



# PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA

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**Meeting of Wednesday, July 29, 2009 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*  
*Fabio Rosati*

### **Staff:**

*Curtis Williams, Planning Director*  
*Amy French, Current Planning Manager*  
*Kristin Heinen, Assoc. Planner/Sustainability Coord.*  
*Amy Bartell, Deputy City Attorney*  
*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.

**Public Hearing**

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Review and Recommendation of an Uncodified Ordinance relating to Time Extensions for active permits previously approved pursuant to Palo Alto Municipal Code, Title 18, Zoning Code. Environmental Assessment: Exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements pursuant to Title 14 of California Code of Regulations, Section 15061(b)(3). (*This item was continued from the July 22 Special PTC Meeting*).

**Reports of Officials:**

2. **Green Building Study Session:** Staff presentation of a report on the first year implementation of the Green Building Ordinance (PAMC Chapter 18.44) and comment regarding proposed amended criteria outlined in Standards for Compliance Tables A and B.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:*** Minutes of June 24 and July 8, 2009

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

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

- Commission Representation at City Council:  
July: Samir Tuma  
August:  
September:
  
- 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  
Annual Report to Council: Daniel Garber, Samir Tuma, Arthur Keller

***NEXT MEETING:*** Regular Meeting of August 12, 2009

***UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS:***

**August 12, 2009**

Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair  
Initiation of Zoning Amendment on Basement Construction  
4261 ECR – Dinah's

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

- Comp. Plan Discussion on Vision Statement (8/26)
- Oregon Expressway Improvement Project (8/26)

***ADJOURNED:***

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