



## **PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA**

**Wednesday, November 2, 2016**

**Regular & General Plan Hearing**

**Commencing at 6:30 p.m.**

**Council Chambers**  
First Floor, City Hall Wing  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, California

**Ed Abelite, Chair**

**Nick Pham, Vice Chair**

**Peter Allen**

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**Planning, Building & Code Enforcement**

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### **SUMMARY OF HEARING PROCEDURES**

If you want to address the Commission, please fill out a speaker card located on the table near the Audio Visual Technician and deposit the completed card in the basket. There are also speaker cards in the back of the Chambers and at the side entrance.

The procedure for this hearing is as follows:

- After the staff report, applicants, and appellants may make a 5-minute presentation.
- The chair will call out names on the submitted speaker cards in the order received.
- As your name is called, line up in front of the microphone at the front of the Chamber. Each speaker will have two minutes. Speakers using a translator will have four minutes.
- After the public testimony, the applicant and appellant may make closing remarks for an additional five minutes.
- Planning Commissioners may ask questions of the speakers. Response to Commissioner questions will not reduce the speaker's time allowance.
- The public hearing will then be closed and the Planning Commission will take action on the item. The Planning Commission may request staff to respond to the public testimony, ask staff questions, and discuss the item.

**If you challenge these land use decisions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at this public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.**

**The Planning Commission's action on rezonings, prezonings, General Plan Amendments and Code Amendments is only advisory to the City Council. The City Council will hold public hearings on these items.** Section 20.120.400 of the Municipal Code provides the procedures for legal protests to the City Council on rezonings and prezonings. The Planning Commission's action on Conditional Use Permits is appealable to the City Council in accordance with Section 20.100.220 of the Municipal Code. Agendas and a binder of all staff reports have been placed on the table near the door for your convenience.

**AGENDA**  
**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**WELCOME**

Welcome to the Planning Commission Meeting. Please remember to turn off your cell phones. The parking validation machine for the garage under City Hall is located at the rear of the Chambers.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**SUMMARY OF HEARING PROCEDURES**

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Public comments to the Planning Commission on nonagendized items. Please fill out a speaker's card and give it to the technician. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The Commission cannot take any formal action without the item being properly noticed and placed on an agenda. In response to public comment, the Planning Commission is limited to the following options:

- Responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public; or
- Requesting staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or
- Directing staff to place the item on a future agenda.

**2. DEFERRALS AND REMOVALS FROM CALENDAR**

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Any item scheduled for hearing this evening for which deferral is being requested will be taken out of order to be heard first on the matter of deferral. A list of staff-recommended deferrals is available on the Press Table.

Staff will provide an update on the items for which deferral is being requested. If you want to change any of the deferral dates recommended, or speak to the question of deferring these or any other items, you should say so at this time.

- a. **GPT15-007**. General Plan Text Amendment to amend the Roosevelt Park Urban Village Plan to reduce the minimum commercial floor area from 0.50 to 0.25 and to increase the maximum height across the entire site to 85 feet on a 2.77 gross acre site located at 1260 East Santa Clara Street (Burch Investment Company, Joe Burch Owner) (Empire Lumbar). Council District: 3. CEQA: Mitigated Negative Declaration. ***PROJECT MANAGER, JUSTIN DANIELS***

**Staff Recommendation:**

1. Withdraw per applicant request.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

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The consent calendar items are considered to be routine and will be adopted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made by a member of the Planning Commission, staff, or the public to have an item removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.

Staff will provide an update on the consent calendar. If you wish to speak on one of these items individually, please come to the podium at this time.

*No Items*

### 4. PUBLIC HEARING

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Generally, the Public Hearing items are considered by the Planning Commission in the order in which they appear on the agenda. However, please be advised that the Commission may take items out of order to facilitate the agenda, such as to accommodate significant public testimony, or may defer discussion of items to later agendas for public hearing time management purposes.

- a. **V16-001 (Appeal Hearing)**. An appeal of the Planning Director’s decision to deny a Sign Variance for allow a 269.3 square foot attached sign, when only 137 square feet is permitted, for an approximately 25,000 square foot tenant space with a 137-foot wide occupancy frontage located at a commercial center on a 8.2 gross acre site, in the A(PD) Planned Development Zoning District, located at the southwest corner of East Brokaw Road and Old Oakland Road (1098 East Brokaw Road) (Brokaw Ventures II LLC, Owner). Council District 3. CEQA: Exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 for New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. **PROJECT MANAGER, TRACY TAM**

