

Planning & Transportation Commission Action Agenda: September 14, 2022

Council Chambers & Zoom 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Roll Call

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- 8 <u>Chair Lauing:</u> (meeting in progress) the Planning and Transportation Commission the regular
- 9 meeting of September 14, 2022, and we'd like to talk about the resolution preceded by the
- 10 communications.

Chief Planning Official Amy French: Pursuant to AB-361 this meeting will be held with the
 option to attend by teleconference or in person. Members of the public may provide live public

14 comment by submitting a speaker card prior to the start of Public Comment on that item.

15 Speakers may address items not on the Agenda during Oral Communications portion of the

meeting. Spoken comments via a computer or a smart phone will be accepted through the

zoom app. To address the Commission, go to https://zoom.us/join the meeting ID 916 4155

9499. When you wish to speak, click raise hand. To offer comments using a regular phone call

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item hit star (*) 9 on your phone so we know that you wish to speak. Thank you.

22 Chair Lauing: Great. Thank you very much. Please call the roll.

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2	Ms. Klicheva: Chair Lauing?
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4	Chair Lauing: Present.
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6	Ms. Klicheva: Vice-Chair Summa?
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8	<u>Vice-Chair Summa</u> : Present.
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10	Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Chang?
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12	Commissioner Chang: Here.
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14	Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Hechtman?
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16	Commissioner Hechtman: Here.
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18	Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Reckdahl?
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20	Commissioner Reckdahl: Here.

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2	Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Roohparvar?
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4	Commissioner Roohparvar: Present.
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6	Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Templeton?
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8	Commissioner Templeton: Here.
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10	Ms. Klicheva: We have a quorum.
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12	Chair Lauing: Okay, thank you.
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14	(conversation following Transportation Report by Mr. Ruis)
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16	MOTION
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18	Commissioner Hechtman: Thank you. I'll move adoption of resolution authorizing use or
19	teleconferencing for Planning and Transportation Commission meetings during COVID-19 State
20	of Emergency.

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4	Vice-Chair Summa and Commissioner Chang: Second (laughter).
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6	Chair Lauing: There's a lot of enthusiasm about this item tonight, I'm glad to see that full
7	participation So it's been moved and seconded by two people that we do this resolution. Any
8	questions or comments? Nope? Let's do a Roll Call on that please.
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10	VOTE
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12	Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Chang
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14	Commissioner Chang: Yes.
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16	Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Hechtman
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18	Commissioner Hechtman: Yes.
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20	Ms. Klicheva: Chair Lauing

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2	MOTION #1 PASSED 7 (Hechtman, Lauing, Reckdahl, Summa, Chang, Templeton, Roohparvar) –
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5	Commission Action: Motion by Hechtman, seconded by Chang/Summa. Motion Passed 7-0.
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8 9 10	Oral Communications The public may speak to any item not on the agenda. Three (3) minutes per speaker. ^{1,2}
11	<u>Chair Lauing:</u> Now is the section for Oral Communications for anyone who has a comment they
12	want to make that is not on the agenda. I see no one in Chambers, how about online, Madina?
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14	Ms. Klicheva: We do not have anyone online, but I see a gentleman in the back just coming in
15	let me just quickly check with him, just a second.
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17	Chair Lauing: Nope, he said no.
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19	Ms. Klicheva: Then we don't have any oral communication.
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Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

- 3 The Chair or Commission majority may modify the agenda order to improve meeting management.
- 4 <u>Chair Lauing</u>: Okay moving along on the Agenda, are there are any Agenda changes, additions
- 5 or deletions, other than the one that was cut a few days ago.
- 7 Ms. French: Yeah, none that are not already known, posted on the Agenda.

City Official Reports

- 11 <u>Chair Lauing</u>: Okay, great, then we'll move on to the official City Report.
- 1. Directors Report, Meeting Schedule and Assignments
- Ms. French: Yes, good evening. Amy French, Chief Planning Official, the Planning Commission had continued the ADU Ordinance Chapter 18.09 update to this meeting tonight, however, State Legislation has happened with respect to ADUs and so, waiting on the Governor's desk so we put that off until September 28th which is closer to signature deadline and we're adding a couple of Code changes to address that legislation. Okay. So, then the next meeting is October

12th, we have a proposal from the Sobrato Organization at 3200 Park Boulevard and then in late

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October we're looking at having a couple of EIR scoping meetings, one for the Housing Element
and one for the PHZ (the Planned Home Zoning) proposed at 660 University. This is one that
had already been to the Council on a pre-screening. And then in November we'll be bringing
back the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Plan which will be an action item and we do
intend to provide an update on the recently passed, or soon to be passed, State Legislation
pertaining to zone and land use. And then finally we did review the retail study and I eluded to
this at the last meeting, an administrative draft, and we're working with the consultants, we
want to a little bit more stakeholder outreach before we go live and tweak that report a bit and
go to a study session with the Commission. Finally, we do have the CUP thresholds which the
Commission addressed at the last meeting, that Ordinance going forward to the City Council on
November 7 th , and then the other Council items of interest in October and November which are
the California Building Code Adoption with local amendments, we have the permanent Parklet
Program discussion and direction, the open space home that you had seen at the August
meeting, 575 Los Trancos, so we'll need representation on that and then we have Oh the NV
Cap refined preferred alternative. So quite a lot of items of interest coming in the next couple
of months.

