



City of Santa Barbara
PLANNING COMMISSION
AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

1:00 P.M.

This Meeting Will Be Conducted Electronically
As Described Below

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Deborah L. Schwartz, Chair
Lesley Wiscomb, Vice Chair
Roxana Bonderson
Gabriel Escobedo
Jay D. Higgins
Sheila Lodge
Barrett Reed

STAFF:

Tava Ostrenger, Assistant City Attorney
Allison DeBusk, Senior Planner
Heidi Reidel, Commission Secretary

NOTICES

A. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

8:00 A.M.

SITE VISIT

635 E. GUTIERREZ ST

Contact: Kathleen Kennedy, Project Planner

KKennedy@SantaBarbaraCA.gov

(805) 564-5470, ext. 4560

The Planning Commission will visit the project site scheduled for review at the Thursday meeting. No public testimony will be taken, but the public is invited to attend. Contact the Case Planner for additional information.
Please note: appropriate social distancing will be enforced at the site visit.

B. CANCELLED: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 LUNCH MEETING

IN ORDER TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PRIORITIZE THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ISSUED EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, WHICH ALLOWS LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCES WHILE STILL MEETING THE STATE'S OPEN AND TRANSPARENT MEETING REQUIREMENTS. COMMISSIONERS MAY PARTICIPATE ELECTRONICALLY. AS A PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY PRECAUTION, THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA STRONGLY ENCOURAGES AND WELCOMES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THIS TIME. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

TELEVISION COVERAGE: This meeting will be broadcast live on City TV-Channel 18 and online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV. See SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTVProgramGuide for a rebroadcast schedule. An archived video of this meeting will be available at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PCVideos.

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: Join meeting electronically at:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7303733995905954063>

You will be connected to audio using your computer's microphone and speakers (VoIP). A headset is recommended. You can also select the option to use your telephone, but you must use the GoToWebinar software to interact with the meeting. Select "Use Telephone" after joining the webinar and call in using the numbers below:

1 (562) 247-8422

PIN: 498-584-365

Webinar ID: 213-556-555

Oral comments during a meeting may be made by electronic participation only.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments may be submitted via email to PCSecretary@SantaBarbaraCA.gov. All public comments submitted via email will be provided to the Commission. **Please note that the Commission may not have time to review written comments received after 4:30 p.m. the Tuesday before the meeting; however, they will be added to the project file.** You may also submit written correspondence via US Postal Service (USPS); addressed to PC Secretary, PO Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990. However, please be advised, correspondence sent via USPS may not be received in time to process prior to the meeting and email submissions are highly encouraged.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment on matters not listed on the agenda will occur at the beginning of the meeting. Members of the public wishing to speak must "raise their hand" in the GoToWebinar platform by selecting the virtual hand icon, which is generally located on most devices in the upper right hand corner of the screen. When persons are called on to speak, their microphone will be activated and they will be notified to begin speaking. Each speaker will be given a total of 2 minutes to address the Commission. Pooling of time is not allowed during general public comment. The time allotted for general public comment at the beginning of the meeting is 30 minutes. The Commission, upon majority vote, may decline to hear a speaker on the grounds that the subject matter is beyond the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDIZED ITEMS: Members of the public wishing to speak on a matter on the agenda must "raise their hand" in the GoToWebinar platform by selecting the virtual hand icon during the presentation of that item. The "raise hand" icon is generally located on most devices in the upper right hand corner of the screen. When persons are called on to speak, their microphone will be activated and they will be notified to begin speaking. Each speaker will be given a total of 2 minutes to address the Commission. Pooling of time is not permitted during meetings conducted electronically.

If you want to be listed as an interested party on an item you have the following options available to submit a request: 1. Submit an e-mail request to PCSecretary@SantaBarbaraCA.gov, 2. Call the PC Secretary at (805) 564-5470, ext. 4572, or 3. Submit a written request via US Postal Service (USPS); addressed to PC Secretary, PO Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990. **You will need to provide your Name, Email Address, Mailing Address, and the project number (PLN) you want to be added to.**

AGENDAS, MINUTES, REPORTS, & PUBLIC RECORD WRITINGS: Documents relating to agenda items are available for review online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC. You may contact City Planning staff at (805) 564-5578 for general questions about the status of a case.

PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE: The following review steps explain the sequence that all projects must undergo during a public hearing: 1. Introduction by the Chair; 2. Staff Presentation (15 Minutes); 3. Applicant Presentation (15 minutes); 4. Public Comment; 5. Questions from the Commission; 6. Comments from the Commission; 7. Commission Discussion; and 8. Commission Action.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need services or staff assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, contact the City Administrator's Office at (805) 564 5305. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will usually enable the City to make reasonable arrangements. Specialized services, such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, may require additional lead-time to arrange.