**Staff Recommendation:**

1. Consider the Exemption in accordance with CEQA.
2. Adopt a resolution denying a Sign Variance as described above.

- b. **Title 20 (The Zoning Ordinance)**. An Ordinance of the City of San José amending Title 20 of the San José Municipal Code (Zoning Ordinance or Zoning Code) to amend various sections of Chapter 20.30 “Residential Zoning Districts” all to add mixed residential-commercial use as an allowable use, to allow secondary dwellings in the R-2 Two Family Residence District, to modify development standards for residential uses including reducing minimum required setbacks, to delete maximum number of stories in the R-M Multiple Residence Zoning District while maintaining maximum allowable height, to modify the permit type for exceedance of decibel levels indicated in Table 20-85, and to amend Section 20.30.150 “Secondary Units” in compliance with newly adopted State law; to amend Section 20.90.220 “Reduction in Required Off-Street Parking Spaces” in Chapter 20.90, “Parking and Loading” to allow reductions in parking spaces for residential uses in compliance with newly adopted State law; to amend Section 20.200.325 - Dwelling, Secondary in compliance with newly adopted State law; to re-number various sections within Chapter 20.200 so that the sections are listed in alphabetical order; and to make other technical, non-substantive, or formatting changes within those sections of Title 20. Council District: Citywide. CEQA: Determination of Consistency with Envision San José 2040 General Plan EIR, Resolution No. 76041, and Supplemental EIR to Envision San José General Plan EIR, Resolution No. 77617, and Addenda thereto; Downtown Strategy 2000 EIR, Resolution No. 72767, and Addenda thereto; North San José Development Policies EIR, Resolution No. 72768, and Addenda thereto; and Diridon Station Area Plan EIR, Resolution No.

77096 and Addenda thereto (collectively, the “Final Program EIRs”). Pursuant to Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of San José has determined that this activity is within the scope of the earlier approved programs and the Final Program EIRs adequately describe the activity for purposes of CEQA. The project does not involve new significant effects beyond those analyzed in the Final Program EIRs. File No. PP16-115. **PROJECT MANAGER, JENNY NUSBAUM**

**Staff Recommendation:**

1. Consider the Determination of Consistency with Envision San José 2040 General Plan EIR, Resolution No. 76041, and Supplemental EIR to Envision San José General Plan EIR, Resolution No. 77617, and Addenda thereto; Downtown Strategy 2000 EIR, Resolution No. 72767, and Addenda thereto; North San José Development Policies EIR, Resolution No. 72768, and Addenda thereto; and Diridon Station Area Plan EIR, Resolution No. 77096 and Addenda thereto (collectively, the “Final Program EIRs”), in accordance with CEQA.
2. Recommend to the City Council the approval of an Ordinance amending Title 20 of the Municipal Code as described above.

## **5. OPEN THE GENERAL PLAN HEARING (CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 26, 2016)**

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## **6. GENERAL PLAN CONSENT CALENDAR**

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- a. [\*\*GP16-003\*\*](#). General Plan Amendment to the Land Use/Transportation Diagram from the Open Space, Parklands, and Habitat designation to the Residential Neighborhood designation on a 2.28 gross acre site located at 6100 Winfield Boulevard (Valley Christian Schools, Owner). Council District: 10. CEQA: Winfield Road General Plan Amendment Negative Declaration. **PROJECT MANAGER, JUSTIN DANIELS**

**Staff Recommendation:**

1. Consider the Winfield Road General Plan Amendment Negative Declaration in accordance with CEQA.
2. Recommend to the City Council the denial of General Plan Amendment to the Land Use/Transportation Diagram as described above.

## **7. CONTINUE THE GENERAL PLAN HEARING TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016**

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## **8. REFERRALS FROM CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER AGENCIES**

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*No Items*

## **9. GOOD AND WELFARE**

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- a. Report from City Council
- b. Review and Approve Synopsis from [10-26-16](#)
- c. Subcommittee Formation, Reports, and Outstanding Business
- d. Commission Calendar and Study Sessions
- e. The Public Record

