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Study Session #1

Council Procedures Manual

Presentation

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Council Procedures Manual Update March 5, 2024



Background

- Feb. 2023: Council adopts Cupertino City Council Procedures Manual
- City Attorney directed to return to Council in six months to consider potential revisions
- Sept. 2023: Council elects to continue item for additional six months.

Potential Revisions to Manual

- Section 4: Clarify the distinctions between and naming conventions for advisory bodies.
- Section 5.6: Incorporate additional training requirements.
- Section 8.2: Revise the rules of order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Council deliberations.
- Section 8.3: Formalize written reports of Council activities.
- Section 8.4: Consider modifications to procedures for removing items from the consent calendar.

Potential Revisions to Manual

- Section 8.5: Improve procedures for shortening and consolidating time; consider adopting overall time limits for comments by individual speakers.
- Section 8.8: Consider revisions to procedures to improve Council deliberations and implementation of related procedural rules.
- Section 10: Include more detailed enforcement provisions.

Recommended Action

 Provide input regarding revisions to City Council Procedures Manual

Questions?

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Appeal of Planning Commission Decision – Shane Co. Sign Exception

Presentation

APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO APPROVE A SIGN EXCEPTION TO ALLOW TWO WALL SIGNS FOR A SINGLE TENANT (SHANE CO) AT AN EXISTING RETAIL BUILDING EXC-2022-004

> 19900 Stevens Creek Blvd. December 12, 2023



Background



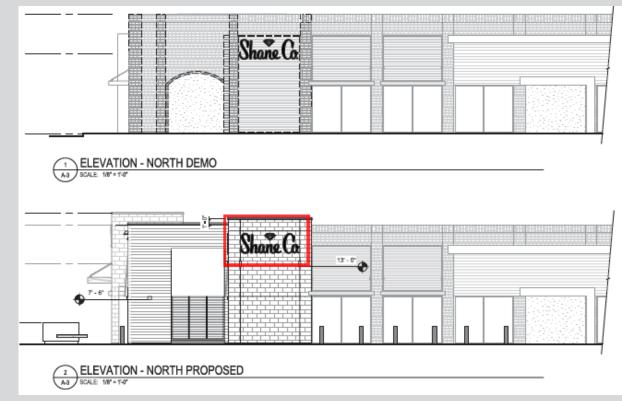
- Retail Building with three(3)tenants.
- September 28, 2023, Shane Co. received ASA-2023-004 approval for façade improvements.
- On December 12, 2023, Planning Commission approved Sign Exception with modifications, limiting it to one unlighted wall sign by a 4-0 vote.

Appeal

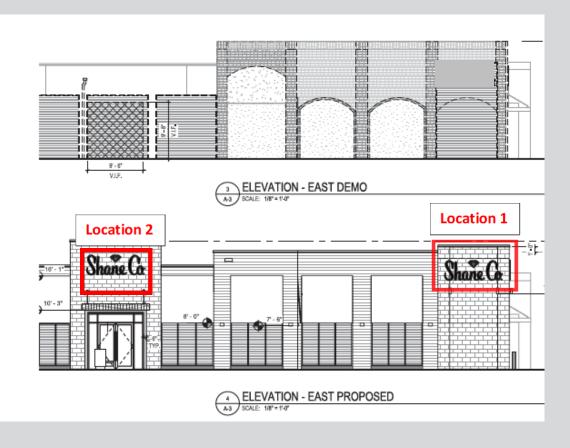
December 20, 2023, the applicants / appellant, representing Shane Co., appealed Planning Commission's decision to modify sign exception.

- Building set further back from Stevens Creek Boulevard, obscured by mature street trees.
- Design of retail building has the front entrance along the east façade and not along Stevens Creek Boulevard
- Design of building is more industrial/office than retail. Council's review of the Planning Commission's determination is *de novo*

North Elevation – Stevens Creek Blvd.



