

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – VIDEO CONFERENCE
AGOURA HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Thursday, October 21, 2021
6:30 p.m.

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Mogri.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Asuncion.

Present were: Chair Murtaza Mogri, Vice Chair Jeremy Wolf, and Commissioners John R. Asuncion, David Horenstein, and Penny Sylvester.

Also Present were: Community Development Director Denice Thomas, Assistant City Attorney Nick Ghirelli, Assistant Planning Director Allison Cook, City Manager Nathan Hamburger, Assistant City Manager Ramiro Adeva, Deputy City Manager Louis Celaya, Executive Assistant Amber Victoria, and City Clerk/Recording Secretary Kimberly M. Rodrigues.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Sylvester requested Item No. 2 be moved to the beginning of the meeting. Chair Mogri clarified the request and recommended (general) Public Comments be received after Item No. 2.

ACTION: Commissioner Sylvester made a motion to move Public Comments after Item No. 2 and to approve the Agenda, as amended. Vice Chair Wolf seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chair Mogri, Vice Chair Wolf, and Commissioners Asuncion, Horenstein, and Sylvester.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Commissioner Sylvester moved to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 1, as presented. Commissioner Horenstein seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chair Mogri, Vice Chair Wolf, and Commissioners Asuncion, Horenstein, and Sylvester.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

1. Approve Minutes of the August 19, 2021, Regular Planning Commission Meeting

DISCUSSION ITEM

2. Public Scoping Meeting to Receive Public Comments for Notice of Preparation of a Subsequent Program Environmental Impact Report for the City of Agoura Hills General Plan Housing, Land Use, Safety, and Circulation Elements Update

Assistant City Attorney Nick Ghirelli made the following announcement to set the tone for the meeting: *“This agenda item is a scoping meeting under CEQA for the EIR that is going to be prepared in conjunction with the General Plan Update. The purpose of a scoping meeting is to get very early feedback from public agencies and the public on what they would like to see analyzed and considered as part of the environmental review of the forthcoming project that is going to be analyzed and that is the General Plan Update. The purpose of doing it so early in advance, even before the General Plan has actually been fully developed, is to get a sense of what those issues are that the public would like to see addressed in the EIR and to offer thoughts on what should be in the General Plan to be analyzed, alternatives that should be considered (for example, analyze maybe a less dense development in certain areas of the City versus more dense development), consider mitigation measures and consider impacts (like traffic, biological impacts, impacts to habitat) and what that scope of analysis should look like. Right now, the General Plan is not before you so we’re not taking comment on the General Plan. To be clear, there is going to be many more opportunities to comment on, not just the EIR, but the General Plan. Once the EIR is completed and the General Plan is completed, that EIR will be circulated for public comment, that will be a 45-day comment period, and at that point public agencies and the public will have an opportunity to comment on the EIR and the General Plan at that time. And, then, once those comments have been responded to, the General Plan and the EIR will come before the Planning Commission where there will be a public hearing and a recommendation will be made by the Planning Commission. And, then, there will be another public hearing before the City Council before it is adopted, modified, or not adopted. This is just the first step in a very long process and so we’re not necessarily looking for great detail about what the General Plan is going to look like, but we’re looking for thoughts on the scope of environmental review that should be conducted by the City in conjunction with the General Plan.”*

Following presentation of the staff report, Chair Mogri opened the floor for public comments.

Written public comments were received by email and forwarded to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting by the following person(s):

Ronald Monitz, Westlake Village, representing Monitz & Walker P.C.
Ubaldo Ojeda, Agoura Hills
Chris Shahbazian, Camarillo, representing D&H Engineering, Inc.
Rachel Spauding, Agoura Hills

Tamir Lahav, Agoura Hills
Samantha Bookman
Terry Whitney
Noah Bookman, Agoura Hills
Mark Safran, representing JDC Construction & Development Group
Elena Resendez, Agoura Hills
Linda Niebergall, Oak Park
Mike Resar
Tamara Zderich, Oak Park
Shawna Enbyart, Agoura Hills
Lisa Schneider, Agoura Hills
Mindy Leunis
Amie Holmes, Agoura Hills
John B. Floyd, representing Floyd Skeren Manukian Langevin, LLP
J. P.
Alla Poura, Agoura Hills
Lynne Pearlman
Judy Desantis, Agoura Hills
Mary Wiesbrock, Agoura Hills, representing Save Open Space
Deborah Weise, Oak Park (2)
George Colman, Agoura Hills (2)
Melissa DeGraw
Katie Pederson
Barney Desimone
Brad Kingsbury, Agoura Hills
Alexandra Shimek, Westlake Village
Daniela Arcuri, Agoura Hills
Patricia Aloi, Agoura Hills
Norma J. Phillips, Agoura, Westlake, and North Ranch
Teri Story
Ken Berkman, Agoura Hills

The following person(s) provided live testimony (via Zoom):

Janna Orkney, Oak Park
Lynne Rollo
Carolyn Casbarton
Mary Wiesbrock, Agoura Hills

No decision or action was required of the Planning Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No written public comments were received.

The following person provided live testimony (via Zoom):

Janna Orkney, Oak Park

PLANNING COMMISSION / STAFF COMMENTS

The Planning Commission, in general, thanked the public for their participation.

Commissioner Sylvester encouraged the public to provide their input and ideas on alternative sites and how to fund affordable housing.

Vice Chair Wolf spoke about the importance of housing in the City and finding creative housing alternatives.

Chair Mogri announced redistricting was coming up, and encouraged community input on the State's website (WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov) prior to the release of the final redistricting maps in mid-December.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mogri announced the next Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission would be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 4, 2021, in the Council Chambers. The meeting will be held by video conference and in-person attendance by the public in the Council Chambers will not be permitted.

ACTION: At 8:08 p.m., Commissioner Asuncion moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Horenstein seconded. The motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chair Mogri, Vice Chair Wolf and Commissioners Asuncion, Horenstein, and Sylvester.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC
City Clerk/Recording Secretary