



Planning Commission

1 **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

2 **June 1, 2022**

3 The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

4 **Location:** Virtual meeting via Zoom

5 **1. ROLL CALL:**

6 **Commissioners Present:** Barnali Ghosh, Savlan Hauser, Robb Kapla, Elisa Mikiten, Chip
7 Moore, Christina Oatfield, Alfred Twu, Jeff Vincent, and Brad Wiblin (joined late).

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9 **Staff Present:** Secretary Alene Pearson, Clerk Zoe Covello, Grace Wu, and Justin Horner.

10 **2. ORDER OF AGENDA:** Chair Mikiten asked to take public comment on and vote to continue
11 Item 10 before hearing Item 9.

12 **3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 2**

13 **4. PLANNING STAFF REPORT:**

14 - In May, the City launched a new website – we are working to get our archives back
15 online. If members of the public would like to request a record, they must file a PRA.

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17 - Future agenda items:

18 ○ July 6 Planning Commission meeting:

19 ▪ Workplan for Planning Commission

20 ▪ Presentation from staff on a couple of Housing Element-related referrals:

21 • Affordable Housing Overlay

22 • Additional density in Southside

23 **Information Items:** None.

24 **Communications:**

- 25 • General.

26 **Late Communications:** *See agenda for links.*

27 • Supplemental Packet One

28 • Supplemental Packet Two

29 **5. CHAIR REPORT:**

30 Chair Mikiten will be attending the City Council meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2022 to
31 represent the Planning Commission and share the recommendations the Commission made

32 at the public hearing held on April 6, 2022 regarding the Ashby and North Berkeley BART
33 Station Areas.

34 **6. COMMITTEE REPORT:** Reports by Commission committees or liaisons. In addition to the
35 items below, additional matters may be reported at the meeting.

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- 37 • Workplan Subcommittee: Chair Mikiten reported that she is currently updating the referral
38 spreadsheet from last year and noted that a discussion about the workplan will be on the
39 July Planning Commission meeting agenda.

40 **7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

41 Motion/Second/Carried (Twu/Hauser) to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
42 from May 4, 2022.

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44 Ayes: Ghosh, Hauser, Mikiten, Oatfield, Twu, and Vincent. Noes: None. Abstain: Moore and
45 Kapla. Absent: Wiblin. (6-0-2-1)

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47 **8. OTHER PLANNING RELATED EVENTS:**

- 48 • None.

49 **AGENDA ITEMS**

50 **9. Discussion: Objective Standards for Middle Housing**

51 Acting Principal Planner Grace Wu and consultant Ben Noble presented on proposed residential
52 objective standards in the R-1, R1A, R-2, R-2A, and MUR Districts in response to City Council
53 referrals for Missing Middle Housing and to End Exclusionary Zoning. The Planning Commission
54 asked questions, took public comment, and provided feedback.

55 **Public Comments: 7**

56 **10. Discussion: Planning Commission 2022-2023 Workplan**

57 Motion/Second/Carried (Vincent/Mikiten) to continue the item at 7:18 p.m.

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59 Ayes: Ghosh, Hauser, Kapla, Mikiten, Moore, Oatfield, Twu, and Vincent. Noes: None.
60 Abstain: None. Absent: Wiblin. (8-0-0-1)

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62 **Public Comments: 1**

63 Motion/Second/Carried (Kapla/Vincent) to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

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65 Ayes: Ghosh, Hauser, Kapla, Mikiten, Moore, Oatfield, Twu, Vincent, and Wiblin. Noes: None.
66 Abstain: None. Absent: None. (9-0-0-0)

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- 68 **Members in the public in attendance: 12**
- 69 **Public Speakers: 10**
- 70 **Length of the meeting: 2 hr 27 minutes**