East Elevation



CMC 19.104 Signs – Wall Signs

		Wall Signs		
	Permitted	North Façade(Existing)	Location One (Proposed)	Location Two (Proposed)
Number of Wal	 One sign per business with exterior frontage. One additional for: Businesses with no ground sign and adjacent to more than one street or shopping center driveway. Sign directed to interior of project and not visible from any public right- of-way. Single tenant building pad with more than 5,000 s.f. 		Although adjacent to a shopping	A single business is not permitted to have a third wall

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Findings

- That the literal enforcement of the provisions of this title will result in restrictions inconsistent with the spirit and intent of this title;
- That the granting of the exception will not result in a condition which is materially detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare; and
- That the exception to be granted is one that will require the least modification of the prescribed regulations and the minimum variance that will accomplish the purpose.

Analysis

- Require least modification of regulations and the minimum variance.
 - Exception for three (3) wall signs is far above allowed number of wall signs permitted for a single business.
 - Allocating multiple signage to a single business is contrary to providing architectural and aesthetic harmony of signs as they relate to building design and quantity to allow for good visibility for public and needs of the business.
- An allowance for one additional wall sign along the east façade could be seen as a minor deviation from the Municipal Code.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution upholding the appeal in part, approving an exception for one of the two-requested wall signs along the east façade.

Next Steps

Should the project be approved, the City Council's decision on this project is final unless a reconsideration is filed within 10 calendar days of the date of the decision. All approvals granted by the City Council shall go into effect after 14 days.

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Applicant Presentation

Cupertino Signage



Things to Know

Shane Co. has been in the city of Cupertino since 1988

Shane Co. is in the top 25 tax contributors for the city of Cupertino

✤ Shane Co. draws over 100K customers year

Since moving to our new location in 2021 our traffic is down 12%

Reasons for Signage

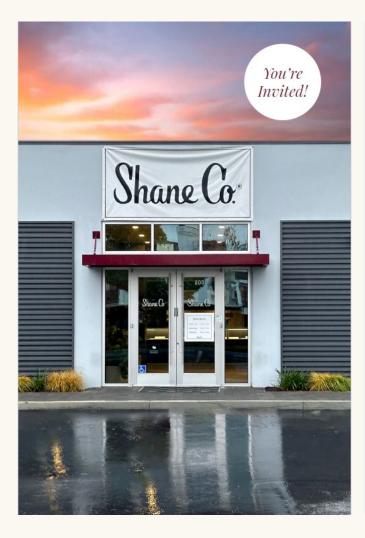
Our new store has some unique visibility challenges making it hard for customers to find us and contributing to our traffic being down thus creating a need for additional signage.

Challenges:

- Previously in The Oaks where there was much more natural traffic with the other retail in the center
- Our new store is not a retail destination
- The building itself is mid-block and has a large set-back making the building hard to see at times
- Westbound Steven's Creek Traffic cannot turn directly into the parking lot

OPEN HOUSE

We hosted an open house on February 8. We had four residents attend with no opposition to the signage.



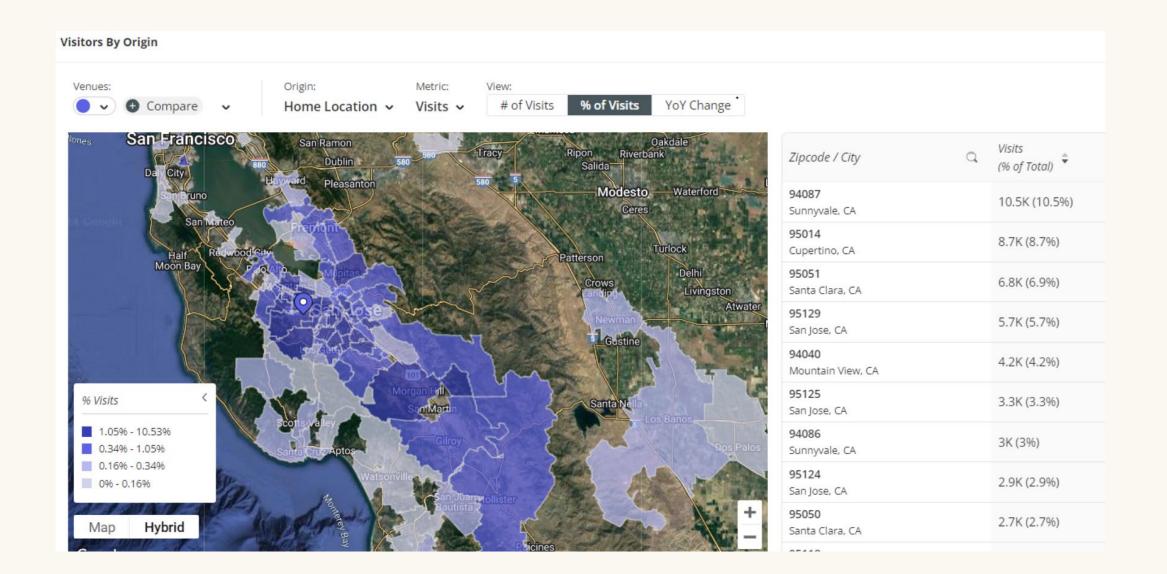
You're Invited, Cupertino Residents!

