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Planning & Building Department Planning Commission

Kumkum Gupta, 1st District
Frederick Hansson, 2nd District
Lisa Ketcham, 3rd District
Manuel Ramirez, Jr., 4th District
Carlos Serrano Quan 5th District

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ACTION MINUTES- DRAFT

MEETING NO. 1729
Wednesday, January 25, 2023
By Videoconference Only

Chair Ramirez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Ramirez

Roll Call: Commissioners Present: Gupta, Hansson, Ketcham, Ramirez, Serrano Quan
Staff Present: Monowitz, Fox, Montes

Legal notice published in San Mateo Times on December 30, 2022, 2023.and Published in the Half Moon Bay Review on January 4, 2023.

Oral Communications to allow the public to address the Commission on any matter not on the agenda.

None

CONSENT AGENDA 9:00 a.m.

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning Commission Hearing for November 30, 2022, and December 14, 2022.
2. Resolution to Make Findings that, as a Result of the Continuing Covid-19 Pandemic State of Emergency Declared by Governor Newsom, Meeting in Person for Meetings of the Planning Commission Would Present Imminent Risks to the Health or Safety of Attendees.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Commissioner Hansson moved for approval of the Consent Agenda, and Commissioner Ramirez seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0-0-1** (Commissioner Gupta abstained).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA 9:00 a.m.

3. **Owner/Applicant:** County of San Mateo

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File Number: PLN 2020-00014
Location: Coastal areas of Unincorporated County
Assessor's Parcel No: Coastal areas of Unincorporated County

Consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 22.2, "Child Care Centers" of the Zoning Regulations, applicable to the County's Coastal Zone, to accept and adopt modifications suggested by the California Coastal Commission. Please direct questions to Project Planner Camille Leung at cleung@smcgov.org

SPEAKERS:

None

COMMISSION ACTION:

Commissioner Ramirez unanimously moved to close the public hearing. **Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

Commissioner Ketcham moved to recommend approval of the item, by Commissioner Hansson seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

Based on information provided by staff and evidence presented at the hearing, the Planning Commission approved the request to recommend that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 22.2, "Child Care Centers" of the Zoning Regulations applicable to the County's Coastal Zone, to accept and adopt modifications suggested by the California Coastal Commission in the Commission's conditional certification of the regulations adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 4, 2021.

4. 2023 Planning Commission Election for Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Hansson moved to elect Commissioner Gupta as the Planning Commission's Chair for 2023, seconded, by Commissioner Ramirez. **Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

Commissioner Ramirez moved to elect Commissioner Ketcham as the Planning Commission's Vice Chair for 2023, seconded, by Commissioner Hansson **Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

5. Correspondence and other Matters

No correspondence to report

6. Consideration of Study Session for Next Meeting

There is no study session plan for the next meeting but there are 3 items on the agenda:

- A General Plan Conformity for the Midpeninsula Open Space Districts regarding the acquisition of some open space lands.
- A General Plan Conformity for the City of Menlo Park, to install an antenna within the County's jurisdiction for purposes of smart water meters; and,
- A condominium subdivision in the Sequoia track.

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7. Director's Report

Director Monowitz reported that the Planning Commission meetings will return to in-person meetings beginning in for our first meeting in March. There's been some discussion at the Board of Supervisors level about trying to accommodate public participation through a hybrid format so the public can participate virtually.

Allowing remote participation by the public may also be possible for Planning Commission meetings, because the Planning Commission meets in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, where the necessary audio and visual technologies exist. More research is required to determine if this will be possible due to the technical challenges of running hybrid meetings. These challenges will make it difficult for other decision-making bodies that are regulated by the Brown Act and do not meet in the Board chambers to conduct their meetings in a hybrid format.

8. Commissioner Updates and Questions

Commissioner Ketcham expressed support for allowing remote participation at future Planning Commission meetings, noting that most of the projects considered by the Planning Commission are located in the coastal zone, and that the ability to attend remotely is a huge benefit to people on the coast that want to participate in these hearings.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 AM