<u>Chair Lauing</u>: Do we have any of those sort of penciled in or are they just upcoming, I mean not specific dates yet, right?

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1 Ms. French: Well, they are penciled into our chart internally, so we're kind of juggling and trying 2 to find ...(interrupted) 3 4 Chair Lauing: But NV CAP finding, for example is planning to come back before the end of the 5 year. 6 7 Ms. French: To the Council it is a plan. 8 9 Chair Lauing: Okay to the Council right. 10 11 Ms. French: Yeah. 12 13 Chair Lauing: Okay. Are there questions for the staff from the Commissioners? Any online 14 Commissioners? No. Okay. Then we have our Transportation representative. 15 Senior Engineer Rafael Rius: Thank you, Rafael Rius, Senior Engineer with the Office of 16 17 Transportation. Just a couple of minor updates I had, I mentioned during the last meeting that 18 the intersection of Charleston and Louis/Montrose traffic signal was going to be turned on and 19 that has been turned on and in operation. And, upcoming switch-over at Charleston and El 20 Camino, that signal will be switched over, scheduled tentatively scheduled for September 22nd,

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1 and that's on Basin and previously mentioned intersections at Wilkie and Fabian are targeting 2 towards the end of October or in November for switchovers at those locations. One item that I 3 mentioned during the last meeting I need to correct myself, I misspoke... I mentioned the future 4 item of on-demand transit service, my notes were incorrect at the last meeting, that's actually 5 going to be an item for City Council and not for this body but we're still on track for the Muni-6 Code clean up with respect to bicycles and the study session for the high incident locations. 7 So... 8 9 Chair Lauing: You said you're still what on that last one, I'm sorry. 10 11 Mr. Rius: Oh um, we're still planning to come to this Commission for the Muni-Code clean up 12 and the high incident location items. 13 14 Chair Lauing: Yeah, any estimate yet of the timing of that? High estimate... 15 16 Mr. Rius: We were hoping to bring them together on the same day, so I think we were originally 17 planning for October but that might get pushed into November, I need to find out from our 18 planners how they're doing with the Muni-Code item, as well as we're trying to assign staff to

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1 Chair Lauing: Yeah, obviously you know we want to get to that and we're running out of year in

2 our annual plans so, we'd like to get to it this year.

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4 Mr. Rius: Yes.

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6 Chair Lauing: Okay. Questions for Transportation representative? Yeah, Commissioner

7 Reckdahl.

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9 <u>Commissioner Reckdahl</u>: I have a question about the light at Charleston and Montrose, is that

synchronized with Fabian and Charleston?

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12 Mr. Rius: It is not yet currently, we were.... It was originally... all three of them... the two, the

one at Fabian as well as on Wilkie, all three of those were ... got delayed until October but we

kind of rushed to get Louis Montrose up with the school season so it's not fully up and... like we

don't have communication to it... we need the communication to get the coordination going

and also there's detection issues and temporary detection measures being used at Fabian and

such. Once we get everything completed, we'll be able to establish coordination but there's not

currently... it's not currently operating.

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1 Commissioner Reckdahl: Okay. As long as in the long run we get that because right now when 2 that light at Montrose is red, sometimes that causes traffic to back up and it effects the Fabian 3 intersection. 4 5 Mr. Rius: Okay, so you're talking about for westbound traffic is backing up to Fabian? 6 7 Commissioner Reckdahl: Correct. 8 9 Mr. Rius: Can you... can I ask you what time of the day that was? 10 11 <u>Commissioner Reckdahl</u>: Yeah, five/six o'clock. 12 13 Mr. Rius: Okay. I'll take a look into that and see what we can do. 14 15 Commissioner Reckdahl: Okay. I mean I understand during construction there may be some transients but most importantly is long term. Okay. Thank you. 16 17 18 Chair Lauing: Okay, if no further questions, then we're concluding on the City Reports and we'll 19 move to our first and actually, only Action item now. Which is Public Hearing at around 1237 20 San Antonio Road.

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2	Commissioner Hechtman: Excuse me.
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4	Chair Lauing: Oh, sorry, go ahead.
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6	Commissioner Hechtman: Chair, before Action Item one, did I miss the resolution?
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8	Chair Lauing: Yeah, because I really wanted you to remind me.
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10	Commissioner Hechtman: Oh! Sorry. I was delinquent but I'm reminding you now, May I make
11	a motion?
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13	Chair Lauing: You may.
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15	(Vote for Brown Act placed under appropriate item on Page 3)
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17 18	Action Items Public Comment is Permitted. Applicants/Appellant Teams: Fifteen (15) minutes, plus three (3) minutes rebuttal.
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1 Chair Lauing: Okay, so, we've caught up on that, so this is on 1237 San Antonio Road. Kind of

2 unusual in a sense that we're recommend a Comprehensive Plan amendment for the portion,

and staff will cover this, relative to the Homekey Housing Project, so, let's have a staff report on

that to kind of kick it off.

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3. PUBLIC HEARING: 1237 San Antonio Road [22PLN-00113]: Recommendation on a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the Northwest Portion of the Site Changing the Land Use Map Designation from "Public Conservation Land" (CL) to "Major Institution Special Facilities" (MISP). Environmental Assessment: Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to AB 2553. Contact Melissa McDonough.

