



MINUTES
CUPERTINO PLANNING COMMISSION
Monday, March 9, 2026

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Tracy Kosolcharoen called the Special Planning Commission meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance in the Cupertino Community Hall Council Chamber, 10350 Torre Avenue and via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Tracy Kosolcharoen, Vice Chair Steven Scharf, and Commissioners Seema Lindskog and Santosh Rao. Absent: Commissioner David Fung.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Subject: Approval of the February 24, 2026 Planning Commission Minutes.
Recommended Action: Approve the February 24, 2026 Planning Commission Minutes.

Written communications for this item included an amended Attachment A Draft Minutes.

MOTION: Rao moved and Lindskog seconded to approve the February 24, 2026 Planning Commission Minutes as amended. The motion, as amended, carried with the following vote: Ayes: Kosolcharoen, Scharf, Lindskog, Rao. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Fung.

POSTPONEMENTS – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

STUDY SESSION

2. Subject: Update to the Health and Safety Element of the Cupertino General Plan: 2015 - 2040 Community Vision
Recommended Action: Receive the presentation and provide input on the Public Draft of the Health and Safety Element.

Written communications for this item included emails to the Commission and staff presentation.

Assistant Director of Community Development Luke Connolly introduced Senior Associate at PlaceWorks, Inc. Eli Krispi, who gave a presentation.

Commissioners asked questions, which staff and the presenter responded to.

Chair Kosolcharoen opened the public comment period, and the following people spoke:

- Jennifer Griffin
- David Y
- Darcy
- Peggy Griffin

At 7:40 p.m., Chair Kosolcharoen recessed the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 7:46 p.m. with all Commissioners present. (Fung absent)

Chair Kosolcharoen continued the public comment period, and the following people spoke:

- Derchang Kau

Chair Kosolcharoen closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Rao moved to bring back a revised version of the Health and Safety Element of the Cupertino General Plan: 2015 -2040 Community Vision that includes specific policies for evacuation, supply-side, additional policies. The Commission did not vote on this motion.

MOTION: Rao moved to recommend the addition of policies to address evacuation analysis, supply-side improvements. The Commission did not vote on this motion.

MOTION: Rao moved to recommend the addition of policies that may encourage the use of techniques, such as contra flow operationalization and readiness evaluation by the city: techniques such as contra flow and other techniques that improve supply and demand side improvements. The Commission did not vote on this motion.

MOTION: Rao moved and Scharf seconded to consider incorporating more of the supply-side strategies from the evacuation study into the Health and Safety Element of the Cupertino General Plan: 2015 -2040 Community Vision. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Kosolcharoen, Scharf, Lindskog, Rao. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Fung.

MOTION: Lindskog moved and Rao seconded to rewrite section HS-9 to be more rigorous and to bring in more of the findings from the 2026 Bay Area Heat Action Plan, with four key

pillars: improving public notification, strengthening community emergency services, upgrading building infrastructure, such as cool roofs and insulation, and implementing nature-based solutions like urban tree canopy expansion. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Kosolcharoen, Scharf, Lindskog, Rao. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Fung.

MOTION: Rao moved to continue to bring this item back for another revision to be reviewed at Planning Commission. The Commission did not vote on this motion.

At 8:51 p.m., Chair Kosolcharoen recessed the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 8:57 p.m. with all Commissioners present. (Fung absent)

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

3. Subject: 2025 General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report
Recommended Action: Receive the General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report for the 2025 Reporting Year.

Assistant Director of Community Development Luke Connolly introduced the item and Senior Housing Coordinator Nicky Vu.

Commissioners asked questions which staff responded to.

MOTION: Rao moved and Scharf seconded to continue this item to the next Planning Commission meeting. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Kosolcharoen, Scharf, Rao. Noes: Lindskog. Abstain: None. Absent: Fung.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS – None.

FUTURE AGENDA SETTING –

Form a subcommittee to investigate the housing element sites that need to be identified to comply with No Net Loss requirements. (Rao, Scharf)

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:24 p.m. Chair Kosolcharoen adjourned the Special Planning Commission Meeting.

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