



Planning Commission

## FINAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING February 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual meeting via Zoom

### 1. ROLL CALL:

**Commissioners Present:** Barnali Ghosh, Savlan Hauser, Robb Kapla, Elisa Mikiten, Christina Oatfield, Alfred Twu, Jeff Vincent, and Brad Wiblin.

**Commissioners Absent:** Chip Moore.

**Staff Present:** Secretary Alene Pearson, Zoe Covello, Grace Wu, and Sara Stephens

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

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** 0

### 4. PLANNING STAFF REPORT:

- February 8 – City Council update
  - City Council adopted the second reading of the new ADU Ordinance
  - It will go into effect on March 14, 2022
- February 16 – ZORP Subcommittee Meeting reminder
- March 2 – Planning Commission meeting to hear the following:
  - Public Hearing: Citywide Affordable Housing Requirements
  - Public Hearing: Technical Edits and Corrections to the Zoning Ordinance
  - Discussion: Bird Safe Glass Referral
  - Commissioners will select a subcommittee to develop the Planning Commission Workplan

### Information Items:

#### ADUs:

- February 8 – City Council: Item 2 Second Reading of Ordinance No. 7,797-N.S. the local Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance
- January 25 – City Council: Item B Response to City Council Action on October 26, 2021 Regarding Short Term Referral for Amendments to the ADU Ordinance for Public Safety
- January 18 – City Council: Item 23 Response to City Council Action on October 26, 2021 Regarding Short Term Referral for Amendments to the ADU Ordinance

Civic Arts Commission Referral:

- January 25 – Civic Arts Commission: Item 11 *Affordable housing for artists in Berkeley* Report and other Artist Live, Work, and Live-work opportunities to the Housing Element Update

Housing Advisory Commission Housing Preference Policy:

- February 3 – Housing Advisory Commission: Item 3 Housing Preference Policy Report

**Communications:**

- General.

**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 (Mikiten/Vincent) to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2022.
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Ayes: Ghosh, Hauser, Kapla, Mikiten, Oatfield, Twu, Vincent, and Wiblin. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Moore. (8-0-0-1)
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**8. OTHER PLANNING RELATED EVENTS:**

- Chair Mikiten provided an update about her meeting with Berkeley Design Advocates regarding the Residential Objective Standards project.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**9. Planning Commission Elections**

The Commission held elections for Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Commission.

Motion/Second/Carried (Ghosh/Vincent) to elect Commissioner Mikiten as Chair of the Planning Commission and Commissioner Hauser as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission at 7:13pm.

Ayes: Ghosh, Hauser, Kapla, Mikiten, Oatfield, Twu, Vincent, and Wiblin. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Moore. (8-0-0-1)

**Public Comments: 0**

#### **10. Housing Element Update and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Scoping Session**

Senior planner Grace Wu and CEQA consultant Karly Kaufman provided a project update on the Housing Element and the Draft Environmental Impact Report and took comments from commissioners on issues the EIR should address.

**Public Comments: 0**

Motion/Second/Carried (Ghosh/Kapla) to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 8:14pm.

Ayes: Ghosh, Hauser, Kapla, Mikiten, Oatfield, Twu, Vincent, and Wiblin. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Moore. (8-0-0-1)

**Members in the public in attendance: 11**

**Public Speakers: 0**

**Length of the meeting: 1 hr 13 minutes**



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Alene Pearson  
Planning Commission Secretary