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Ms. French: Yes, good evening. I have Jodie Gerhardt who is with the... she's the manager of

Current Planning for the Planning Services Department. She will be sharing her screen and

presenting on behalf of the department and those who cannot be with us, Melissa

MacDonough who wrote the report for tonight, but she is unavailable to be here in person.

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Planning Services Manager Jodie Gerhardt: Yes, thank you Commissioners, Jodie Gerhardt,

Manager of Current Planning, we also have Chantel Gaines with the City Manager's office as

well, if you have any questions about the Homekey Project. But this evening we're talking about

a Comprehensive Plan amendment at 1237 San Antonio. So, as you know the Homekey Project

... the City was awarded twenty-six, over twenty-six million in a grant to construct an interim

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housing shelter on a portion of the LAPT sites known as Area C. With that, there's a need to move GreenWaste to a different portion of Area C and that creates the need for the Comp Plan amendments. So, showing you the location here, circled in red is that Area C that will house both Homekey and GreenWaste at the very tip of the triangle there you see the portion of the site that is located in the public conservation lands Comp Plan amendment designation and that's the area that we're discussing tonight. The majority of the site is already... already has a Comp Plan designation of major institution, special facility. So just to give you a perspective of where the Homekey Project would be located, it's on the eastern portion of the site, the front of the site facing San Antonio Road is where the housing project would be located. And then GreenWaste would be moved to the back portion of the site, and you'll see sort of the line in the middle of the GreenWaste project, that's the line of the Comp Plan designations. As you see GreenWaste is using the southern portion of the site and then on the northern portion there's been various construction staging and truck parking happening in that area, so it is already a disturbed location. So, just a quick overview about the Comp Plan itself. It does contain the City's official policies on land use, community design and environment et cetera, it's focused on the physical form of the city. City staff use it to regulate development and it's used by citizens to understand the City's long-range plans for different geographic areas. The plan also provides the basis for the City's Capital Improvement program. Regarding Comp Plan Amendments, given State regulations we are able to amend the Comp Plan up to four times each year and amendments are initiated by property owners, PTC, Council or Staff. This particular one is being

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initiated by staff in coordination with the Homekey Project. All amendments require Public Hearings by PTC and Council and they're evaluated for their environmental impacts through CEQA. So this particular Comprehensive Plan amendment is for approximately eleven thousand eight-hundred square-foot portion of the subject site to be changed from the Public Conservation land to major Institutions/Special Facilities. And this change would allow GreenWaste to fully utilize their new portion of the site once Homekey is built. And just to go over the definitions of why we need this change, conservation land as it's defined in the Comp Plan, its primary purpose is for preservation and enhancement of the natural state of the land and it's for plants and animals. You can use it for recreation and educational activities but not other uses, whereas the major institution designation is intended for governmental, academic, hospital and other city facility type uses and so that's why we're suggesting the change to that designation. For the CEQA components, given that this is a Homekey project, we're using Homekey funds and GreenWaste does need to be relocated to accommodate the Homekey Project. For all of those reasons the project is exempt from CEQA given various laws around the Homekey Program. And with that, staff is recommending that the PTC take the following action: we recommend... we're asking the PTC to recommend that City Council adopt the attached resolution, amending the Comprehensive Plan land use designation at 1237 San Antonio Road to create alignment between the use of the land and its designation. So, with that, I do have Melissa's information here, she's the one who wrote the report and my information as well, if needed. Thank you very much.

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Mr. Barrack: I sent you a letter earlier today on the subject with a copy to the a... to Ms. MacDonough but I neglected to send it to any managers further up the line, so I don't know if Ms. Gerhardt has seen a copy of my letter. But I was concerned about this and whether it's necessary to make this proposed change and also what is the existing land use designation for the entire site because that's going to be carried through in any resolution if you do make a change. The Comprehensive Plan adopted the land use map, I printed off a copy from the online version, and the entire site at 1237 San Antonio has a land designation of public conservation land, it doesn't show any part of it as being a major institution/special facilities. Now, a long time ago the Los Altos sewage treatment plant was located on the site and in about 1972 there was a merger to create the regional water quality control plant and over time Palo Alto acquired the entire site. I think the first half of it by utilities and then the rest by the General Fund. And so, it's reasonable that's what's in the Comprehensive Plan is accurate that at some time along the way that was changed for the whole thing to be public conservation land and since I hadn't had time to do the legislative history myself, it seems to me if you're going to go ahead with a map that shows the two uses, it should be clear that that is what the current status is now. Second this is, I don't see the reason for needing the change since I believe it's part of a project to move the GreenWaste and therefore it's exempt as part of the Homekey project. And finally if you do think it's necessary to do it, I would put a time limit on it and then revert back to it's current status at the end of the GreenWaste use which is June 30th 2026. Thank you.

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2 Chair Lauing: Okay. Thank you. Are there no other public commenters?

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4 Ms. Klicheva: That concludes public comments.

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6 Chair Lauing: Okay. Then let's go to the Commission for... let's do questions and comments at

7 the same time. Commissioner Hechtman.

