



Planning Commission

FINAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING June 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

1. ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Benjamin Beach, Janis Ching, Barnali Ghosh, Savlan Hauser, Robb Kapla, Shane Krpata, Christine Schildt, Jeff Vincent, and Brad Wiblin.

Commissioners Absent: Mary Kay Lacey.

Staff Present: Secretary Alene Pearson, Katrina Lapira, Leslie Mendez, Jordan Klein, Steve Buckley, Liz Redman-Cleveland and Eleanor Hollander.

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

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** 0

4. PLANNING STAFF REPORT:

- Staff preparing for Housing Element update
- Three Planning Grants Received:
 - Two will go towards the Housing Element Update
 - One will go towards the Specific Plan for San Pablo Avenue PDA
- City Council Meetings
 - June 15 – Planning Commission Work Plan
 - July 13 – ADUs and ZORP Phase I: Baseline Zoning Ordinance

Information Items:

- April 28, 2021 Housing Element Update Memo to City Council

Communications:

- None.

Late Communications: *See agenda for links.*

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

5. CHAIR REPORT:

- None.

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 (Wiblin/Ghosh) to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from May 5, 2021

Ayes: Beach, Ghosh, Hauser, Kapla, Krpata, Schildt, Vincent, and Wiblin. Noes: None. Abstain: Ching. Absent: None. (8-0-1-0)

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER PLANNING:

- Planning Commission Summer Meetings (Tentative)
 - July 14 – Bayer Community Development Agreement, Tentative Tract Map
 - July 28 (BART meeting #1)
 - August 4 (BART meeting #2)

AGENDA ITEMS

9. Public Hearing: Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the Bayer HealthCare LLC Development Agreement Amendment

After staff's presentation, the Commission and the public provided comment on the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the Bayer HealthCare LLC Development Agreement Amendment. The public comment period for the Draft Subsequent EIR will end at **5pm on July 6, 2021.**

Written comments may be submitted in person, by mail or by e-mail to:

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Land Use Planning Division
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Motion/Second/Carried (Kapla/Krpata) to close the public hearing regarding Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the Bayer HealthCare LLC Development Agreement Amendment at 8:24pm.

Ayes: Beach, Ching, Ghosh, Hauser, Kapla, Krpata, Schildt, Vincent, and Wiblin. Noes: None.
Abstain: None. Absent: None. (9-0-0-0)

Public Comments: 14

10. Business Support Zoning Amendment Referrals – Research and Development (R&D)

Staff shared information about the West Berkeley Plan, R&D industry, and proposed amendments to the R&D definition. After Staff's presentation, the Planning Commission discussed several aspects of the proposed definition and directed staff to analyze impacts related to using the modifier "ancillary" before office space and to reformat the definition to clarify the required land use activities that fall under the umbrella of R&D.

Public Comments: 11

Motion/Second/Carried (Ghosh/Vincent) to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 11:06pm.

Ayes: Beach, Ching, Ghosh, Hauser, Kapla, Krpata, Schildt, Vincent, and Wiblin. Noes: None.
Abstain: None. Absent: None. (9-0-0-0)

Members in the public in attendance: 44

Public Speakers: 25 speakers

Length of the meeting: 4hr 1 minute



Alene Pearson
Planning Commission Secretary