



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date: 12/07/2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19, EMERGENCY ADVISORY NOTICE

On March 19, 2020, the Governor ordered a statewide stay-at-home order calling on all individuals living in the State of California to stay at home or at their place of residence to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, the Governor has temporarily suspended certain requirements of the Brown Act. For the duration of the shelter in place order, the following public meeting protocols will apply.

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Regular Meeting

A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

C. Reports and Announcements

D. Public Comment

Under “Public Comment,” the public may address the Commission on any subject not listed on the agenda, and items listed under Consent Calendar. Each speaker may address the Commission once under Public Comment for a limit of three minutes. Please clearly state your name and address or political jurisdiction in which you live. The Commission cannot act on items not listed on the agenda and, therefore, the Commission cannot respond to non-agenda issues brought up under Public Comment other than to provide general information.

E. Consent Calendar

- E1. Approval of minutes from the November 2, 2020, Planning Commission meeting. ([Attachment](#))

F. Public Hearing

F1 and G1 are associated items with a single staff report

- F1. Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Scoping Session/Andrew Morcos for Greystar/165 Jefferson Drive (Menlo Flats):
Request for a use permit, architectural control, below market rate (BMR) housing agreement, heritage tree removal permits, and environmental review to redevelop the project site with approximately 158 multi-family dwelling units and approximately 15,000 square feet of commercial space on a 1.38-acre parcel. The proposed mixed-use building would be eight stories in height, including three levels of above grade podium parking. The commercial space would be located on the ground floor and second floor. The project site is located in the R-MU-B (Residential Mixed Use-Bonus) zoning district. The project site currently contains one single-story approximately 24,300 square foot office building that would be demolished. The proposed building would contain approximately 154,729 square feet of gross floor area of residential uses with a floor area ratio of 257.5 percent. The proposed commercial component would contain approximately 15,000 square feet of gross floor area with a floor area ratio of 24.9 percent. The proposed project would utilize bonus level gross floor area (GFA), density, and height in exchange for community amenities. The proposed project would include a below market rate housing agreement that requires a minimum of 15 percent (or 21 units) be affordable. The applicant is proposing to incorporate 20 additional market-rate units (which are included in the total 158 units), per the density bonus provisions in the BMR Housing Program (Chapter 16.96.040), which allows density and FAR bonuses, and exceptions to the City's Zoning Ordinance requirements when BMR units are incorporated into the project. The project also includes a hazardous materials use permit request to allow for a diesel generator to operate in the event of an emergency. ([Staff Report #20-051-PC](#))

[Public comments received on F1](#)

G. Study Session

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H. Regular Business

- H1. Presentation on ADU Regulations.
- H2. Review of Draft 2021 Planning Commission Meeting Dates. ([Staff Report #20-052-PC](#))

I. Informational Items

- I1. Future Planning Commission Meeting Schedule – The upcoming Planning Commission meetings are listed here, for reference. No action will be taken on the meeting schedule, although individual Commissioners may notify staff of planned absences.
- Regular Meeting: December 14, 2020

J. Adjournment

At every regular meeting of the Planning Commission, in addition to the public comment period where the public shall have the right to address the Planning Commission on any matters of public interest not listed on the agenda, members of the public have the right to directly address the Planning Commission on any item listed on the agenda at a time designated by the chair, either before or during the Planning Commission's consideration of the item.

At every special meeting of the Planning Commission, members of the public have the right to directly address the Planning Commission on any item listed on the agenda at a time designated by the chair, either before or during consideration of the item. For appeal hearings, appellant and applicant shall each have 10 minutes for presentations.

If you challenge any of the items listed on this agenda in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Menlo Park at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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