



SARATOGA PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2020

7:00 P.M. - PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Teleconference/Public Participation Information to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19

This meeting will be entirely by teleconference. All Commission members and staff will only participate via the Zoom platform using the process described below. The meeting is being conducted in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain teleconference rules required by the Ralph M. Brown Act. The purpose of this order was to provide the safest environment for the public, elected officials, and staff while allowing for continued operation of the government and public participation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The public will not be able to participate in the meeting in person. Members of the public view and participate in the meeting by:

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During the meeting the Chair will explain the process for members of the public to be recognized to offer public comment.

As always, members of the public can send written comments to the Commission prior to the meeting by commenting online at www.saratoga.ca.us/pc prior to the start of the meeting. These emails will be provided to the members of the Commission and will become part of the official record of the meeting.

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ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting of September 9, 2020.

Recommended Action:

Approve Minutes of September 9, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting.

[090920 Draft Minutes](#)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Any member of the public will be allowed to address the Planning Commission for up to three (3) minutes on matters not on this agenda. This law generally prohibits the Planning Commission from discussing or taking action on such items. However, the Planning Commission may instruct staff accordingly regarding Oral Communications.

REPORT ON APPEAL RIGHTS

If you wish to appeal any decision on this Agenda, you may file an Appeal Application with the City Clerk within fifteen (15) calendar days of the date of the decision.

1. NEW BUSINESS

1.1 Saratoga Climate Action Plan

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution 20-017 finding the Climate Action Plan (CAP) conforms to the Saratoga General Plan.

[Staff Report](#)

[1. Resolution](#)

[2. Draft Climate Action Plan 2030](#)

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Applicants and/or their representatives have a total of ten (10) minutes maximum for opening statements. All interested persons may appear and be heard during this meeting regarding the items on this agenda. If items on this agenda are challenged in court, members of the public may be limited to raising only issues raised at the Public Hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to the close of the Public Hearing. Members of the public may comment on any item for up to three (3) minutes. Applicants and/or their representatives have a total of five (5) minutes maximum for closing statements.

2.1 Application PDR18-0022/ARB18-0031; Wildcat Road (517-22-108); Samir & Alfa Savla (Owner) / D&Z Design Associates (Applicant) – The applicant requests Design Review approval to construct a new 6,184 square foot two story single family residence with a 1,871 square foot basement on a 2.61 acre vacant site with a maximum overall building height of 26 feet. The project will include a driveway with access to Piedmont Road and a vehicle bridge to span Wildcat Creek. Thirty-eight (38) protected trees are proposed for removal. The site is R-1-40,000 with a General Plan Designation of RVL D (Residential Very Low Density). Staff Contact: Christopher Riordan (408) 868-1235 or criordan@saratoga.ca.us.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 20-016 approving the project subject to conditions of approval included in Attachment 1.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment 1 - Resolution No. 20-016](#)

[Attachment 2 - City Arborist Approval Memo](#)

[Attachment 3 - Neighbor Notification Forms and Comments](#)

[Attachment 4 - Story Pole Certification](#)

[Attachment 5 - Bridge Plans](#)

[Attachment 6 - Photo of Railroad Car Bridge](#)

[Attachment 7 - Project Plans](#)

3. DIRECTOR ITEMS

4. COMMISSION ITEMS

5. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OF THE AGENDA, DISTRIBUTION OF THE AGENDA PACKET, COMPLIANCE WITH AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

I, Frances Reed, Administrative Assistant for the City of Saratoga, declare that the foregoing agenda for the meeting of the Planning Commission was posted and available for review on October 9, 2020 at the City of Saratoga, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, California and on the City's website at www.saratoga.ca.us. Signed this 9th day of October 2020 at Saratoga, California. Frances Reed, Administrative Technician.

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, copies of the staff reports and other materials provided to the Planning Commission by City staff in connection with this agenda, copies of materials distributed to the Planning Commission concurrently with the posting of the agenda, and materials distributed to the Planning Commission by staff after the posting of the agenda are available on the City Website at www.saratoga.ca.us. Following removal of State and local shelter in place orders these materials will be available for review in the office of the City Clerk at 13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, California.

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