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9 <u>Commissioner Hechtman</u>: Thank you Chair. I first wanted to welcome Ms. MacDonough to the

PTC, I think I've been on the PTC for about two and a half years and it's the first time I've seen

you here so we're happy to have you as a representative from City Manager's office, I am... I

don't remember the Homekey Project itself coming through us and I saw an artist's rendering

of it in Ms. Gerhardt's slide show. It looks sizable with an excellent capacity and I wondered if

you would just tell us briefly what those series of buildings will house. I assume there's some

places to sleep, maybe there's a place to eat... can you maybe just give us a thumbnail of what

we were looking at?

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Ms. Gerhardt: Yes, so I can give you an overview of the process and then Chantal can probably

give you a better overview of the details. But related to the process, Homekey given the grant

funding, it was deemed to be consistent with the zoning code automatically without much

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1 review, we did... and that's State requirements, we did take it to the ARB as an informational

2 item and so they were able to review it and make some suggestions and staff has obviously

made some suggestions as well, given that the City is the landowner. And Chantal can give you

some more details about the number of units and things of that nature.

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6 <u>Deputy City Manager Chantal Cotton-Gaines</u>: Thank you Ms. Gerhardt and thank you

7 Commissioners, my name is Chantal Cotton-Gaines, Deputy City Manager and I'm filling in for

our new staff person Ms. Melissa MacDonough who is actually out of the office, so thank you

on behalf of both of us. To your question about the actual project, it is eighty-eight units, it is

twenty-four family units and I believe sixty-four are the remaining single-family... single and

couples' units and those are sleeping areas that have a bathroom included in them. The general

site itself, I'm not sure if the Commission is familiar with the Homekey site in Mountain View,

it's on Leghorn. It has community spaces, the idea for life moves and how they operate these

shelters is it's a wrap-around services model, so they're not just providing housing, they're also

providing the services that individuals and families need to get back on their feet and move into

permanent housing and be successful in that effort. So, there's a community space where there

can be workshops and trainings, there are case management rooms, which can be used for a

variety of services necessary for the individuals and families. There's usually some small

playground for the children who are in the family area and then there's also a kitchenette area.

Food is not cooked on site, they bring food that's prepared at other places... think Continental

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- 1 Breakfast at a hotel, it kind of works like that where you can always get something, microwave
- 2 something, have services just like snacks available. So that give you a general sense of what the
- 3 site looks like, right now it's proposed for up to three stories in certain parts of the site, and the
- 4 plan is being reviewed as we continue to build through the cost and budget but still with the
- 5 comments provided by the ARB as a guide, in addition to staff. I hope that answers the
- 6 question.

- 8 Commissioner Hechtman: Yes, thank you and I apologize for mis-identifying you, I thought I
- 9 had heard Ms. Gerhardt say that... your identity wasn't listed in our staff report, Ms.
- 10 MacDonough's is...

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12 Ms. Cotton-Gaines: All good!

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- 14 <u>Commissioner Hechtman</u>: And unfortunately, so I'm looking at you on a screen about five feet
- in front of me and unfortunately your name on the bottom of that screen is too small for eyes
- 16 my age to read and so...

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18 Ms. Cotton-Gaines: It's A-Okay, thank you!

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20 <u>Commissioner Hechtman</u>: So, I apologize. It's nice to meet you Ms. Gaines.

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4 <u>Commissioner Hechtman</u>: Alright, a follow-up question for Ms. Gerhardt, actually a couple of

them... so I visited the (break in video) site, which I've never even noticed before, so I had to

look for it, but what I saw when I was out there was GreenWaste is pretty well spread out over

a good portion of that triangle and in fact I think your aerial showed that and I'm curious, I think

they're going to have to consolidate a bit to fit on the back and I was just... I was imagining that

those discussions have already taken place and it shouldn't be a problem. I think the containers

are pretty well spaced apart and they could be brought closer together but that's the plan

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13 Ms. Gerhardt: Yes, absolutely. Throughout this project we've had the Assistant Director of

Public Works Karin North, involved. She works directly with GreenWaste, and advocates to

them to make sure they had sufficient space and works with them, you know, where needed to

move things around.

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<u>Commissioner Hechtman</u>: Okay, and then the final question I had was the access in the after

condition, Homekey Project gets built, GreenWaste is at the back of the lot, did one of your

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- diagrams show us access to the GreenWaste facility? I assume it's up the long side of the
- 2 triangle but maybe not.

- 4 Ms. Gerhardt: We do, I think this... here I can share again, I think the site plan I have right this
- 5 minute, it is showing a driveway on the northern side that would get you back to the
- 6 GreenWaste site, there is a driveway on the southern side that would be used for Homekey, we
- 7 have already talked about blocking off the driveways, so they do not connect. We want them to
- 8 be a hundred percent separated. And there are still some revisions that are happening to the
- 9 site plan.

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11 <u>Commissioner Hechtman</u>: Alright. Thank you.

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13 <u>Chair Lauing</u>: Other Commissioners? Commissioner Summa, Vice-Chair Summa.

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- 15 <u>Vice-Chair Summa</u>: Thank you. I just had a question for staff about the letter and comments
- 16 from the member of the public. And I don't... my take on his concern was that it would just
- 17 correct the legislative record and it wasn't substantive in any way to the project. Is staff
- 18 concerned about that or correcting that if it needs to be corrected, I don't know.

