



# SARATOGA PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING ACTION MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2018

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## 7:00 PM PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

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Civic Theater | 13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga CA 95070

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Tina Walia, Vice Chair Wendy Chang, Commissioners Sunil Ahuja, Joyce Hlava, Len Almalech, Razi Mohiuddin

ABSENT: Kookie Fitzsimmons (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Sung Kwon, Sr. Planner  
Kate Bear, Sr. Arborist

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Action Minutes from the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of November 8, 2017.*

#### **Recommended Action:**

Approve Minutes of November 8, 2017 meeting.

HLAVA/MOHIUDDIN MOVED TO **APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2017.** MOTION PASSED.

AYES: WALIA, HLAVA, AHUJA, CHANG, MOHIUDDIN. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: FITZSIMMONS (excused). ABSTAIN: ALMALECH.

### 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

### 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 APTR17-0004, TRP17-0309; 13662 Old Tree Way (393-37-002); Soon Poh (owner)/Brian and Jane Davis (appellants)** – The appellants request denial of an administrative determination to approve an application (TRP17-0309) to remove one English oak tree at 13662 Old Tree Way. Staff Contact: Kate Bear (408) 868-1276 or [kbear@saratoga.ca.us](mailto:kbear@saratoga.ca.us).

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt the attached resolution denying the appeal.

HLAVA/ALMALECH MOVED TO **DENY THE APPEAL AND APPROVE TREE REMOVAL PERMIT APPLICATION, NOTING FINDINGS 1, 2, & 6 CRITERIA HAVE BEEN MET.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: WALIA, HLAVA, AHUJA, CHANG, ALMALECH, MOHIUDDIN. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: FITZSIMMONS (excused). ABSTAIN: NONE.

**DIRECTOR ITEMS**

Sung noted City Council approval of contracts for General Plan Update, and upcoming Study Sessions. Also noted cancellation of January 24<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting.

**COMMISSION ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM in honor of first woman mayor of Saratoga, Linda Callan, who recently passed away.

Minutes respectfully submitted:  
Janet Costa, Administrative Assistant  
City of Saratoga