



Action Minutes  
**Planning Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
7:00 p.m. - Thursday, February 4, 2016  
City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street

**Call to Order** — 7:04 pm

**Roll Call** — Peter Kennedy, Chair; Peter Spellman, Vice-Chair; Amber Blizinski; Julie Conway; Mark Mesiti-Miller; Christian Nielsen; Greg Pepping.  
**Present:** Commissioners A. Blizinski; J. Conway; M. Mesiti-Miller; C. Nielsen; Vice-Chair, P. Spellman; Chair, P. Kennedy.  
**Absent:** (with notice) Commissioner G. Pepping.  
**Staff:** Director, J. Rebagliati; Principal Planner, R. Powers; Principal Planner, E. Marlatt; Recorder, M. Schwarb.  
**Audience:** 1

**Statements of Disqualification** — None.

**Oral Communications** — None.

*No action shall be taken on these items.*

*The Chair may announce and set time limits at the beginning of each agenda item.*

**Announcements** —

Director Rebagliati introduced new Commissioner, Amber Blizinski and noted that new Commissioner, Greg Pepping had hoped to attend, but was ill and would join the Commission next meeting.

**Public Hearings** — None.

**General Business** —

1. Election of Officers

**ACTION** Commissioner Nielsen nominated Commissioner Mesiti-Miller for Vice Chair and Commissioner Mesiti-Miller nominated Commissioner Spellman for Chair. The nominations were seconded by Commissioner Conway. Commissioner Spellman was elected Chair and Commissioner Mesiti-Miller was elected Vice-Chair on a vote of 6-0-1 with Commissioners Kennedy, Spellman, Blizinski, Conway, Mesiti-Miller and Nielsen in favor, none opposed, and Commissioner Pepping absent.

2. Downtown Recovery Plan Amendments

Discussion of amendments to Chapter 4, Development Standards and Guidelines, of the Downtown Recovery Plan, to consider modifying development standards and extending the maximum allowable height limits bounded by Cathcart Street, Front Street, Laurel Street and Pacific Avenue, and to modify Front Street development standards between Soquel Avenue and Laurel Street.

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion of item and accept public comment.

**ACTION:** The Planning Commission heard the presentation from subcommittee members and staff.

**Informational Items —**

*No action shall be taken on these items.*

3. 412 Ocean View Avenue CP15-0199

Principal Planner Marlatt noted that the applicant had revised the project so that it can now be approved by staff administratively and will not go before the Planning Commission.

**Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports —**

*No action shall be taken on these items.*

◦ Chairperson's Report

Chair Spellman appointed Commissioner Nielsen to the Downtown Recovery Amendments sub-committee after discussion.

◦ Planning Department Report

Principal Planner Powers updated the Commission on the Downtown Sign Ordinance updates going to City Council on 2/9/16 and if approved, would then proceed to the Coastal Commission. He also noted that the Corridor Advisory Committee meetings have been very productive and the next meeting will be on 2/8/16 with a lot of discussion regarding parking. The target is for the Planning Commission to hear the item in June. In addition the Committee is having open houses for neighbors on the third Thursday of each month from three o'clock to four thirty pm. Director Rebagliati announced a new City Council initiative called "City Hall to You" the first will be on February 25 on the east side. Santa Cruz Shakespeare will be heard by the City Council on February 9 at 7:00 pm and the next Planning Commission meeting will have an appeal of an East Cliff Drive sidewalk replacement and the Housing Element final adoption. The first March meeting will include the work program.

**Items Referred to Future Agendas — None.**

## Adjournment — 7:37 pm

The next Planning Commission meeting will take place on February 18, 2016 in the City Council Chambers.

Any writing related to an agenda item for the open session of this meeting distributed to the Planning Commission less than 72 hours before this meeting is available for inspection at the City Planning Department, 809 Center Street, Room 107 or on the City's website [www.cityofsantacruz.com](http://www.cityofsantacruz.com). These writings will also be available for review at the Planning Commission meeting in the public review binder at the rear of the Council Chambers.

**APPEALS** - Any person who believes that a final action of this advisory body has been taken in error may appeal that decision to the City Council. Appeals must be in writing, setting forth the nature of the action and the basis upon which the action is considered to be in error, and addressed to the City Council in care of the City Clerk.

Appeals must be received by the City Clerk within ten (10) calendar days following the date of the action from which such appeal is being taken. An appeal must be accompanied by a five hundred fourteen dollar (\$514) filing fee, unless the item involves a Coastal Permit that is appealable to the Coastal Commission, in which case there is no fee.