

**PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF
AUGUST 20, 2020
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 12TH FLOOR
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
202 C STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

Chairperson William Hofman called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Chairperson William Hofman adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

*NOTE: Commissioners Boomhower, Moden, Otsuji and Whalen participated in the meeting by teleconference.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

Chairperson William Hofman – present
Vice-Chairperson James Whalen – present/teleconference
Commissioner Douglas Austin – present / in at 9:56 (Note: Late arrival due to technical difficulties)
Commissioner Vicki Granowitz – present
Commissioner Dennis Otsuji – present/teleconference
Commissioner Matthew Boomhower – present/teleconference
Commissioner Kelly Moden – present/teleconference

City Staff

Corrine Neuffer, City Attorney – present/teleconference
PJ FitzGerald, Development Services Department – present
Tait Galloway, Planning Department – present
Tony Khalil, Development Services Department – present/teleconference
Carmina Trajano, Recorder - present
Sabrina Custer, Recorder - present

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED AND/OR WITHDRAWN

- ITEM #1 - 1398 LIETA STREET – PROJECT NO. 512890 – CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 24, 2020.
- ITEM # 4 - 9G SDP/NDP/CUP/TM – PROJECT NO. 649856 – CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 10, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Accepted

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PJ FitzGerald announced that Sabrina Custer is our new Planning Commission Secretary, and this will free up Carmina to lead the Legislative Team as it was planned. Sabrina has lots of experience and previously served as the Planning Commission Secretary during her time in DSD. PJ also reported that the City of San Diego has obtained the Zoom licenses for the Virtual Meetings and she hoped that the September 10th Meeting will be completely virtual via Zoom. There will be an additional information on the webpage on how you can access the meeting and other details as they get developed.

COMMISSION COMMENT

Chairperson Hofman noted that Commissioner Austin is going the extra effort and he's driving down to join the Planning Commission Meeting; he is also trying to call in at the same time.

Commissioner Boomhower commented that he was so disappointed to hear that Laura Black was let go from the Planning Department. He thought that was very shortsighted by leadership, to get rid of one of the most respected and knowledgeable members of their leadership team. He stated that he just wanted to put that on the record, because he was shocked, and a lot of people had reached out to him and has expressed their concern about that decision.

Commissioner Granowitz commented that she echoed Commissioner Boomhower's comments about Laura Black. She said that she was also really surprised about that, because she was somebody who in her position was really well-respected by the public and that is often rare; she will be greatly missed. She stated that she noticed that the 9G Tower Project was not heard and that would have been the first project that would have gone to the former Civic San Diego. She asked the staff if the Commission can get some kind of review or education on what is going to be expected of them, what kind of projects they might be seeing and if there are other things that they need to get some training on as they assumed the new role.

Commissioner Otsuji commented that he was also surprised about Laura and stated he watched her grow throughout the years from his first time on the Planning Commission. He said that he will miss her dearly.

Commissioner Whalen commented that he has a question for staff and said that we are about a year and four months late in getting the EIR out for the Storm Water Alternative Compliance Program, which saved the City and the applicants lots of money when it's done. He requested the staff to get a report either now or later, on where we stand in getting the EIR out for public comments.

Chairperson Hofman commented that he echoed all the thoughts about Laura Black. He stated that she was extremely helpful to him as both Vice-Chair and Chair; he is sorry to see her gone as well.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM-1: ***Expedite***

1398 LIETA STREET – PROJECT NO. 512890

City Council District: 2 Plan Area: Clairemont Mesa

Staff: Jeffrey Peterson

Public testimony in favor by Pauly De Bartolo and Tommy Crudo.

Public testimony in opposition by Andrew Sanford, Erica Culligan, Rebecca Diamond, Brian Short and Christine Gomez.

COMMISSION ACTION:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WHALEN TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO ALLOW THE APPLICANT TO COME BACK WITH DESIGN'S ENHANCEMENT THAT ADDRESS LANDSCAPING AND THE EASTERN FAÇADE OF THE BUILDING AND ITS COMPATIBILITY WITH THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AND TO RETURN TO A DATE CERTAIN OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2020.

Seconded by Commissioner Granowitz. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-1 with Commissioners Hofman, Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji. Moden and Whalen voting yea and with Commissioner Austin abstaining (Note: Late arrival due to technical difficulties.)

Break time: 11:25 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

ITEM-2: ***Continued from July 30, 2020; Continued from June 4, 2020; Continued from March 12, 2020; Continued from June 4, 2020***

T-MOBILE ISLAND VIEW MARKET – PROJECT NO. 492749

City Council District: 4 Plan Area: Encanto Neighborhoods

Staff: Karen Lynch

Public testimony by Alexander Lew.

COMMISSION ACTION:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER AUSTIN APPROVING STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (PDP) NO. 2205379 AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (NDP) NO. 2205380 (ATTACHMENT 1 AND 2).

Seconded by Vice-Chair Whalen. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0-0 with Commissioners Hofman, Austin, Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji. Moden and Whalen voting yea.

ITEM-3: **ERB CREAMER - PROJECT NO. 595127**

City Council District: 3 Plan Area: Uptown

Staff: Travis Cleveland

Public Testimony by Ty Creamer.

COMMISSION ACTION:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOOMHOWER APPROVING STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT ADDENDUM TO MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 62130/SCH NO. 2007121014 AND THE ASSOCIATED MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM. APPROVE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 2096564 AND SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 2445203.

Seconded by Commissioner Austin. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0-0 with Commissioners Hofman, Austin, Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji. Moden and Whalen voting yea.

ITEM-4: **9G SDP/NDP/CUP/TM - PROJECT NO. 649856**

City Council District: 3 Plan Area: Downtown

Staff: James Alexander

Public testimony by Jason Wood.

COMMISSION ACTION:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOOMHOWER TO ELECT COMMISSIONER GRANOWITZ AS THE CHAIR TO PRESIDE DURING THAT SESSION IN THE ABSENCE OF BOTH THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR PER PERMANENT RULE 4.3. Seconded by Commissioner Moden. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-3 with Commissioners Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji and Moden voting yea and with Commissioners Hofman and Whalen abstaining and with Commissioner Austin absent.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOOMHOWER APPROVING THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE TO A DATE CERTAIN OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2020.

Seconded by Commissioner Moden. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-3 with Commissioners Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji and Moden voting yea and with Commissioners Hofman and Whalen recusing and with Commissioner Austin absent.

ITEM-5: **SOPHIE'S PLACE CPA INITIATION - PROJECT NO. 666698**

City Council District: 7 Plan Area: Linda Vista

Staff: Shannon Mulderig

Public testimony by Hugo Castaneda

COMMISSION ACTION:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER AUSTIN APPROVING STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE INITIATION OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS. Seconded by Commissioner Granowitz. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0 with Commissioners Hofman, Austin, Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji. Moden and Whalen voting yea.