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1 Ms. Gerhardt: Yes, let me share a map of the location of the Comp Plan designations. Because 2 there definitely are two designations on this site, the majority of the site is the blue, the major 3 institutions designation. Only the tip of the triangle is the public conservation land. As I said, the 4 Homekey Project was deemed in conformance with the zoning code sort of automatically, but 5 we've been given advice by our City Attorney's that we do still need to amend the 6 Comprehensive Plan to allow GreenWaste operations to have in the conservation land area. But 7 it is just the tip of the triangle. 8 9 Vice-Chair Summa: Okay thank you. So the inconsistency that the member of the public was 10 concerned about doesn't exist? 11 12 Ms. Gerhardt: This is the Comprehensive Map. 13 14 Vice-Chair Summa: Okay. 15 Ms. Gerhardt: I think if ... you know if you're looking at an 8.5 x 11 it might look different but 16 17 we've zoomed in. 18

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Vice-Chair Summa: Yeah. Okay, thank you so much for clarifying that.

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1 Chair Lauing: Commissioner Chang.

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- 3 <u>Commissioner Chang</u>: Commissioner [Vice-Chair] Summa asked my question. So. I do not have
- 4 a question any longer.

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6 Chair Lauing: Commissioner Reckdahl.

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- 8 <u>Commissioner Reckdahl</u>: Yeah, as a former parks guy I get very nervous when people build the
- 9 bay lands, but this is a big exception. This is a really good project I strongly support it, I think it's
- 10 a very good use of public land. I do have some questions. I'm curious about this CEQA ... the fact
- that CEQA does not apply to it, does that just mean that we don't have to do the paperwork, or
- does that mean that it doesn't have to follow any environmental regulations?

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- 14 Ms. Gerhardt: It's... a little bit of both. Mainly we don't have to do the paperwork, but as the
- 15 landowner, we're certainly going to take care of our own City and so we are building in you
- 16 know, stormwater C-3 requirements and things of that nature. We're working closely with
- 17 Public Works on those types of things, but the State did deem these projects exempt from
- 18 CEQA and so no paperwork is needed.

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1 Commissioner Reckdahl: Now, the exemption from CEQA runs out in middle of 2024, does that 2 apply to when the project is approved or when it's constructed? 3 4 Ms. Cotton-Gaines: Jodie, do you want me to take that one? Oh sorry. Go ahead Mr. Yang. 5 6 Mr. Yang: Yeah, So, the CEQA exemption... the point and time that it matters is the title of 7 approval. 8 9 Commissioner Reckdahl: Okay. So, we don't have to worry about timeline if there's 10 construction delays this will not be a problem then. That's good. What about run-off? Are we 11 capturing all the run-off from the site? 12 13 Ms. Gerhardt: As I said, this project will have to adhere to our standard C-3 requirements, and 14 that handles the stormwater run-off. And Public works is very involved with in helping us with 15 that. 16 17 Commissioner Reckdahl: Okay, I was curious about the Tribal consultation. Is that for all land in 18 Palo Alto or is that just for certain lands? 19

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- 1 Mr. Yang: That's required whenever you amend a Comprehensive Plan. It's part of State law,
- 2 the process for amending your General Plan requires Tribal consultation.

- 4 <u>Commissioner Reckdahl</u>: Okay. Okay. I looked at the diagrams, I didn't see any playground
- 5 Chantal you mentioned that there would be a playground onsite for families. Is that part of the
- 6 plan right now?

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- 8 Ms. Cotton-Gaines: Mr. Gerhardt are you able to pull it back up? I'm not sure how much you
- 9 can see in the site plan, but it's not a huge playground, to just clarify as well, it's usually like a
- 10 climbing structure and I don't even think there's a slide. It's just the area for children to play.

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- 12 <u>Commissioner Reckdahl</u>: Okay, do we expect a large number of children in the site? We have a
- large number of units... are most of them going to be adults or will there be families there?

- 15 Ms. Cotton-Gaines: So, the amount of units specifically designated for families, there are
- twenty-four of them and there's flexibility around how that space can be used depending on
- 17 the size of the families. It's an evolving population where it's not like the number that's exactly
- 18 right now we'll always experience, but working with our partner LifeMoves who is working
- 19 regionally with a lot of our unhoused residents, their experience is that some of the larger
- 20 families often don't have a place to go. So the way that these units are built will allow for our

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larger family to be able to be together but then it can also be sort of subdivided I guess for a

2 lack of a better term, as a unit for smaller families if there were not larger families that had a

need at that time. So the design that LifeMoves and their consultant team have worked with

allows for flexibility but we don't have a set number of children at any given time that we can

say that they will have, we just kind of have estimates based off what they've provided.

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7 <u>Commissioner Reckdahl</u>: Okay, I mean overall I think this is a really good location, one bad

thing about it is there are no near by stores or other amenities, and there's going to be quite a

few people there. Will there be... there's a bus line, will there be a shuttle, a designated shuttle

if people want to go down to plazas and buy something? How are people going to buy or

located shopping facilities?

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Ms. Cotton-Gaines: So, right across the street from the site there is a Mountain View Shuttle

that comes and gets you closer to... I think like Costco and things along the San Antonio route.