### **ADJOURNMENT**

## 2016 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Time</u> | <u>Type of Meeting</u>               | <u>Location</u>           |
|---|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| January 13  | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular & General Plan               | Council Chambers          |
| January 27  | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular                              | Council Chambers          |
| February 10   | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular                              | Council Chambers          |
| February 24   | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular                              | Council Chambers          |
| March 9   | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular                              | Council Chambers          |
| March 23  | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular                              | Council Chambers          |
| April 13  | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular                              | Council Chambers          |
| April 27  | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular                              | Council Chambers          |
| May 4   | 5:00 p.m.   | <i>Study Session/Public Hearing:</i> | <i>Council Chambers</i>   |
| <i>2016/2017 Capital Budget &amp; 2017/2021 Capital Improvement Program</i> |             |                                      |                           |
| May 4   | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular & General Plan               | Council Chambers          |
| May 11  | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular & General Plan               | Council Chambers          |
| May 25  | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular                              | Council Chambers          |
| June 8  | 6:30 p.m.   | <u>Cancelled:</u> Regular            | Council Chambers          |
| June 22   | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular                              | Council Chambers          |
| July 13   | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular                              | Wing Room 118 & 119       |
| July 27   | 6:30 p.m.   | <u>Cancelled:</u> Regular            | Wing Room 118, 119, & 120 |
| August 10   | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular                              | Council Chambers          |
| August 24   | 6:30 p.m.   | <u>Cancelled:</u> Regular            | Council Chambers          |
| September 14  | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular                              |                           |
| September 28  | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular                              | Council Chambers          |
| October 12  | 5:00 p.m.   | <i>Study Session:</i>                | <i>Council Chambers</i>   |
| <i>General Plan Performance Review</i>                                      |             |                                      |                           |
| October 12  | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular & General Plan               | Council Chambers          |
| October 14  | 8:45 a.m.   | <i>Planning Commission Retreat</i>   | <i>T-550</i>              |
| October 26  | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular & General Plan               | Council Chambers          |
| November 2  | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular & General Plan               | Council Chambers          |
| November 16   | 5:00 p.m.   | <i>Study Session:</i>                | <i>Council Chambers</i>   |
| <i>General Plan 4-Year Review</i>   |             |                                      |                           |
| November 16   | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular & General Plan               | Council Chambers          |
| December 7  | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular                              | Council Chambers          |
| December 14   | 6:30 p.m.   | Regular                              | Council Chambers          |

## ABOUT THE PLANNING COMMISSION

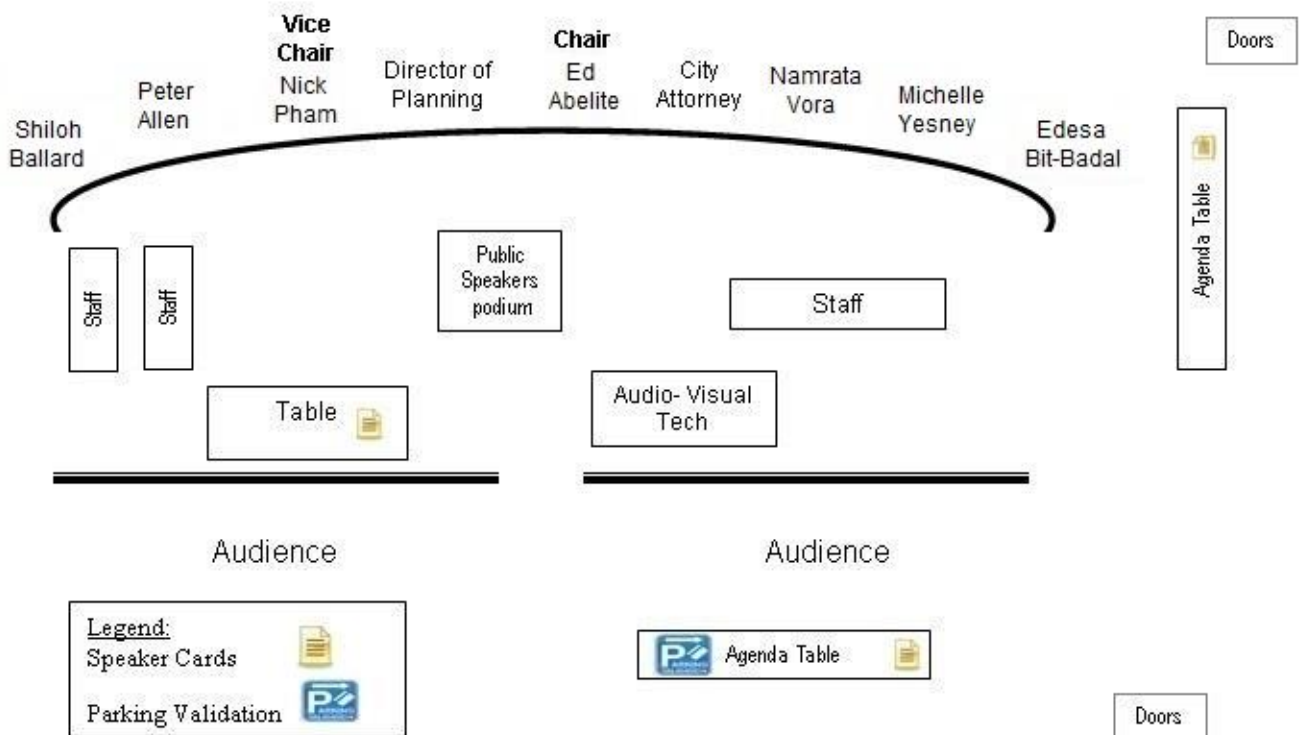
The Planning Commission is a seven-member body, appointed by the City Council, which performs two types of actions:

- One type is “Quasi-Legislative” in nature in which the Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council regarding the adoption, amendment, or repeal of general or specific plans, Zoning Code provisions, or regulations related to the land use development, redevelopment, rehabilitation or renewal of the City, including its Capital Improvement Programs.
- The second type of action is “Quasi-Judicial” in nature in which the Planning Commission applies previously adopted legislation to particular applications and acts as a decision-making or appellate body. Examples of these types of actions include Commission decisions on Conditional Use Permits, appeals of the Planning Director’s decisions on certain land use permits, and the certification of Environmental Impact Reports.

A notation of “Administrative Hearing” for an agenda item indicates that the item is a Quasi-Judicial action of the Commission in order to assist the public in understanding the role of the Planning Commission on a particular item.

To effectively manage the Planning Commission Agenda, and to be sensitive to concerns regarding the length of public hearing, the Planning Commission may determine to proceed with remaining agendized items past 11:00 p.m., or to continue this hearing to a later date, or to defer remaining items to the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting date. The decision on how to proceed will be heard by the Planning Commission no later than 11:00 p.m.

### Seating Chart within the City Council Chambers:





The San José Planning Commission generally meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Agendas and Staff Reports for Planning Commission items may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=1764>

**The City of San Jose is committed to open and honest government and strives to consistently meet the community's expectations by providing excellent service, in a positive and timely manner, and in the full view of the public. The City Code of Ethics may be viewed on-line at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3818>**

All public records relating to an open session item on this agenda, which are not exempt from disclosure, pursuant to the California Public Records Act, that are distributed to a majority of the legislative body will be available for public inspection at the Planning, Building and Code Enforcement at San José City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113 at the same time that the public records are distributed or made available to the legislative body.

Planning Commission hearings are video recorded and broadcasted live. To view the live broadcast or past hearing recordings go to the Internet website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=3431>

If you have any agenda questions, please contact Support Staff at (408) 535-5695 or email. Thank you for taking the time to attend today's meeting. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

#### **FREQUENTLY USED ABBREVIATIONS**

|             |                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>CEQA</b> | California Environmental Quality Act |
| <b>CP</b>   | Conditional Use Permit               |
| <b>DA</b>   | Development Agreement                |
| <b>PD</b>   | Planned Development Permit           |
| <b>PDC</b>  | Planned Development Zoning           |

## **CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS**

The Code of Conduct is intended to promote open meetings that welcome debate of public policy issues being discussed by the City Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, their Committees, and City Boards and Commissions in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy, and respect for differing points of view.

### **1. Public Meeting Decorum:**

- a) Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior, which will disrupt the public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- b) Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
- c) Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- d) Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms at all times.
- e) Persons in the audience will not place their feet on the seats in front of them.
- f) No food, drink (other than bottled water with a cap), or chewing gum will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, except as otherwise pre-approved by City staff.
- g) All persons entering the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, including their bags, purses, briefcases and similar belongings, may be subject to search for weapons and other dangerous materials.

### **2. Signs, Objects or Symbolic Material:**

- a) Objects and symbolic materials, such as signs or banners, will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, with the following restrictions:
  - No objects will be larger than 2 feet by 3 feet.
  - No sticks, posts, poles or other such items will be attached to the signs or other symbolic materials.
  - The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.
- b) Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.
- c) Objects that are deemed a threat to persons at the meeting or the facility infrastructure are not allowed. City staff is authorized to remove items and/or individuals from the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms if a threat exists or is perceived to exist. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: firearms (including replicas and antiques), toy guns, explosive material, and ammunition; knives and other edged weapons; illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia; laser pointers, scissors, razors, scalpels, box cutting knives, and other cutting tools; letter openers, corkscrews, can openers with points, knitting needles, and hooks; hairspray, pepper spray, and aerosol containers; tools; glass containers; and large backpacks and suitcases that contain items unrelated to the meeting.

**CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS (CONT'D)**

3. Addressing the Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, Committee, Board or Commission:
- a) Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item or during open forum are requested to complete a speaker card and submit the card to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
  - b) Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any agenda item and/or during open forum; the time limit is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. Applicants and appellants in land use matters are usually given more time to speak.
  - c) Speakers should discuss topics related to City business on the agenda, unless they are speaking during open forum.
  - d) Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners, or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.
  - e) Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.
  - f) If an individual wishes to submit written information, he or she may give it to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
  - g) Speakers and any other members of the public will not approach the dais at any time without prior consent from the Chair of the meeting.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct which will disturb, disrupt or impede the orderly conduct of the meeting may result in removal from the meeting and/or possible arrest.