



PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA

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*Wednesday, April 1, 2009
Special Meeting at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, Civic Center, 1st Floor
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, California 94301*

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners:

*Daniel Garber - Chair
Samir Tuma – V-Chair
Susan Fineberg
Karen Holman
Arthur Keller
Lee I. Lippert
Fabio Rosati*

Staff:

*Curtis Williams, Interim Planning Director
Donald Larkin, Assistant City Attorney
Amy French, Current Planning Manager
Elena Lee, Senior Planner
Zariah Betten, Admin. Associate*

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*
- *Appellant presentation (if applicable) - Fifteen(15) minutes limitation or at the discretion of the Commission.*
- *Applicant presentation - 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*
- *Appellant closing comments (if applicable) – Three (3) minutes*
- *Close public hearing*
- *Discussion/motions/recommendations by the Commission*
- *Final vote*

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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 Hearing:

Note: Item No. 1 below will not be heard since the request for a hearing of the CUP has been withdrawn.

1. **2741 Middlefield Road***: *Request for Hearing of a Conditional Use Permit to allow Hiruko, a holistic learning program, to operate as a commercial recreation use in 4,399 sq. ft. on the ground floor of an existing commercial building. Environmental Assessment: Categorically Exempt from CEQA.*
2. **801, 841, 853, 875 Alma Street (Alma Housing)***: Request by Eden Housing for: 1) review of and comments on the Draft EIR prepared in compliance with CEQA regulations; 2) review of the revised preliminary concept plans; 3) review of revised conceptual plans for two Planned Community zoning applications and consideration of whether to forward to the Architectural Review Board for a mixed-use development consisting of an affordable housing/commercial building and a senior housing/commercial building on a combined 0.96± acre. This project is associated with a SOFA II Coordinated Area Plan Amendment. Environmental Assessment: Environmental Impact Report has been prepared.

*Quasi-Judicial Item subject to Council's Disclosure Policy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meetings of January 28, February 11 and 25, 2009.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS/COMMITTEES.

COMMISSION MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Discussion of Meeting Process and Procedure
- Commission Representative's report on Council Actions.
- Commission Representation at City Council:

April: Lee Lippert
May:
June:

- **Commission Representation:**

DEEs, Variances and HIE's
PCs and Development Agreements:

Daniel Garber, Lee Lippert, Karen Holman
Karen Holman, Susan Fineberg, Arthur
Keller

Palo Alto Housing Corporation Representative:
Housing Element Technical Advisory Group:
Library Bond Stakeholders Committee Representative:

Fabio Rosati
Susan Fineberg
Lee Lippert

NEXT MEETING: Special Meeting of April 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS:

April 15, 2009

- Zone Change from RM-40 to PTOD – # Grant, Sheridan and Birch Streets
- Open Space Zoning

OTHER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS WITH TENTATIVE DATES:

- Rezone for Subdivision Process and Historic Covenants (4/29)
- SCC Comp. Plan Land Use Plan for Palo Alto Airport (4/29)
- Stanford Projects Urban Design (4/22)
- 2180 ECR Initiation of a Zone Change application (4/29)
- Capital Improvement Program Study Session and Recommendation (5/06)
- Maybell/Donald Bike Blvd. (5/13)
- Oregon Expressway Improve. Project (5/27)

ADJOURNED:

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