



PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA

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*Wednesday, April 15, 2009
Special Meeting at 7:00 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 - absent
Fabio Rosati*

Staff:

*Curtis Williams, Interim Planning Director
Donald Larkin, Assistant City Attorney
Julie Caporgno, Chief Planning and Transp. Official
Amy French, Current Planning Official
Elena Lee, Senior Planner
Clare Campbell, 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:

1. **305 Grant Avenue, 2640 and 2650 Birch Street and 306 and 320 Sheridan Avenue***: Request for a Zone Change from the existing RM-40 zoning to the California Avenue Pedestrian and Transit Oriented Development Combining District (PTOD) Overlay District for this site, to allow for a mixed use development consisting of eight residential condominiums above 10,257 square feet of ground floor office space, below grade parking garage and related site improvements. Environmental Assessment: An Initial Study has been completed and a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.
2. **Zoning Ordinance Update**: Review and Recommendation of Draft Revisions to Chapter 18.28 related to Development Standards in the Open Space (OS) District; Environmental Assessment: An Initial Study has been completed and a Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.

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

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: Daniel Garber
June:

- Commission Representation:

DEEs, Variances and HIE's

Daniel Garber, Lee Lippert, Karen Holman

PCs and Development Agreements:

Karen Holman, Susan Fineberg, Arthur Keller

Palo Alto Housing Corporation Representative:

Fabio Rosati

Housing Element Technical Advisory Group:

Susan Fineberg

Library Bond Stakeholders Committee Representative:

Lee Lippert

NEXT MEETING: Special Meeting of April 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS:

April 22, 2009

- Stanford Projects Urban Design

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)
- 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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