So that's probably the primary source of public transportation but the City Council and the

Mayor have also been in conversation with VTA in hopes that we can get even a shuttle line

more frequently and extended hours that can go up and down that corridor. The Mountain

View site that I mentioned, which is on Leghorn which is right off of San Antonio as well, the

Leghorn Street connects right at San Antonio and Mountain View so there's also just

opportunity for synergy with the multiple sites and we're hoping that can built in over time. But

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- right now, status quo is there's the shuttle right across the street is the closest public transportation.
- 4 Commissioner Reckdahl: Okay. And we don't anticipate a designated shuttle or Palo Alto
- 5 shuttle or anything like that? It will just be VTA or Mountain View?
- 7 Ms. Cotton-Gaines: At this time we don't have any additional ones built in.
- 9 <u>Commissioner Reckdahl</u>: Okay. Thank you. I look forward to getting this built, I think there's a huge demand for this and I'm glad we're part of this. Thank you.
- 12 <u>Chair Lauing</u>: Commissioner Roohparvar.

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Commissioner Roohparvar: Thank you. I agree I'm supportive of this... of staff's recommendation on this. I had one... just one clarification question for Ms. Gerhardt. The member of the public seemed to indicate the lease with GreenWaste is coming up, can you shed some light into that? As to what that was in reference to and ... is it coming up with January, what was that all about?

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- 1 Ms. Gerhardt: Yeah, we don't have Public Works here with us this evening but I... generally
- 2 contracts go for a number of years and get renewed on a regular basis, so I can only assume
- 3 that's what we're talking about. I can... I assume it will be renewed or it will go out for RFP for
- 4 another company but we're always going to have need for this type of facility.

- 6 <u>Commissioner Roohparvar</u>: Got it. Okay, that's extremely helpful. Thank you for the
- 7 clarification.

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- 9 Chair Lauing: Okay, my... I had a question around transportation as well. Do we have any
- 10 prediction from LifeMoves about how many actual vehicles might be used there, is it twenty
- 11 percent or ...

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13 Ms. Gerhardt: Ms. Gaines, or I can try.

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15 Ms. Cotton-Gaines: Go for it... I'll tag on.

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- 17 Ms. Gerhardt: So, I think we have about 22 spaces I want to say, that are proposed on the site,
- so they are not expecting a high level of car use. This is sort of the first level of housing you
- 19 know, for unhoused people, this would be the first location (interrupted)

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- 1 Chair Lauing: Thank sounds like the number. And people could be living in their vehicles now so
- 2 they come there and take their vehicle with them. It kind of segways into the other thing
- 3 because I noticed that there's no bus transportation on weekends, so, it's a mile and a half
- 4 away, people might also get bikes, which is real easy, but they might not be able to afford bikes.
- 5 So, there is limited transportation so that was just a concern, but I thought that some would
- 6 probably have bikes and it seems like the estimate is about twenty... I'm sorry, cars, it seems
- 7 the estimate is about twenty-five percent.

9 Ms. Gerhardt: Yes, and we do have storage for bikes as well.

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11 Chair Lauing: Yeah, I figured that.

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- 13 Ms. Cotton-Gaines: And if Mr. Chair I can weight in as well, we are having dialogues with
- 14 LifeMoves to understand how their Mountain View site is functioning related to vehicles
- 15 because that's the closest that we can have to try to predict what we can expect.

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17 Chair Lauing: Sure.

- 19 Ms. Cotton-Gaines: We know that a lot of the clients that are at the site at night, are not at the
- 20 site during the day, so the parking typically is used for staff, is what LifeMoves has shared with

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us. And then in the evening that is when clients would be coming back so that those that do have cars, the parking would probably be filled with them in the evening time. Ms. Gerhardt and I are really asking a lot of questions around that though, to try to understand if the demand and the number of spaces match, at least closely. And also, we are aware that the unhoused population in Palo Alto is spit between vehicle dwellers as well as those that are not currently dwelling in a vehicle. Thus, are safe parking programs are available et cetera and so we're really trying to look at it for Palo Alto specific lens and see what we can do given the site size.

Chair Lauing: Okay, yeah this is... LifeMoves is just a phenomenal organization, and this facility is just so badly needed here, the fact that you're taking someone who is currently homeless and getting a place is the first step. Maybe even double weight the second step which is that they get services. And they figure out... what's it going to take. What's it going to take to get you out of the situation that you're in. So, and it's time limited which has got it's good side and it's bad side and since the good side is that we need to figure this out in the next six month, so, it's just phenomenal. Way back, I was part of the predecessor organization to LifeMoves when I first got involved in social action in the City frankly, at Urban Ministry in Palo Alto, called UMPA, and I was on the Board there and we didn't think that we were going to fund this too long to get real services so we merged with Envision in San Jose and stayed ample for a while and then we merged it with [unintelligible], I left at that point, so did the other two that helped merged this thing, then it went to LifeMoves and each of those steps was just a great move for Palo Alto

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because it just gave us more and more capabilities here as we're showing right now, as they're

2 showing, I'm just watching, but it's just a phenomenal organization in terms of what they can

pull off to help people who are really deserving of some need so I couldn't be happier to

support this minor adjustment to the Comp Plan in favor of what this brings to the people in

our community. Vice-Chair Summa.

