

APPROVED MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020
SARATOGA PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Chair Mohiuddin called the virtual Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via teleconferencing through Zoom. Prior to Roll Call, the Chair and Community Development Director explained that the Planning Commission meeting was conducted pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act and a recent Executive Order issued by the Governor to facilitate teleconferencing to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission at public meetings. Ordinarily the Brown Act sets strict rules for teleconferencing. The Governor's Executive Order has suspended those rules. The Executive Order does require that public agencies continue to notice meetings in advance and provide members of the public an opportunity to observe the meeting and offer public comment. The Planning Commission met all the applicable notice requirements and the public is welcome to participate in this meeting. Information on how the public can observe the meeting and provide public comment was also shared. Additionally, the Chair explained that votes would be taken through roll call.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Razi Mohiuddin, Vice Chair Anjali Kausar, Commissioners Sunil Ahuja, Kookie Fitzsimmons, Tina Walia and Herman Zheng

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Debbie Pedro, Community Development Director
Christopher Riordan, Senior Planner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Minutes from the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of July 8, 2020.

Recommended Action:

Approve Minutes of Regular Planning Commission Meeting of July 8, 2020.

WALIA/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2020 MEETING**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: AHUJA, FITZSIMMONS, KAUSAR, MOHIUDDIN, WALIA, ZHENG. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Jeffrey Schwartz, spoke as chair of Preserve Saratoga, to second and reinforce the letter from Cheriell Jensen, asking that the General Plan update project be put on hold for six months.

Chair Mohiuddin, with Commission consensus, directed staff to:

1. Forward email from Cheriell Jensen to Commissioners
2. Review previous emails and forward all to the Commissioners
3. Review options for emails addressed to the Planning Commission
4. Discuss next steps on General Plan Update

REPORT ON APPEAL RIGHTS

1. **NEW BUSINESS** - None

2. PUBLIC HEARING

2.1 Application PDR20-0001/ARB20-0006; Site located between 13920 and 13940 Loquat Court (397-43-017); GHRT Quito Road, LLC – The applicant requests Design Review approval to construct a new 3,840 square foot one-story single-family residence with a maximum overall building height of 20 feet. One (1) protected apricot tree is proposed for removal. The site is zoned R-1-10,000 with a General Plan Designation of M-10 (Medium Density Residential). Staff Contact: Christopher Riordan (408) 868-1235 or criordan@saratoga.ca.us.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 20-012 approving the proposed residence subject to conditions of approval included in Attachment 1.

WALIA/AHUJA MOVED TO **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 20-012, APPROVING APPLICATION PDR20-0001 SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: AHUJA, FITZSIMMONS, KAUSAR, MOHIUDDIN, WALIA, ZHENG. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

DIRECTOR ITEMS - None

COMMISSION ITEMS - None

ADJOURNMENT

FITZSIMMONS/WALIA MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:25 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted:
Frances Reed, Administrative Technician
City of Saratoga