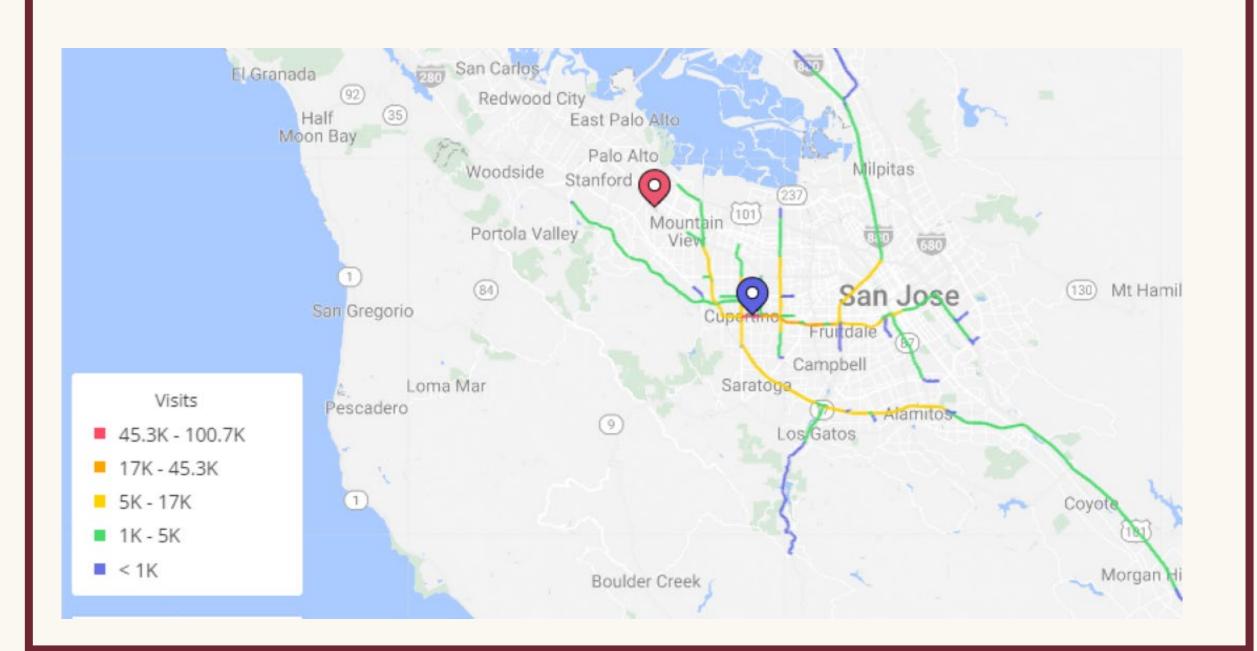
Join us at Shane Co. to learn more about our plans for additional signage, & enjoy light refreshments. We'd love input from the community!

