



PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA

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Meeting of Wednesday, August 12, 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
Eduardo Martinez

Staff:

Curtis Williams, Planning Director
Amy French, Current Planning Manager
Donald Larkin, Assistant City Attorney
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*

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:

- **Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **4261 and 4273 El Camino Real:** Requests for: (1) an Amendment to the Zoning Map to Change the Zone Designation of an approximately 13,200 square foot portion of Dinah's Hotel property from the RM-15 (Residential Multi-Family) Zone to CS(L)(D) (Service Commercial with Landscape and Site and Design Review Combining Districts) Zoning and (2) a Resolution Amending the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation of the same property from Multiple Family Residential to Commercial Hotel at 4261 and 4273 El Camino Real. Environmental Assessment: An Initial Study has been completed and a draft Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.

ATTACHMENT

2. Initiation of Zoning Amendments addressing Basement Construction.

ATTACHMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of July 22, 2009

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS/COMMITTEES.

COMMISSION MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Commission Representation at City Council:
August: Samir Tuma
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 26, 2009

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS:

August 26, 2009

- Comp. Plan Discussion on Vision Statement
- Oregon Expressway Improvement Project

OTHER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS WITH TENTATIVE DATES:

- Zoning Ordinance and Map Amendment to Palo Alto Municipal Code Chapter 18.30(C) (the Ground Floor (GF) Combining District) and Palo Alto Municipal Code Chapter 18.18 (Downtown Commercial Community (CD-C) Zone District) to Modify Restrictions on Ground Floor Uses. Environmental Review: Exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – 09/9.
- Housing Element – Housing Vision, Goals and Key Issues – 10/14
- Joint Council/PTC meeting for a discussion on the Housing Element’s Housing , Vision, Goals and Key issues – 10/19
- Housing Element – Housing Needs – 12/9

ADJOURNED:

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