APPEALS: Decisions of the Planning Commission may be appealed to the City Council. In order to promote social distancing and protect the health and wellbeing of the public, the City Clerk will no longer be accepting appeals over the counter at City Hall. For further information and guidelines on how to appeal a decision to City Council, please contact the City Clerk's office at Clerk@SantaBarbaraCA.gov as soon as possible. **Appeals and associated fee must be submitted in writing, via email to Clerk@SantaBarbaraCA.gov and by first class mail postage prepaid within 10 calendar days of the meeting at which the Commission took action or rendered its decision. Appeals and associated fee post marked after the 10th calendar day will not be accepted.**

NOTICE: On Thursday, September 10, 2020 this Agenda was posted on the outdoor bulletin board at City Hall, 735 Anacapa Street, and online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC.

NOTICE OF LINKED DIGITAL PLANS

Hyperlinks to project plans are provided in the agenda. If the project plan is available, you will see the address in the agenda displayed as a blue underlined text. To view the project plans, simply click on the blue underlined address.

I. ROLL CALL

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- A. Requests for continuances, withdrawals, postponements, or addition of ex-agenda items.
- B. Announcements and appeals.
- C. Review, consideration, and action on the following draft Planning Commission minutes and resolutions:
 - 1. September 3, 2020 Planning Commission Minutes
- D. Comments from members of the public pertaining to items not on this agenda. Due to time constraints, each person is limited to two minutes.

III. NEW ITEM**APPLICATION OF TONY TOMASELLO, RRM DESIGN GROUP, AGENT FOR HUGHES LAND HOLDING TRUST, OWNER OF 635 E. GUTIERREZ STREET, APN: 031-293-012, ZONE: M-I, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIAL; LAND USE DESIGNATION: INDUSTRIAL; (PLN2019-00522)**

The project consists of a new one-story, 9,260-square-foot, 10-megawatt (MW)/40-megawatt hour (MWh) battery energy storage system (BESS) facility on a 14,713-square-foot (0.34-acre) lot at the corner of E. Gutierrez and N. Quarantina Streets. All existing structures would be demolished. The facility would contain lithium ion batteries stored on racks that would be seismically anchored to the building foundation and constructed with non-flammable aluminum and steel. The facility would contain medium voltage transformers and other electrical equipment. The facility would be unmanned and monitored remotely. The project includes a loading and turnaround area and no vehicular parking spaces. Grading quantities for the new facility include 6 cubic yards of cut and 1,040 cubic yards of fill. Connections to the Southern California Edison Substation located to the east would be required. The developer, esVolta, would operate the facility and Southern California Edison would purchase the stored energy from the developer over the life of the contract. Project requires approval of a Development Plan and Conditional Use Permit.

Contact: Kathleen Kennedy, Project Planner
Email: KKennedy@SantaBarbaraCa.gov

Phone: (805) 564-5470, ext. 4560

IV. CONTINUED ITEM: FROM AUGUST 27, 2020**APPLICATION OF PASEO NUEVO OWNER, LLC, AGENT FOR CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, OWNER OF 739 STATE STREET, PASEO NUEVO MALL, APN: 037-400-002, ZONE: C-G, COMMERCIAL GENERAL; LAND USE DESIGNATION: COMMERCIAL/ HIGH AND MEDIUM HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL; (PLN2020-00202)**

The proposal consists of a Development Agreement (Agreement) between the City of Santa Barbara ("City", owner and ground lessor of the property) and Paseo Nuevo Owner LLC ("PNO" and ground lessee of the property). PNO is committing to complete an investment of at least twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) in renovation work in the Paseo Nuevo Mall. The Agreement provides certain assurances to PNO regarding the renovation work. The Agreement enhances the operation and maintenance requirements of the mall and shifts certain financial obligations contained in the existing lease from the City to PNO. At the end of the 45-year term of the Agreement, provided that PNO has performed all obligations under the Agreement, there has not been a material uncured default under the Agreement or the lease, and PNO timely provides notice of exercise, upon expiration of the ground lease, PNO will be entitled to a one-time executory right to extend the term of the ground lease for 28-years. Proposal requires a Recommendation from the Planning Commission to City Council to adopt the Development Agreement.

Contact: Kathleen Kennedy, Project Planner
Email: KKennedy@SantaBarbaraCa.gov

Phone: (805) 564-5470, ext. 4560

V. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. Committee and Liaison Reports.

1. Staff Hearing Officer Liaison Report
2. Other Committee and Liaison Reports

VI. ADJOURNMENT