



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes - Final Planning Commission

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Monday, November 11, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers and West Conference  
Room, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave.,  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

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Special Meeting - Study Session - 6:00 PM | Public Hearing - 7:00 PM

### 6:00 PM STUDY SESSION

#### 1 Call to Order in the West Conference Room

#### 2 Roll Call

#### 3 Study Session

- A.     [19-0128](#)     **Proposed Project:** Overview of Amendments to the Downtown Specific Plan  
**Location:** Downtown Sunnyvale  
**File #:** 2017-8047  
**Zoning:** DSP (Downtown Specific Plan)  
**Applicant / Owner:** City of Sunnyvale  
**Environmental Review:** Environmental Impact Report  
**Project Planner:** Michelle King, 408-730-7463,  
mking@sunnyvale.ca.gov
- B.     [19-1196](#)     **Proposed Project:** Special Development Permit and Preliminary Map for a 1.25-acre site (6 City owned properties) for the development of 90 affordable housing units including 25% for the developmentally disabled persons and one care taker unit.  
**Location:** 377 S. Mathilda Ave., 397 S. Mathilda Ave., 403 S. Mathilda Ave., 407 S. Mathilda Ave., 396 Charles St., and 402 Charles St. (APNs: 165-13-045, -046, -068, -069, -073, and -074)  
**File #:** 2019-7269  
**Zoning:** DSP-Block 15 (Downtown Specific Plan Block 15)  
**Applicant / Owner:** The Related Companies of CA (applicant) / City of Sunnyvale (owner)  
**Project Planner:** Momoko Ishijima, 408-730-7532,  
mishijima@sunnyvale.ca.gov

**4 Public Comment on Study Session Agenda Items**

**5 Adjourn Study Session**

**7:00 PM PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Howard called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM in the Council Chambers.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chair Howard led the salute to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

- Present:** 5 - Chair Daniel Howard  
Commissioner John Howe  
Commissioner Ken Olevson  
Vice Chair David Simons  
Commissioner Carol Weiss
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Sue Harrison  
Commissioner Ken Rheume

Commissioner Harrison and Commissioner Rheume's absences are excused.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION: Commissioner Howe moved and Vice Chair Simons seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Chair Howard  
Commissioner Howe  
Vice Chair Simons  
Commissioner Weiss
- No:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Harrison  
Commissioner Rheume

**Abstained:** 1 - Commissioner Olevson

- 1.A [19-1193](#) Approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2019
- 1.B [19-1192](#) Approve the 2020 Planning Commission Annual Work Plan

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES**

2. [19-1194](#) Planning Commission Proposed Study Issues, Calendar Year: 2020

Assistant Director Andrew Miner reminded the Commissioners to submit study issue ideas in order to agendaize for discussion at a future meeting.

Chair Howard opened the Public Hearing.

Richard Mehlinger, Chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission speaking on his own behalf, suggested a study issue idea that explores increasing density in the R-2 zones and using number of bedrooms or Floor Area Ratio to calculate density in R-2 and R-3 zones.

Chair Howard closed the Public Hearing.

## **NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

### **-Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Howe asked staff to follow up at a future meeting with information about what role the Commission can play in reviewing wireless telecommunication facilities for sustainability during disasters.

Commissioner Weiss asked staff if the Commission will convene for a special meeting on December 16, 2019. Assistant Director Andrew Miner stated that the Environmental Impact Reports for the Downtown Specific Plan and the proposed project at 360 Caribbean Drive are tentatively scheduled to be heard on December 9, 2019 and December 16, 2019, respectively.

### **-Staff Comments**

Assistant Director Andrew Miner stated that on November 5, 2019 the City Council adopted the 2019 California Building Code with local amendments and voiced support for the local Reach Codes initiative. He added that on November 12, 2019 a City Council Study Session will take place on Reach Codes and the Green Building

Program and the City Council will consider adopting an ordinance to prohibit by-right residential uses in non-residential zones.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Howard adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.