



Action Minutes
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Thursday, June 2, 2016
City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street

Call to Order — 7:00 pm

Roll Call —

Present: Commissioners A. Blizinski; J. Conway; P. Kennedy; C. Nielsen; G. Pepping; Vice-Chair, M. Mesiti-Miller; Chair, P. Spellman.
Absent: None.
Staff: Director, J. Rebagliati; Principal Planner, R. Powers; Senior Planner, M. King; Transportation Planner, C. Fleisler; Recorder, M. Schwarb.
Audience: 40-50.

Statements of Disqualification — None.

Oral Communications —

No action shall be taken on these items.

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

- Sean Byrne;
- Michelle Goldstein.

Announcements — Director Rebagliati noted new information is now on the City website regarding current projects underway or in the pipeline.

General Business —

1. **Corridor Planning Process and Rezoning Update.**
RECOMMENDATION: That the Planning Commission receive the presentation on Preliminary Future Parking and Circulation Improvements, accept input, discuss item and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Senior Planner King briefly explained the scope of the project and introduced Sophie Martin of Dyatt and Batia who spoke briefly and then introduced Frederick Venter of Kimley Horn who delivered a power point presentation on parking and circulation.

The Public Hearing was opened. Speaking from the audience:

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- Jonathan Cress;
- Mark Primack;
- Julie Bettincourt;
- Wootje Swets;
- Dave Soudowski;
- Gillian Greensite;
- Ed Silveira;
- William Rose;
- Amelia Conlen;
- Mari Tustin;
- Annie Roland;
- Michelle Goldstein;
- Barbara Lawrence;
- Debra Marks;
- Chris Quisenberry;
- Dean Lundholm;
- Candace Brown;
- Gordon Lyon;
- John Gryspas.

The Public Hearing was closed.

The Commissioners asked questions and made comments regarding:

- Green bike lanes;
- Buffered bike lanes;
- Parking counts;
- Traffic Management Agencies;
- Parking Benefit Districts;
- Dates for the parking counts;
- General Plan 2030;
- Population growth;
- Safe streets;
- Crosswalks for pedestrians;
- Neighborhood protections;
- Densifying the corridors;
- Cut-through traffic in neighborhoods;
- Field trips;
- Incentivizing;
- Public benefits;
- Walkable and bikeable neighborhoods;
- Street parking as a buffer for pedestrians;
- Moving bike lanes off the corridors;
- Infill development;
- Thinking differently about parking;
- Bicycle safety;
- Organizing for future growth;

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- Residential parking programs;
- Transitions over time;
- Additional parking data;
- Housing for students;
- Establishing a sub-committee;
- Appreciation for the public comments.

ACTION: **The Planning Commission received the presentation, accepted public input, discussed the item and provided direction to staff.**

Informational Items — None.

No action shall be taken on these items.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports —

No action shall be taken on these items.

The Commissioners engaged in a short discussion regarding appointment of a new Downtown Plan Committee to focus on affordable housing, riverfront development and the skyline.

- Chairperson's Report - None.
- Planning Department Report - None.

Items Referred to Future Agendas — None.

Adjournment — 10:30 pm.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2016 in the City Council Chambers.

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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.