



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 9/2/2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting Location: Zoom.us/join – ID #997-7506-7654

A. Chair Grove called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Bigelow, Conroy, Grove, Horst, McPherson, Merriman, Pimentel (arrived at 6:45 p.m.)

Absent: None

Staff: Deputy Community Development Director Rhonda Coffman,
Management Analyst II Mike Noce

C. Public Comment

None

D. Regular Business

D1. Approve minutes for the Housing Commission meetings of August 5, 2020

- Eric Morley spoke about his specific comments at the August 5, 2020 meeting not being included in the draft minutes.

Staff provided clarification regarding the City Council policy for official records for commissions and committees that are preserved by the preparation of action minutes.

ACTION: Motion and second (Horst/Bigelow) to approve the Housing Commission meeting minutes of August 5, 2020 and include the email received by Eric Morley on September 2, 2020 addressed to the Housing Commission as an attachment to the August 5, 2020 minutes, passed 6-0-1 (Pimentel absent).

D2. Development of the 2020-2021 Housing Commission work plan

Deputy Community Development Director Rhonda Coffman introduced the item.

- Pam Jones spoke about preserving housing for local residents, changes to accessory dwelling unit (ADU) regulations, City investment in housing and community outreach regarding renter protections.

The Housing Commission discussed a variety of work plan goals including, but not limited to the following: ADU regulations, the use of community land trusts and the development of affordable housing at all affordability levels. Based on the commission's discussion, staff will return for the formal approval of the 2020-2021 work plan at the October 2020 Housing Commission meeting.

E. Reports and Announcements

E1. Ad hoc subcommittee reports (10 minutes):

None

E2. Commissioner reports

Pimentel spoke about an upcoming land feasibility study regarding all San Mateo County Community Colleges with a focus on affordable student housing. Pimentel expressed interest in local school sites within Menlo Park being used for housing.

By consensus, Pimentel and Conroy form an ad hoc subcommittee to explore the potential use of school lands for affordable housing locally.

Merriman reported on housing related legislation recently passed at the State level.

Grove congratulated Nevada Merriman on her new position as VP of Public Policy at MidPen Housing.

E3. Recommended future agenda items.

Commissioner suggested future agenda items:

- Update on the tenant relocation assistance fund
- Work plan continued
- Housings link to health during COVID-19 and importance of housing stability
- History of zoning policies

E4. Staff updates and announcements

None

F. Adjournment

Chair Grove adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Mike Noce, Management Analyst II, Community Development

Approved by the Housing Commission on October 7, 2020