



PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA

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*Special Meeting of Wednesday, October 28, 2009 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
Eduardo Martinez*

Staff:

*Curtis Williams, Planning Director
Cara Silver, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Julie Caporgno, Chief Planning and Transp. Official
Amy French, Current Planning Manager
Chitra Moitra, Planner
Zariah Betten, Admin. Associate*

PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

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- 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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NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearings:

1. **164 Hamilton Avenue:** Request by Ryan Amaya of Kier & Wright on behalf of SPI 164 Hamilton, LP for a recommendation of approval for a Tentative Map to create six commercial condominium units within an existing office building. Environmental Assessment: Categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301 (k) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Zone District: CD-C(P).

STAFF REPORT & ATTACHMENTS

2. **California Avenue Streetscape Improvements (Phase I):** Request by Public Works Engineering on behalf of the City of Palo Alto for California Avenue streetscape modifications from El Camino Real to the Caltrain Depot, focusing on tree replacement. The street improvement project involves various upgrades to the public right of way along California Avenue. The overall project includes replacement and addition of street trees, replacement of street benches, news racks, waste receptacles, replacement and addition of bicycle racks, crosswalk improvements and restriping of road and automobile parking spaces. An Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration have been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for Phase I of the project, the replacement and addition of street trees within the project area. The other components of the project as described above are Phase II and will undergo a separate environmental analysis when the details have been more fully developed.

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Other Items:

3. **Comprehensive Plan Amendment:** Discussion of Land Use and Community Design Chapter, Vision, Policies and Programs.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS/COMMITTEES.

COMMISSION MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Commission Representation at City Council:
October: Dan Garber
November: Lee Lippert
- Commission Representation:
DEEs, Variances and HIE's
Daniel Garber, Lee Lippert, Karen Holman

PCs and Development Agreements:
Palo Alto Housing Corporation Representative:
Housing Element Technical Advisory Group:
Library Bond Stakeholders Committee Representative:
Annual Report to Council:
Basements:

Karen Holman, Susan Fineberg, Arthur Keller
Lee Lippert
Susan Fineberg
Lee Lippert
Daniel Garber, Samir Tuma, Arthur Keller
Karen Holman, Dan Garber

NEXT MEETING: Special Meeting of November 4, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Council Conference Room

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS:

November 4, 2009

- CIP 2011-15 Budget Input

OTHER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS WITH TENTATIVE DATES:

- Palo Alto Bowl Tentative Map (11/18)
- Joint Meeting with Council (11/16)
- Review of Business & Economics Chapter (11/18)
- Mings (12/2 in CCR)
- Housing Element – Housing Needs (12/9)
- East Meadow Circle Concept Plan (1/27/10)

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