



Planning Commission

FINAL MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING November 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

1. ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Benjamin Beach, Robb Kapla, Shane Krpata, Steve Martinot, Mary Kay Lacey, Christine Schildt, Jeff Vincent, Brad Wiblin, and Rob Wrenn.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Secretary Alene Pearson, Katrina Lapira, Leslie Mendez, and Chris Jensen.

2. ORDER OF AGENDA: No changes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 0

4. PLANNING STAFF REPORT:

- City Council – November 17
 - Adopted General Plan amendment to reflect Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) in Transportation Policy T-18 per SB 743
 - Adopted a referral requesting redesignation and rezone of 5 parcels adjacent to the Adeline Corridor Plan Area
- Land Use Planning Positions Available
 - Principal Planner
 - Planning Technician
- City Council – December 1
 - Parking Reform
- Berkeley Considers Survey - coming soon
- Special PC Meeting on December 16

Information Items:

- None

Communications:

- October 22 – Memo from the City Manager
- October 11 – Staff, Supplemental Information

Late Communications: *See agenda for links.*

- Supplemental Packet One
- Supplemental Packet Two
- Supplemental Packet Three

5. CHAIR REPORT:

- None

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 (Vincent/Krpata) to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2020 with noted amendments.

Ayes: Beach, Kapla, Krpata, Lacey, Martinot, Schildt, Vincent, Wrenn, and Wiblin. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. (9-0-0-0)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER PLANNING-

- December 2 PC Meeting
 - BART CAG - EIR Scoping Session
 - Research and Development Referral Discussion

AGENDA ITEMS

9. Discussion: ***Public Hearing: Bayer Development Agreement Update & SEIR Scoping Meeting***

Staff and the applicant (Bayer) shared information about the update to the Bayer Development Agreement and the timeline for the SEIR. After the presentation, staff received comments from both the public and the commissioners. The deadline to provide public comment on the Notice of Preparation is December 3, 2020. Please direct all comments to staff planner, Leslie Mendez, via email at lmendez@cityofberkeley.info.

Motion/Second/Carried (Wrenn/Vincent) to close the public hearing on the Bayer Development Agreement Update & SEIR Scoping Meeting at 9:35pm.

Ayes: Beach, Kapla, Krpata, Lacey, Martinot, Schildt, Vincent, Wrenn, and Wiblin. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. (9-0-0-0)

Public Comments: 11

10. Discussion:

Public Hearing: Demolition Ordinance

Staff shared proposed amendments to BMC Chapter 23C.08 Demolition and Dwelling unit Controls in response to recent changes in State law. After receiving public comment and providing initial feedback on proposed amendments, the Planning Commission continued the public hearing for the Demolition Ordinance. The 4x4 Committee will meet on November 24 to discuss the proposed amendments and provide feedback to the Planning Commission.

Public Comments: 11

Members in the public in attendance: 51

Public Speakers: 20 speakers

Length of the meeting: 4 hours and 7 minutes



Alene Pearson

Planning Commission Secretary