

CITY OF CUPERTINO  
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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES, January 12, 2021

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At 6:45pm Vice Chair Wang called to order the regular Planning Commission meeting. This was a teleconference meeting with no physical location.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Vice Chair R Wang, Commissioners David Fung, Vikram Saxena, Alan Takahashi, Sanjiv Kapil  
Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. **Subject:** Draft Minutes of November 10, 2020.

**Recommended Action:** Approve or modify the Draft Minutes of November 10, 2020

Moved by Fung and seconded by Saxena to: "Approve the minutes". The motion carried 4-0-1 (Kapil abstain)

2. **Subject:** Draft Minutes of December 8, 2020.

**Recommended Action:** Approve or modify the Draft Minutes of November 10, 2020

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

**POSTPONEMENTS:** None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Vincent – would like to have a 5G small cell at 10463 Chisholm moved. It is too close to the house and too close to an existing cell tower

Kapil Chhabra - would like to have a 5G small cell at 10463 Chisholm moved. It is too close to the house and too close to an existing cell tower

Susan - would like to have a 5G small cell at 10463 Chisholm moved. It is too close to the house and too close to an existing cell tower

Lisa Warren – would like for the City to be proactive regarding the housing bills coming from the State Legislature and Municipal Code changes to the R-1 Ordinance for privacy planting, second story balconies and parkland distribution/equity

Jennifer Griffin - would like the City to address SB 9 and 10 and wanted to raise the awareness of the Governor's Housing Accountability Unit

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

An email was received regarding item #3

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

3. **Subject:** Consider modifications to the Procedures for Processing General Plan Amendment Applications to implement the Fiscal Year 2020/21 City Work Program related to quality of life. Application No(s): CP-2020-003; Applicant(s): City of Cupertino; Location: citywide

**Recommended Action:** That the Planning Commission conduct the public hearing and adopt the Draft Resolution recommending that the City Council: 1) Find that the action is exempt from CEQA; and 2) Amend the Procedures for Processing of General Plan Amendment Applications

Erick Serrano, Senior Planner, reviewed the Staff Report with the Planning Commissioners. He was asked clarifying questions, which he answered.

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

Jennifer Griffin

Lisa Warren

Vice Chair Wang closed the public comment period.

The Planning Commission took a five minute break at 8:45pm

The Commissioners discussed the 'pros and cons' of the proposed changes to the application process for persons wishing to obtain General Plan Amendment as part of their proposed re-development. They provided feedback to Staff to incorporate in the recommendation to the City Council.

Moved by Takahashi and seconded by Wang to: Find the project exempt from CEQA and to approve Staff's recommendations with the exception of the frequency that General Plan Amendments can be applied for. The motion carried 5-0-0

Moved by Wang and seconded by Saxena to: Approve all of Staff's recommendations including the frequency that applications be submitted 1 time per year. The motion failed 2-3-0 (with Fung, Takahashi and Kapil voting no)

Moved by Takahashi and seconded by Fung to: Approve all of Staff's recommendations except to increase the frequency that applications can be submitted to 2 times per year. The motion carried 3-2-0 (with Wang and Saxena voting no)

Commissioners Takahashi and Fung left the meeting at 9:30pm.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

4. **Subject:** General Plan Annual Review for the year 2020

**Recommended Action:** That the Planning Commission provide input into the General Plan Annual Report for the City Council

The Vice Chair continued this item to the meeting of January 26, 2021

**NEW BUSINESS:**

5. **Subject:** Discuss potential City Work Program proposals for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

**Recommended Action:** Discuss and recommend five topics for inclusion in the FY 21/22 City Council Work Program

Planning Manager Piu Ghosh, reviewed the City Work Program for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 with the Planning Commissioners. She was asked clarifying questions, which she answered.

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

None

Vice Chair Wang closed the public comment period.

The Commissioners reviewed the current Work Program. They would like to carry forward the following Work Program projects: Study session for the impact and requirement for the next RHNA cycle; Review and Update General Plan (GP) and Municipal Code; Residential and Mixed-Use Residential Design Standards; Sign Ordinance Updates; and Development Accountability.

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

**REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Vice Chair Wang welcomed Commissioner Kapil to the Planning Commission

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm. to the next regular Planning Commission meeting on January 26, 2021 at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

/s/Beth Ebben

Beth Ebben, Deputy Board Clerk