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7 <u>Vice-Chair Summa</u>: Thank you very much. Yea, I concur with my colleagues, and this is a

wonderful project. I'm very excited that we're going to have this. I was a little concerned about

the parking, but I think by conferring with LifeMoves you'll understand how many typically...

how many of the clients of this facility would have cars. I was just wondering if you find a

greater need is there a... could more of the GreenWaste site be utilized or something because

they are pretty isolated out there without much transportation... public transportation at all. Is

there any wiggle room there?

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Ms. Gerhardt: I think we're trying to make sure that GreenWaste has sufficient space to do the

transfer (crosstalk) Okay. So yeah, I think we need to make sure that GreenWaste has sufficient

space but it's possible that something can be worked out between daytime and nighttime

who's using the site when and those sorts of things. That's going to have to be something that

happens over time though.

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1 Vice-Chair Summa: Thank you so much.

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Commissioner Hechtman: Thank you. So the Homekey Project actually isn't really before us tonight for review, so I particularly appreciate because it never was, that Ms. Gerhardt and Ms. Gaines has provided a lot of information to us. We sometimes feel like we're in the dark, a little more than maybe we should be and so this has been really useful to us. But really what is in front of us on this Agenda item is GreenWaste is using a site owned by the City and Palo Alto and I think the City has learned that the back corner of that site that GreenWaste is using actually has this public conservation designation even though it's not being conserved, it's paved, it's you know, being used in kind of an industrial way so it's mis-designated and I think what happened here is maybe the Homekey Project is what brought this to the City's attention as we tried to figure out ... okay, Homekey is going to want on the front, GreenWaste is going on the back, let's look at our General Plan, our Comp Plan... HEY! We've got a little issue in the back. We need to make the General Plan, the Comp Plan designation consistent with the use that's out there which is the use that the City wants to continue which is to use it for our waste sorting for the City of Palo Alto which is what GreenWaste is doing, and I agree with Ms. Gerhardt that that current contract may expire in 2026 but it's either going to be renewed or somebody is going to keep doing that kind of work, we're going to need sorting in 2027 and

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1 that's the logical place to keep doing it. And so, that's really our focus is to bring the Comp Plan 2 in line with the actual use of this property and I think that staff has done a good job of 3 explaining that aspect of it in the planning report and here in their oral report. 4 5 **MOTION** 6 7 Commissioner Hechtman: I'm fully supportive, it makes great sense to me and I'd be prepared 8 to make a motion to adopt staff's recommendation if the rest of the Commission is ready for 9 that. 10 11 Chair Lauing: I think that's fine, and your characterization is exactly right. It's lovely that we're 12 getting to this via the project that is going to go in there, but you're right in terms of the focus 13 of the memo... of the motion. So, that's the motion? Is there a second? 14 15 SECOND 16 17 Chair Lauing: I'd be happy to second it. So, we'll go with that and then have further discussion 18 if anyone wants to. I don't see any lights on screen or in Chambers, so let's go to a roll call vote. 19 Oops Sorry, Commissioner Chang was ready to go. 20

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1 Commissioner Chang: So, again just to make it clear, because when I first saw this, I went 2 What? We're going to take conservation ... you know, land that's supposed to be conserved and 3 change it to something else. This land, after reading the report, is not being used in that way 4 right now, it is paved over, and so this is a no-brainer decision because it's just about bringing 5 the Comp Plan into alignment with reality. It's not land that would easily be rehabilitated into a 6 state where it could be conserved either. So, I support the motion. 7 8 Chair Lauing: Commissioner Templeton. 9 10 Commissioner Templeton: I agree with what everything Commissioner Chang just said. But I 11 also want to share that I've had a chance to get to know a little bit more about LifeMoves at my 12 day job and they do amazing work and we're really lucky that we found a spot that will work 13 and I think this is a minor change that will have big impact so I'm really glad we're doing this. 14 15 Chair Lauing: Okay. Alright, let's go to a roll call vote please. 16

17 **VOTE**

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19 Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Chang

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3	Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Hechtman
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5	Commissioner Hechtman: Yes.
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7	Ms. Klicheva: Chair Lauing
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9	Chair Lauing: Yes.
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11	Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Reckdahl
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13	Commissioner Reckdahl: Yes.
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15	Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Roohparvar
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17	<u>Commissioner Roohparvar</u> : Yes.
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19	Ms. Klicheva: Vice-Chair Summa
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1	<u>Vice-Chair Summa</u> : Yes.
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3	Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Templeton
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5	Commissioner Templeton: Yes.
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7	Ms. Klicheva: Motion carries 7-0
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9	MOTION #1 PASSED 7 (Hechtman, Lauing, Reckdahl, Summa, Chang, Templeton, Roohparvar) –
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12	Commission Action: Motion by Hechtman, seconded by Lauing. Motion Passed 7-0.
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14	Chair Lauing: Thank you. Very efficient, net for a good cause.
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16	Ms. Cotton-Gaines: Thank you.
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18 19 20 21	Approval of Minutes Public Comment is Permitted. Three (3) minutes per speaker.