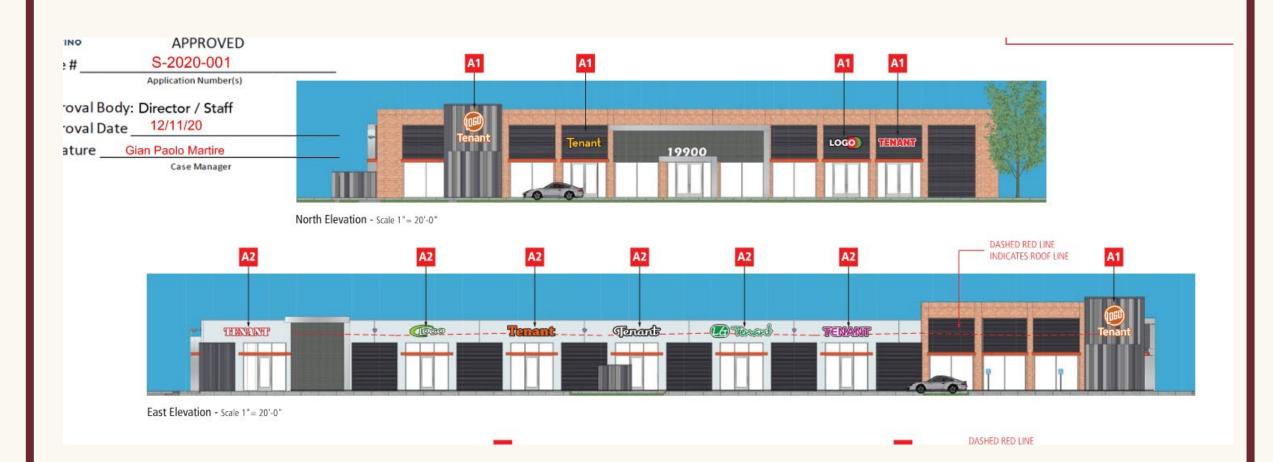
WHEN: Thursday, February 8, 12-2PM & 5-7PM

> WHERE: Shane Co. 19900 Stevens Creek Blvd. Cupertino, CA 95014













Thank you

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City Commissions and Committees

Presentation

CC 03-05-2024 Item No. 7

City Commissions and Committees March 5, 2024



Background

- Commission Governance Reform Package identified as a priority item om FY 2023-2024 City Work Program.
 - 1. Revise the Commissioners Handbook.
 - 2. Review potential Municipal Code violations by City commissioners.
 - 3. Realign and regularize commissioner terms of office.
 - 4. Establish or revise commissioner qualifications.

Ordinance and Policy Updates

- Ordinance No. 24-___: Regularize commission appointments schedule/terms and revise certain commissioner qualifications.
- **Resolution No. 24-___:** Revise advisory bodies appointments resolution.
- **Resolution No. 24-___:** Revise Commissioners' Handbook.

Commissioner Terms

- Ordinance No. 24-___:
 - Uncodified ordinance to ensure that commissioner vacancies ensure at regular, biannual intervals.
 - Amendments to Chapters 2.86 and 2.94 to remove business representatives from Housing and Sustainability Commissions.

Advisory Bodies Appointments

- Provides for removal of commissioners who fail to meet training or conflict of interest requirements.
- Establishes process for developing subject-matter specific qualifications for commissioners.
- Ends practice of appointing alternative commissioners.
- Revisions to reflect changes to administrative procedures.

Commissioners' Handbook

- Clarifies the role of the City Clerk's Office and City Attorney's Office in the administration of commissions and committees.
- Clarifies commissioners' role in the City Work Program process.
- Includes new process for developing commissioner qualifications.
- Revisions to ensure consistency with the City Council Procedures Manual and revised Ethics Code.
- Addresses applicability of the Commissioners' Handbook to appointed members of City committees.

Recommended Action

- 1. Conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-___.
- 2. Adopt Resolution No. 24-____, to repeal and replace Resolution No. 16-137, regarding City advisory bodies.
- 3. Adopt Resolution No. 24-___, revising the Commissioners' Handbook.

Questions?