

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF CONCORD PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission, City of Concord, was called to order by Chair Obringer at 7:05 P.M., Wednesday, February 18, 2015, in the City Council Chamber.

I. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Carlyn Obringer
Vice Chair John Mercurio
Commissioner Robert Hoag
Commissioner Tim McGallian

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Commissioner Ernie Avila

STAFF PRESENT: Laura Simpson, Planning Manager
Susanne Brown, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Joan Ryan, Senior Planner

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Hoag led the pledge.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment was heard.

IV. ADDITIONS / CONTINUANCES / WITHDRAWALS

Staff reported there were no changes to the agenda.

The Consent Calendar items were moved to the end of the meeting.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner McGallian, and seconded by Commissioner Mercurio to approve the meeting minutes of February 4, 2015. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: McGallian, Mercurio, Hoag, Obringer
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Avila

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

No public hearings were heard.

VII. STUDY SESSION

1. BART Plaza Redesign – Joan Ryan, Senior Planner @ (925) 671-3370

Senior Planner, Joan Ryan, presented the staff report and PowerPoint presentation to the Planning Commission. Deidre Heitman, Principal Planner from the BART Planning Division, spoke about the design elements and answered questions from the Commissioners.

VIII. COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS

1. General Plan Annual Progress Report

Senior Planner, Joan Ryan, presented the report.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mercurio to recommend acceptance of the General Plan Progress Report by the City Council and submission of the report to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research and the State Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to CEQA Section 15378(b)(5). Commissioner McGallian seconded. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Mercurio, McGallian, Hoag, Obringer
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Avila

IX. STAFF REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning Manager Laura Simpson announced the hiring of a new limited service planner, Lorna Villa, to assist with Planning services and also announced the closing of the Associate Planner recruitment with a potential hiring date in April.

X. COMMISSION REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None were announced.

XI. FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Planning Manager Laura Simpson announced the March 4th meeting has been cancelled and the March 18th meeting will include two items, De La Salle Childcare Fee Appeal and Starbucks at Clayton Road. She further mentioned principal planner, Andrew Mogensen, will be sitting in for her at the April 1st meeting and that the Oakmont Senior Living appeal will be heard by the City Council on February 24th. Commissioner McGallian announced he will be absent from the March 18th meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hoag moved to adjourn at 8:08 P.M. Commissioner Mercurio seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn was passed by unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

APPROVED:



Laura Simpson
Planning Commission Secretary
Planning Manager



Transcribed by Grant Spilman,
Administrative Coordinator