



# PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA

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*Meeting of Wednesday, July 8, 2009  
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:**

*Donald Larkin, Assistant City Attorney  
Curtis Williams, Interim Director  
Julie Caporgno, Chief Planning & Transp. Official  
Cathy Siegel, Advance Planning Manager  
Amy French, Current Planning Manager  
Ron Babiera, Senior Planner  
Roland Rivera, Senior Planner  
Dave Dockter, Planning Arborist  
Zariah Betten, Admin. Assoc.*

## **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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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.

## **6:00 PM – SPECIAL MEETING**

### **Unfinished Business - Study Session:**

1. Housing Element Schedule, Status and P&TC Review Process.

## **7:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING**

### **Public Hearings:**

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.
3. **4261 and 4273 El Camino Real\*:** Review and initiation of requests for: (1) an Amendment to the Zoning Map to Change the Zone Designation of a 16,200 square foot portion of Dinah’s Hotel property from the RM-15 (Residential Multi-Family) Zone to the CS(L) (Service Commercial with Landscape Combining District, and (2) a Resolution Amending the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation of the same property from Multiple Family Residential to Commercial Hotel at 4261 El Camino Real. Environmental Assessment: A draft Initial Study will be prepared and will be circulated for public review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.

\* Quasi-Judicial Item Subject to Council’s Disclosure Policy

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:*** Regular Meeting of June 10, 2009

***REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS/COMMITTEES.***

***COMMISSION MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS.***

- Discussion on Report to Council – continued from June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Commission Representative’s report on Council Actions.
- Commission Representation at City Council:

June: Karen Holman  
July : Samir Tuma

- **Commission Representation:**  
DEEs, Variances and HIE's  
PCs and Development Agreements:  
Palo Alto Housing Corporation Representative:  
Housing Element Technical Advisory Group:  
Library Bond Stakeholders Committee Representative:  
Annual Report to Council:
- Daniel Garber, Lee Lippert, Karen Holman  
Karen Holman, Susan Fineberg, Arthur Keller  
Fabio Rosati  
Susan Fineberg  
Lee Lippert  
Daniel Garber, Samir Tuma, Arthur Keller

**NEXT MEETING:** Special Meeting of July 22, 2009

**UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS:**

**July 22, 2009**

College Terrace Traffic Calming Project  
Initiation of Ground Floor and Other Retail Zoning Amendments  
Comp. Plan Update Schedule  
Uncodified Ordinance relating to time extensions for active permits

**OTHER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS WITH TENTATIVE DATES:**

- Oregon Expressway Improvement Project (7/29)
- Greenbuilding Study Session (7/29)
- Initiation of Zoning Amendment on Basement Construction (7/29)
- 4261 ECR - Dinah's Zone Change (8/12)
- Comp. Plan Policies and Programs (8/12)

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