



County of Santa Cruz Planning Commission Minutes

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

Meeting Date : Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:30 AM

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

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Roll Call

Commissioners present: Commissioner Barton, Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Violante, Commissioner Jimenez, Commissioner Shepherd
Commissioners Absent: None

2. Additions and Corrections to Agenda

Item 6

Updated staff report provided
Updated staff report with strikethrough changes

Item 7

Updated proposed bylaws (with revised staff report) dated 9/5/2024
Updated proposed bylaws dated 9/9/2024

3. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications

4. Oral Communications

Action on the Consent Agenda

- 5.** To approve the minutes of the August 28, 2024, Planning Commission meeting as submitted by the Planning Staff.

ACTION: Approve minutes

MOTION/SECOND: Gordin/ Barton

AYES: Commissioner Barton, Commissioner Gordin, Commissioner Violante, Commissioner Jimenez

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Shepherd

Scheduled Items

- 6. Public hearing on a recommendation to the board of Supervisors regarding the proposed Year 2025 Growth Goal**

Public hearing to consider report on the Year 2-25 Growth Goal, adopt a resolution recommending a Year 2025 Growth Goal for the unincorporated portion of Santa Cruz County, and recommend filing of the CEQA Notice of Exemption with the Clerk of the Board.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: County-Wide

PROJECT PLANNER: Fernanda Dias Pini, (831) 454-3119

EMAIL: Fernanda.DiasPini@Santacruzcountyca.gov

ACTION: Approve per Staff recommendation

MOTION/SECOND: Shepherd/Jimenez

AYES: Commissioner Barton, Commissioner Gordin, Commissioner Violante, Commissioner Jimenez, Commissioner Shepherd

7. Consider proposed amendment to Planning Commission Bylaws and provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

PROJECT PLANNER: SHEILA MCDANIEL, (831) 454-2255

EMAIL: Sheila.McDaniel@SantaCruzCountyca.gov

ACTION: Approve per Staff recommendation with following revisions:

Item 6.2 ~~If any regular member is absent from two consecutive Commission meetings during any calendar year without their alternate member being present and without legitimate reason entered into the minutes, the Commission shall inform the Board of Supervisors that a vacancy exists, as provided in the County Code.~~ Unscheduled vacancies based on the absence of a member shall be created pursuant to SCCC 2.38.200.

MOTION/SECOND: Gordin/Jimenez

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Commissioner Violante, accepted by Gordin/Jimenez

Item 2.33 revised to read: The affirmative vote of the majority of members present is required to approve an item unless a larger percentage of members is required by applicable law.

Item 2.34 moved to 10.3 and revised to read: If the commission is unable to reach any decision on an application or appeal, that item will be continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the commission. If no action is taken at such a continued hearing, the application or appeal shall be deemed denied.

Item 5.5 revised to read: The Commission may also hold special meetings ~~and adjourned regular and adjourned special meetings~~ as it deems necessary.

Bylaws to come back on the consent agenda at the earliest possible Planning Commission meeting.

AYES: Commissioner Barton, Commissioner Gordin, Commissioner Violante, Commissioner Jimenez

Noes: Commissioner Shepherd

8. CDI Directors Report – Assistant Director Hansen, Replacement certification letter from the State on the Housing Element; still moving forward with first batch of rezonings; Low Impact Camping area ordinance failed at the state legislature and expect it back at the next session or so, but done with this item for now; housing project for 21 units passes at the board with requirement for development to do speed bumps in accordance with DPW approval.

9. Report on Upcoming Meeting Dates and Agendas

September 25th

Public Hearing to consider Rezoning of Batch A in accordance with 2023 Housing Element

October 23rd

Public Hearing to consider well ordinance amendments

10. County Counsel's Report – No 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.

Agenda documents may be reviewed at the Planning Department, Room 420, County Government Center, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz.

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