



County of Santa Cruz Planning Commission Minutes

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

Meeting Date : Wednesday, September 25, 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: Chair Violante, Commissioner Barton, Commissioner Jimenez (arrival at 9:46)
Commissioner Jones
Unexcused Absence: Vice-Chair Gordin*

2. Additions and Corrections to Agenda –

1. Revised bylaw strikeout sheet based on counsel’s direction regarding bylaws item 2.3.3 with r revision to language to state:

- The affirmative vote of members is required to approve an item unless a larger percentage of members is required by applicable law;
- Striking 2.3.4 of bylaws

2. Late Correspondence regarding item on regular agenda

3. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications

4. Oral Communications

Consent Agenda

Item 5 and Item 6

Item 5: To approve the minutes of the September 11th, 2024, Planning Commission Meeting as submitted by the Planning Department

Item 6: To approve Planning Commission bylaws, as revised by the Planning Commission meeting as submitted by the Planning Department

ACTION: Approve the Consent Agenda, as amended in item 6 as follows:

9.2.1: Change wording from two minutes to **two to three minutes for general public comments**

9.2.1.2: Change wording to **each person may only participate once in general public comment per meeting unless granted by the chair to offer new or unique information.**

(Noting that Counsel encouraged the language to read: each person may only participate once in general public comment per meeting unless public comment is reopened by the chair with a vote of the Commission with a time limit set)

9.2.2: Change wording from two minutes to **two to three minutes for general public comments**

9.2.2.1: Adding **unless granted by the chair to offer new or unique information.**

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Adding to the conflict of interest section 14.3, adding wording: **members of the commission should avoid participating in an item that is a potential conflict of interest.**

(Noting that Counsel encouraged the language to read: members of the commission shall not participate in an item where they have a conflict of interest)

MOTION/SECOND: Barton/Jones

AYES: Barton, Jimenez, Jones

NOES: Violante

ABSTAIN: Jones abstained on Item 5 of consent

ABSENT: Gordin

Scheduled Items

7. Public Hearing to review and provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding a proposal to rezone 35 properties included in Batch A of the Housing Element Rezoning Program

SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT: County-wide

PROJECT PLANNER: Mark Connolly, (831) 454-2682

EMAIL: Mark.Connolly@santacruzcountyca.gov

ACTION: Approve Staff Recommendation with Site ID numbers A-29 to A-33 (Primrose Lane, Watsonville) moved to Batch B

MOTION/SECOND: Jones/Violante

Friendly amendment by Jimenez, accepted by Violante/Jones

AYES: Barton, Violante, Jimenez, Jones

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Gordin

Regular Items

8. CDI Director's Report
9. Report on Upcoming Meeting Dates and Agendas
10. 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.

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

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