525 Arastradero Road [06PLN-00045]*:** Request by the City of Palo Alto for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezoning of a 13.27-acre parcel located within the Arastradero Open Space Preserve from Open Space/Controlled Development to Publicly Owned Conservation Land and from an Open Space zone designation to a Public Facility zone designation. Environmental Assessment: An Initial Study has been completed and a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. Zone District: OS.

***Quasi-Judicial Items Subject to Council's Disclosure Policy**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS/COMMITTEES.

COMMISSION MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Commission Representative's report on Council Actions.
- Commission Representation at City Council:
 - September: Patrick Burt
 - October: Paula Sandas
 - November: Dan Garber
 - December: Lee Lippert
- Commission Representation:

ZOU Special Districts and Open Space	Karen Holman, Patrick Burt
ZOU Design and Environment Working Group	Paula Sandas, Lee Lippert, Judith Wasserman (ARB) and Susan Haviland (HRB)
Palo Alto Housing Corporation Representative:	Daniel Garber

NEXT MEETING: Regular Meeting of October 11, 2006.

ADJOURNED:

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