



PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

April 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Teleconference with participation by Commissioner Eiref from:
Cambria Suites Raleigh-Durham Airport
300 Airgate Drive
Morrisville, NC 27560
(Posted April 23, 2012)

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Bressler, Eiref, Ferrick (Chair), Kadwany (Vice Chair), O'Malley, Riggs, Yu

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF – Arlinda Heineck, Community Development Director; Thomas Rogers, Associate Planner

A. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Under “Reports and Announcements,” staff and Commission members may communicate general information of interest regarding matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission. No Commission discussion or action can occur on any of the presented items.

1. Update on Pending Planning Items

A. Facebook Campus Project

- a. Review of Development Agreement Term Sheet - April 17, 2012 City Council Meeting
- b. Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Fiscal Impact Analysis (FIA)
- c. Review Schedule

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Under “Public Comments,” the public may address the Commission on any subject not listed on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Commission. When you do so, please state your name and city or political jurisdiction in which you live for the record. The Commission cannot respond to non-agendized items other than to receive testimony and/or provide general information.

C. CONSENT – None

D. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. [Use Permit and Variances/Ian Carney/731 Bay Road](#) – Request from Commissioner Kadwany for reconsideration of the Planning Commission’s action at the previous meeting of April 16, 2012.

2. [Use Permit/Ian Carney/735 Bay Road](#) – Request from Commissioner Kadvany for reconsideration of the Planning Commission’s action at the previous meeting of April 16, 2012.

E. PUBLIC HEARING

1. [El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan, General Plan Amendment, Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment, Rezoning, Environmental Review](#)

The overall intent of the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan is to enhance community life, character and vitality through mixed-use infill projects sensitive to the small-town character of Menlo Park, and to improve bicycle and pedestrian connections in the Plan area over the next 30 years. The Specific Plan is based upon the El Camino Real/Downtown Vision Plan, which was unanimously accepted by the Menlo Park City Council on July 15, 2008, and which includes specific objectives in the form of the following twelve goals:

- Maintain a village character unique to Menlo Park.
- Provide greater east-west town-wide connectivity.
- Improve circulation and streetscape conditions on El Camino Real.
- Ensure that El Camino Real development is sensitive to and compatible with adjacent neighborhoods.
- Revitalize underutilized parcels and buildings.
- Activate the train station area.
- Protect and enhance pedestrian amenities on Santa Cruz Avenue.
- Expand shopping, dining and neighborhood services to ensure a vibrant downtown.
- Provide residential opportunities in the Vision Plan area.
- Provide plaza and park spaces.
- Provide an integrated, safe, and well-designed pedestrian and bicycle network.
- Develop parking strategies and facilities that meet the commercial and residential needs of the community.

Based on the goals of the Vision Plan, the Draft Specific Plan, released on April 7, 2011 was formulated with the following five guiding principles:

- Generate Vibrancy;
- Strengthen the Public Realm;
- Sustain Menlo Park’s Village Character;
- Enhance Connectivity; and
- Promote Healthy Living and Sustainability.

The Planning Commission will consider the following actions: review of the Final EIR; General Plan amendment to incorporate the Specific Plan; adoption of the Specific Plan; amendments to the zoning ordinance map and text to incorporate the Specific Plan.

The Specific Plan Area would be comprised of parcels shown in the included figure, which consists of parcels currently zoned/described as: all C-3; all C-4 (ECR); all P-D; all other parcels fronting on El Camino Real; all R-C; all R-3-C, with the exception of 1010 Noel Drive (061-411-080); all C-1-B; all P located between Menlo Avenue and Oak Grove Avenue; several R-3 parcels that adjoin either El-Camino-Real-fronting parcels or Alto Lane; and the C-1-A parcel at 530 Oak Grove Ave (061-402-160). These parcels would be rezoned to SP-ECR/D and the uses and development standards applicable to those properties would be included in the proposed Specific Plan.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to make a recommendation to the City Council, which is tentatively scheduled to review the project on June 5, 2012. The City Council will be the final decision-making body on the proposed project. Separate notice will be given for the confirmed City Council public hearing.

F. COMMISSION BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Future Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting	May 7, 2012
Regular Meeting	May 21, 2012
Regular Meeting	June 11, 2012
Regular Meeting	June 25, 2012
Regular Meeting	July 9, 2012
Regular Meeting	July 23, 2012
Regular Meeting	August 6, 2012
Regular Meeting	August 20, 2012

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Time Limit: Members of the public will have **three** minutes and applicants will have **five** minutes to address an item. Please present your comments clearly and concisely. Exceptions to the time limits shall be at the discretion of the Chair.

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