



City of Sunnyvale

Excerpt Meeting Minutes - Final Planning Commission

Monday, February 26, 2024

7:00 PM

Online and Bay Conference Room
(Room 145), City Hall,
456 W. Olive Ave.,
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

No Study Session | Public Hearing - 7:00 PM

7 P.M. PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pyne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Chair Martin Pyne
Vice Chair Nathan Iglesias
Commissioner Galen Kim Davis
Commissioner Daniel Howard
Commissioner John Howe
Commissioner Michael Serrone
Commissioner Neela Shukla

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [24-0385](#) **Proposed Project:** Consider actions related to implementation of the 2023-2031 Housing Element to amend the By-Right Approval process for certain parcels within the City:
- A. Introduce an Ordinance** to Amend By-Right Approvals (Chapter 19.73 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code) to clarify ministerial review of projects as it relates to proposed subdivisions.
- File #:** PLNG-2024-0105
- Location:** Citywide
- Applicant:** City of Sunnyvale
- Environmental Review:** Non-discretionary project (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1), CEQA Guidelines Sections 15268, 15357)
- Project Planner:** Julia Klein, (408) 730-7463, jklein@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Principal Planner Julia Klein presented the staff report with an oral presentation.

Commissioner Serrone confirmed with Principal Planner Klein that the Department

of Housing and Community Development (HCD) does not have any other concerns regarding the City's Housing Element and that, to her knowledge, City staff have collaborated with the same HCD staff throughout the Housing Element adoption process.

Commissioner Serrone spoke in support of the amended ordinance.

Chair Pyne confirmed with Principal Planner Klein that since staff collaborated with HCD on the City's revised ordinance, staff is confident in submitting this revised ordinance to the City Council for review.

Chair Pyne and Principal Planner Klein discussed the repercussions should the City decline to adopt the proposed ordinance. At Chair Pyne's request, Planning Officer Shaunn Mendrin advised that the Planning Commission will be informed whether any repercussions will apply.

Chair Pyne opened the Public Hearing.

There were no public speakers for this agenda item.

Chair Pyne closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Howe moved and Commissioner Howard seconded the motion to recommend Alternatives 1 and 2 to the City Council:

1) Find that the Action is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15268 and 15357.

2) Introduce an Ordinance in Attachment 2 to amend By-Right Approvals (Chapter 19.73) to the Sunnyvale Municipal Code.

Commissioner Howe spoke in support of the motion.

Commissioner Howard stated that he is in support of the motion.

Chair Pyne confirmed his support of the motion and expressed his concerns regarding the previously approved ordinance requiring an amendment.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Pyne
Vice Chair Iglesias
Commissioner Davis
Commissioner Howard
Commissioner Howe
Commissioner Serrone
Commissioner Shukla

No: 0

This recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at the March 19, 2024 meeting.