



Planning Commission

## FINAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING September 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual meeting via Zoom

### 1. ROLL CALL:

**Commissioners Present:** Savlan Hauser, Robb Kapla, Elisa Mikiten, Chip Moore, Christina Oatfield, Alfred Twu, Jeff Vincent, Brad Wiblin, and Sofia Zander (temporary appointee)

**Commissioners Absent:** Barnali Ghosh.

**Staff Present:** Secretary Alene Pearson, Katrina Lapira, Alisa Shen and Grace Wu.

2. **ORDER OF AGENDA:** No changes.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** 2

### 4. PLANNING STAFF REPORT:

- Welcome new and temporary commissioners!
- City Council Meetings
  - September 14
    - ZORP - Adoption of baseline zoning ordinance (BZO)
    - JSISHL – Recommendation and discussion
  - September 21
    - Housing Element Work Session
  - September 28
    - Local ADU Ordinance
- Brown Act Suspension– awaiting State action to see if this will be extended past September 30, 2021

### Information Items:

- None.

### Communications:

- Walk Bike Berkeley – BART

**Late Communications:** *See agenda for links.*

- Supplemental Packet One
- Supplemental Packet Two
- Supplemental Packet Three

**5. CHAIR REPORT:**

- Introduction of new Planning Commissioners

**6. COMMITTEE REPORT:** Reports by Commission committees or liaisons. In addition to the items below, additional matters may be reported at the meeting.

- None.

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion/Second/Carried (Twu/Moore) to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2021

Ayes: Hauser, Kapla, Mikiten, Moore, Twu, Vincent, and Wiblin. Noes: None. Abstain: Oatfield and Zander. Absent: None. (7-0-2-0)

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER PLANNING:**

- Planning Commission
  - October 6
    - Tentative Tract Map (Public Hearing)
  - October 20
    - Bayer Development Agreement (Public Hearing)

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**9. Discussion: Draft Zoning and General Plan Amendments and City-BART Joint Vision and Priorities for the Ashby and North Berkeley BART Station Areas**

Staff provided an overview of the planning process, the City-BART Joint Vision and Priorities (JVP) document, draft zoning and General Plan amendments, and other outstanding issues related to the project. After staff’s presentation, the Planning Commission received public comment and provided input related to housing, affordability, and potential project densities proposed at the respective sites.

**Public Comments:** 45

**10. Discussion: Overview of the Upcoming Housing Element Update and Request to Identify a Member to Participate in the Public Outreach Effort**

Staff provided an overview of the Housing Element Update (6<sup>th</sup> Cycle, 2023-2031) that is underway, explaining the project's role in the context of the City's General Plan and meeting our Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). Staff asked the Commission to identify any community partners to be included on the outreach / stakeholder list. The Commission asked staff to send a reminder email the week of September 6<sup>th</sup> requesting contacts. The Commission selected Commissioner Twu as the Housing Element liaison to the Planning Commission – this entails attending workshops and being on the Housing Element email list. Commissioner Vincent will serve as an alternate.

**Public Comments: 0**

Motion/Second/Carried (Vincent/Mikiten) to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 10:37pm.

Ayes: Hauser, Kapla, Mikiten, Moore, Oatfield, Twu, Vincent, Wiblin, and Zander. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. (9-0-0-0)

**Members in the public in attendance: 105**

**Public Speakers: 47**

**Length of the meeting: 3hr 34minutes**



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Alene Pearson  
Planning Commission Secretary