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1	<u>Chair Lauing</u> : Next item on the Agenda is a couple of sets of Minutes. Summary meeting from
2	July 13 and draft verbatim from August 10. So, we'll take those in order and note if you were
3	absent on either of those days when you make your vote. So, let's have our first vote from
4	Commissioner Hechtman.
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6	4. July 13, 2022 Draft Summary Minutes
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10	Commissioner Hechtman: I move approval of the July 13 th draft summary minutes as revised.
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14	Commissioner Chang: Second.
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16	Chair Lauing: Moved and Seconded to approve those minutes. Are there any recusals or
17	abstentions? Commissioner Templeton.
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19	Commissioner Templeton: I'm just saying yes, I was not there that day, so I'll Abstain.
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3	Commissioner Roohparvar: Yes.
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5	Ms. Klicheva: Vice-Chair Summa?
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7	<u>Vice-Chair Summa</u> : Yes.
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9	Ms. Klicheva: Motion carried 6-0.
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11	Commissioner Templeton: 6-0-1
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13	Ms. Klicheva: 6-0-1 Thank you.
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15	MOTION #1 PASSED 6 (Hechtman, Lauing, Chang, Reckdahl, Summa, Roohparvar) $-0-1$
16	(Templeton abstained).
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3	Commissioner Hechtman: If I may Chair, move approval of the August 10 th , 2022 verbatim
4	meeting minutes as revised.
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6	SECOND
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8	<u>Vice-Chair Summa</u> : Second.
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10	Chair Lauing: Moved and seconded. Any comments questions or Abstentions, I don't think
11	there are any abstentions are there? Abstention from Commissioner Chang. Yeah. Okay, roll cal
12	vote please.
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14	VOTE
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16	Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Chang?
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18	Commissioner Chang: Abstain.
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20	Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Hechtman?

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2	Commissioner Hechtman: Yes.
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4	Ms. Klicheva: Chair Lauing?
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6	<u>Chair Lauing:</u> Yes.
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8	Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Reckdahl?
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10	Commissioner Reckdahl: Yes.
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12	Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Roohparvar
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14	Commissioner Roohparvar: Yes
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16	Ms. Klicheva: Vice-Chair Summa?
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18	<u>Vice-Chair Summa</u> : Yes.
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20	Ms. Klicheva: Commissioner Templeton?

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1 Chair Lauing: Okay then, Commissioner questions, comments or announcements? And then 2 we'll talk about future agenda. Any of those? Commissioner Hechtman. 3 4 Commissioner Hechtman: So let me ask my acting Director of Planning and my two former Park 5 Commissioners, do we have the Renzel pond shrubbery trimming on anybody's work plan yet? 6 7 Chair Lauing: Do we have the what? 8 9 Commissioner Hechtman: The Renzel pond... at our last meeting I commented that it's 10 becoming overgrown and needs to be cleared out so that people can more comfortably walk 11 around those lovely ponds so I'm hoping (interrupted) 12 13 Chair Lauing: I thought you agreed to go to the Parks Commission and make a long speech 14 about that, to have a real impact. 15 16 Commissioner Hechtman: Alright. Let me ask Ms. French, who, what... is there a planning 17 staffer who staff's that Park's meeting? 18 19 Ms. French: I'm sorry, I missed that. Our Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting? 20

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1 Commissioner Hechtman: Yeah. Is there a particular planning staffer who (interruption) 2 3 Chair Lauing: I think we have to contact the other department (crosstalk) 4 5 Commissioner Templeton: You have to file a complaint. And then it will get done. 6 7 (Crosstalk) 8 9 Commissioner Hechtman: Okay, I appreciate that Commissioner Reckdahl. 10 11 Chair Lauing: Okay, any other announcements or anything? I think we've already talked about 12 future Agenda Items unless you want to get more specific about the next two items... the next 13 two meetings. 14 15 Ms. French: I don't think it's necessary to be that specific just to say that I'm sure you are all 16 interested in the State Legislation that is going through as it does every year, so we'll all be 17 watching that and hope to bring back a robust session to cover that. Another thing I might 18 mention, it's not our meeting but the Santa Clara County is having... and I forget the acronym, I 19 think it's L... HLUET meeting is happening tomorrow at I think ten in the morning. They're 20 looking at the Stanford Community Plan. So, just to be aware of that. I know that the City...

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1 prepared.... City staff prepared comments... reviewed the Plan and prepared comments for 2 transmission to the County on that Plan. 3 4 Commissioner Hechtman: So HLUET, which Ms. French just mentioned, is the... it's a 5 subcommittee of the Board of Supervisors, it's the Housing and Land Use Committee. I think it 6 has two of the Supervisors (Crosstalk) 7 8 Ms. French: Housing and Land Use "E" 9 10 Commissioner Hechtman: Yeah, I can't remember what the E is. Anyway, they're a 11 subcommittee that addresses land use issues before they go to full Board. So, a lot of action at 12 that Committee. 13 14 Ms. French: So if anyone wants that zoom address I'm happy to send that out, I'll have it on my 15 calendar to... 16 17 <u>Commissioner Reckdahl</u>: Please do. 18 19 Chair Lauing: What time does it start again? 20

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1 Ms. French: I believe it's ten in the morning.

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3 Chair Lauing: Okay. Any other items?

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5 Ms. French: No other items from staff.

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- 7 <u>Chair Lauing</u>: Okay, anything else from Commissioners? Otherwise, I think we'll take an early
- 8 adjournment. We're adjourned.

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10 Adjournment

11 6:53:00 pm

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