



Planning Commission

## FINAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING May 4, 2022

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

**Location:** Virtual meeting via Zoom

### 1. ROLL CALL:

**Commissioners Present:** Barnali Ghosh, Savlan Hauser, Elisa Mikiten, Christina Oatfield, Alfred Twu, Jeff Vincent, and Brad Wiblin.

**Commissioner with Leave of Absence:** Chip Moore and Robb Kapla.

**Staff Present:** Secretary Alene Pearson, Clerk Zoe Covello, Grace Wu, Margot Ernst, and Mike Uberti.

2. **ORDER OF AGENDA:** No changes.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** 1

### 4. PLANNING STAFF REPORT:

- Upcoming meetings:
  - June 1 – Planning Commission Meeting – Missing Middle Housing
  - June 2 – City Council Meeting – Special BART Meeting
- Alene to facilitate the workplan subcommittee meeting
- Staffing news:
  - The policy group is down 50% in terms of staffing; additional positions have been requested
  - Grace Wu is the acting Principal Planner of the policy group
  - Alene Pearson is the new Deputy Director of the Planning Dept. (and is currently acting Director with Director Jordan Klein out on paternity leave)

### Information Items:

- April 26 – 2022 City Council Referral Prioritization Process Using Re-Weighted Range Voting (RRV)
- April 19 - City Council Worksession Report on Ashby and North Berkeley BART TOD
- April 12 - City Council Second Reading of Amendment to Modify the Research and Development Definition

### Communications:

- BART.

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

- Supplemental Packet One
- Supplemental Packet Two

**5. CHAIR REPORT:**

- Chair Mikiten looks forward to the workplan so everyone can get an overview of where the Commission is headed over the course of the next year.

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

- None.

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion/Second/Carried (Oatfield/Mikiten) to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from April 6, 2022, pending an additional review by the Chair.

Ayes: Ghosh, Hauser, Mikiten, Oatfield, Twu. Noes: None. Abstain: Vincent and Wiblin. Absent: Kapla and Moore. (5-0-2-2)

**8. OTHER PLANNING RELATED EVENTS:**

- Chair Mikiten attended an ABAG training a few weeks back; Alene to send around a link to the recording.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**9. Discussion: Housing Element Update: Preliminary Site, Goals, Policies, and Programs**

Acting Principal Planner Grace Wu and Margot Ernst, Manager of Housing and Community Services, presented information on the preliminary Housing Element Update sites inventory, goals, policies, and programs. The Commission discussed the proposed sites and programs to be incorporated in the Housing Element Update.

**Public Comments: 2**

Motion/Second/Carried (Vincent/Wiblin) to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm.

Ayes: Ghosh, Hauser, Mikiten, Oatfield, Twu, Vincent, and Wiblin. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kapla and Moore. (7-0-0-2)

**Members in the public in attendance: 11**

**Public Speakers: 3**

**Length of the meeting: 1 hr 54 minutes**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alene Pearson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alene" being more prominent than the last name "Pearson".

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Alene Pearson  
Planning Commission Secretary