

CITY OF CUPERTINO  
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Cupertino, CA 95014

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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES, April 23, 2019

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

At 6:45 p.m Chairperson Wang called to order the regular Planning Commission meeting in the Cupertino Community Hall Council Chambers, 10350 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, CA. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairperson R Wang, Vice Chair Vikram Saxena, Commissioners Kitty Moore, David Fung, Alan Takahashi. Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. **Subject:** Amended Draft Minutes of February 12, 2019.

**Recommended Action:** Approve or modify the Amended Draft Minutes of February 12, 2019

Moved by Fung and seconded by Moore to: "Approve the minutes". The motion carried 5-0-0.

2. **Subject:** Draft Minutes of February 26, 2019.

**Recommended Action:** Approve or modify the Draft Minutes of February 26, 2019

Moved by Moore and seconded by Fung to: "Approve the minutes". The motion carried 4-0-1. (Takahashi abstained)

3. **Subject:** Draft Minutes of March 18, 2019.

**Recommended Action:** Approve or modify the Draft Minutes of March 18, 2019

Moved by Fung and seconded by Wang to: "Approve the minutes". The motion carried 5-0-0.

**POSTPONEMENTS/REMOVAL FROM CALENDAR:** None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Jennifer Griffin spoke regarding the closure of the Black Angus restaurant in Sunnyvale

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Emails and a letter were received regarding the agenda and items 4 and 5

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** None

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**4. Subject:** Discussion and recommendations to City Council on unresolved disposition of toxins and hazardous materials at Vallco site and impact on citizen health

**Recommended Action:** Provide a recommendation to City Council

(Commissioner Moore recused herself at 15 ½ mins)

The Planning Commission discussed the results of the environmental reports conducted at the Vallco site.

Chair Wang opened the public comment period and the following individual(s) spoke:

Peggy Griffin

Mike Benjamin, Snr. Hazardous Materials Specialist, SCCFD

Lisa Warren

Jean Bedord

Michelle King

Pam Hershey

Bern Steves

Jennifer Griffin

Susan Moore

Danessa Techmanski

Siva Gandill

Liana Crabtree

Joe Pereira

Venkat Ranganathan

Chair Wang closed the public comment period.

The Planning Commissioners continued the discussion regarding the methodology of the environmental studies and approval processes for the development applications at the Vallco site.

Moved by Wang and seconded by Takahashi to: "Forward a recommendation to the City Council that the City review the existing analysis of the Vallco site and the ability to conduct its own analysis". The motion carried 4-0-1 (Moore recused).

Moved by Fung and seconded by Wang to direct Staff to: “Develop a proposed revision for demolition and new construction notification processes relatable to the scale and proximity of the project based on best practices”. The motion carried 4-0-1 (Moore recused).

5. **Subject:** Discussion and inquiry into approval of Vallco SB35 tentative subdivision map

**Recommended Action:** Conduct discussion and inquiry

(Commissioner Moore recused herself at 2 hrs, 56 mins)

The Planning Commission discussed the approval process of the SB35 application and the requirements for approval as prescribed by the Subdivision Map Act for the Vallco site.

Chair Wang opened the public comment period and the following individual(s) spoke:

Peggy Griffin

Bern Steves

Lisa Warren

Jennifer Griffin

Govind Tatachari

Danessa Techmanski

Chair Wang closed the public comment period.

Chad Mosley, Acting Assistant Director Public Works and Ben Fu, Acting Director of Community Development explained the current regular review and approval processes for subdivision map approvals.

(Commissioner Moore returned to the dais at 3 hrs, 51 mins)

6. **Subject:** Discussion, recommendations and timeline for development of objective zoning and design review standards

**Recommended Action:** conduct discussion and make recommendations

Deputy City Attorney, Seph Petta, updated the Planning Commission regarding their review of the City’s objective standards in the City’s Municipal Code and General Plan. City Staff will work with the City Attorney’s office once the evaluation is complete to determine the next steps in revising the Code language.

Chair Wang opened the public comment period and the following individual(s) spoke:

Jennifer Griffin

Govind Tatachari

Bern Steves

Peggy Griffin

Lisa Warren

Chair Wang closed the public comment period.

The Planning Commissioners discussed the areas of the zoning design review and objective standards needing to be revised or clarified.

Moved by Wang and seconded by Saxena to: "Create a Study Session at the next Planning Commission meeting on Objective Standards". The motion carried 5-0-0.

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** None

**REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Commissioners Fung mentioned the various public meetings he has attended.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 pm to the next regular Planning Commission meeting on May 14, 2019 at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

/s/Beth Ebben  
Beth Ebben, Deputy Board Clerk