



## County of Santa Cruz Planning Commission Minutes

Planning Department, 701 Ocean Street, Suite 400, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Meeting Date :** Wednesday, February, 28, 2024 9:30 AM

**Location :** Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 525  
County Government Center  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**1. Roll Call**

*Commissioners present: Commissioner Rick Jones, Commissioner Tim Gordin, Commissioner Yesenia Jimenez, Commissioner Allyson Violante*

*Commissioners absent: Commissioner Trina Barton*

**2. Election of Officers**

*ACTION: To elect Commissioner Violante to serve as chair and to elect Commissioner Gordin serve as vice chair for 2024*

*MOTION/SECOND: Gordin/ Jones*

*AYES: Gordin, Violante, Jimenez, Jones*

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: Barton*

**3. Additions and Corrections to Agenda**

**4. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications**

### **SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**5. Oral Communications**

**6. Approval of Minutes**

*ACTION: To move approval of the December 13, 2023, minutes to the next meeting on March 13, 2024.*

*MOTION/SECOND: Gordin/ Jimenez*

*AYES: Gordin, Jimenez, Violante*

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: Jones*

*ABSENT: Barton*

**7. 221056                      449 Granite Way, Aptos, 95003                      APN's: 040-213-14**

Proposal to divide an 11,979 square foot lot with one existing single-family dwelling into two parcels of 5,110sf (Lot A) and 6,907sf (Lot B). Requires a Minor Land Division and a determination that the project is exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Property is located on the north side of Granite Way, approximately 200 feet west of the intersection of Granite Way and Cathedral Drive (449 Granite Way).

APPLICANT: Ramsey Civil Engineering  
OWNER: Cassandra Williams  
SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT: 2  
PROJECT PLANNER: Evan Ditmars, (831) 454-3227  
EMAIL: Evan.Ditmars@santacruzcountyca.gov

**ACTION:**

*Determined the proposal is exempt from further Environmental Review and approved application 221056 with the following revisions:*

- 1) *Accept the staff recommended revisions to move Conditions IV(6,7,8) to section III, to strike duplicate Condition IV(1), to strike Conditions IV(10)(a)(i)(i) and IV(10)(e); and*
- 2) *Adopt the revised conditions proposed by Commissioners Gordin and Jones, as follows: strike Condition II(4)(c)(iii), clarify Condition II(4)(c)(ii) to require future development to comply with development standards at the time of building permit submittal, and replace “shall” with “are encouraged to be” in Conditions II(4)(c)(vi-viii).*

**MOTION/SECOND:** Gordin/Jones  
**AYES:** Jimenez, Gordin, Violante, Jones  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** Barton

**8. Public Hearing to Consider the Low Impact Camping Ordinance**

SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT: County-Wide  
PROJECT PLANNER: Natisha Williams, (831) 454-3290  
EMAIL: Natisha.Williams@santacruzcountyca.gov

*ACTION: To open the public hearing but continue this item to be heard at the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Planning Commission meeting.*

**MOTION/SECOND:** Gordin/Jimenez  
**AYES:** Jones, Violante, Gordin, Jimenez  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** Barton

**9. Public Hearing to Consider the 2023 General Plan Annual Report**

SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT: County-Wide  
PROJECT PLANNER: David Carlson, (831) 454-3173  
EMAIL: David.Carlson@santacruzcountyca.gov

*ACTION: To move the recommended action by staff to submit the 2023 General Plan Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors*

**MOTION/SECOND:** Gordin/ Jimenez  
**AYES:** Gordin, Jimenez, Violante, Jones  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** Barton

## **Regular Agenda Items**

### **10. Planning Director's Report**

### **11. Report on Upcoming Meeting Dates and Agendas**

### **12. County Counsel's Report**

## **APPEAL INFORMATION**

Denial or approval of any permit by the Planning Commission is appealable to the Board of Supervisors. The appeal must be filed with the required appeal fee within 14 calendar days of action by the Planning Commission. To file an appeal you must write a letter to the Board of Supervisors and include the appeal fee. For more information on appeals, please see the "Planning Appeals" brochure located in the Planning Department lobby, or contact the project planner.

## **APPEALS OF COASTAL PROJECTS**

(\*) This project requires a Coastal Zone Permit which is not appealable to the California Coastal Commission. It may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors; the appeal must be filed within 14 calendar days of action by the Planning Commission.

(\*\*) This project requires a Coastal Development Permit. Denial or approval of the Coastal Development Permit is appealable to the Board of Supervisors; the appeal must be filed within 14 calendar days of action by the Planning Commission. After all local appeal periods have ended (grounds for appeal are listed in the County Code Section 13.20.110), approval of a Coastal Development permit is appealable to the California Coastal Commission. The appeal must be filed with the Coastal Commission within 10 business days of receipt by the Coastal Commission of notice of final local action.

**Note regarding Public hearing items:** If any person challenges an action taken on the foregoing matter(s) in court, they may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing.

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