

**APPROVED MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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 Clinton Brownley, Kookie Fitzsimmons, Tina Walia and Herman Zheng

ABSENT: Sunil Ahuja (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Debbie Pedro, Community Development Director
Christopher Riordan, Senior Planner
Mainini Cabute, Environmental Programs Manager
Christine O'Rourke, Project Consultant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Recommended Action:

Approve Minutes of Regular Planning Commission Meeting of September 9, 2020.

WALIA/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 MEETING.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: BROWNLEY, FITZSIMMONS, KAUSAR, MOHIUDDIN, WALIA, ZHENG. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: AHUJA. ABSTAIN: NONE.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

REPORT ON APPEAL RIGHTS

Chair Mohiuddin requested a motion to change order of agenda items 1.1 and 2.1.

KAUSAR/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO **MOVE AGENDA ITEM 1.1 AFTER 2.1.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: BROWNLEY, FITZSIMMONS, KAUSAR, MOHIUDDIN, WALIA, ZHENG. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: AHUJA. ABSTAIN: NONE.

PUBLIC HEARING (order changed)

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 RVLD (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.

Planning Commission received Public Comment.

Lei Zhu spoke about the proposed project.

Khai Quang spoke about the proposed project.

WALIA/KAUSAR MOVED TO **APPROVE RESOLUTION 20-016 APPROVING APPLICATION PDR18-0022/ARB18-0031**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: BROWNLEY, FITZSIMMONS, KAUSAR, MOHIUDDIN, WALIA, ZHENG. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: AHUJA. ABSTAIN: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS (order changed)

1.1 Saratoga Climate Action Plan (CAP)

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution 20-017 finding the CAP conforms to the Saratoga General Plan.

WALIA/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO **APPROVE RESOLUTION 20-017 FINDING THAT THE CAP CONFORMS TO THE GENERAL PLAN**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: BROWNLEY, FITZSIMMONS, KAUSAR, MOHIUDDIN, WALIA, ZHENG. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: AHUJA. ABSTAIN: NONE.

DIRECTOR ITEMS

Director Pedro announced that at their October 7, 2020 meeting, City Council accepted the Planning Commission's recommendation and introduced the ADU Ordinance. The 2nd reading and adoption of the ordinance is scheduled for the October 21, 2020 City Council meeting.

COMMISSION ITEMS - NONE

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Frances Reed, Administrative Technician

City of Saratoga