



City of Santa Barbara
PLANNING COMMISSION
AGENDA
NOVEMBER 5, 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. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

4:30 P.M.

SITE VISIT

0 SANTA CRUZ BLVD, "THOUSAND STEPS"

Contact: Kathleen Kennedy, Project Planner

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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, NOVEMBER 5, 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.

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<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8697984010217064974>

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1 (415) 655-0060
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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@SantaBarbaraCS.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.**

NOTE TO INTERESTED PARTIES: Only those persons who participate through public comment either orally or in writing on an item on this Agenda have standing to appeal the decision. Grounds for appeal are limited to those issues raised either orally or in written correspondence delivered to the review body at, or prior to, the public hearing.

NOTICE: On Thursday, October 29, 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. October 15, 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 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT/ CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, OWNER OF 0 SANTA CRUZ BLVD, "THOUSAND STEPS", APN: 045-185-0RW, CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY, ZONE: COASTAL ZONE; LAND USE DESIGNATION: OPEN SPACE/BEACH; (PLN2018-00297)**

Project to repair Thousand Steps, a public beach access stairway located at the end of Santa Cruz Boulevard. The project includes the demolition and reconstruction of the lowest 24 steps, installation of 10 additional concrete steps extending approximately 14 feet seaward with decorative columns and a new landing apron, installation of new stainless steel handrails from the street level to the beach, construction of a new concrete guard rail at the mid-level landing, installation of a drain to capture and redirect groundwater, re-pouring of the concrete at the mid-level landing, and repair of minor surface cracks where needed. Other improvements include new trash and recycle receptacles, and new bicycle racks at the street level. Project requires a Recommendation from the Planning Commission to allow the project to proceed to the California Coastal Commission for a Consolidated Coastal Development Permit due to its location in both the Appealable Jurisdiction of the City's Coastal Zone and the California Coastal Commission Permit Jurisdiction (SBMC §28.44.060 and California Coastal Act Section 30601.3)

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IV. ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING**COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN**

The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments from the Planning Commission on the adequacy and completeness of the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines §15087.

The City of Santa Barbara Fire Department (SBFD) is proposing to implement a comprehensive, coordinated CWPP to protect lives, property, and natural resources threatened by wildland fire. The proposed CWPP includes various goals, policies, and actions that represent a compilation of existing and newly proposed policies and actions related to codes and standards, funding, fire rehabilitation, evacuation, fire protection, vegetation/fuels management, and public education. Current activities conducted by the SBFD under the 2004 Wildland Fire Plan were analyzed in the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2004 Wildland Fire Plan (City of Santa Barbara 2004). New proposed policies and/or actions that could result in impacts to the environment include the following categories:

- Proposed modifications to the High Fire Hazard Area
- Proposed modifications to the Vegetation Management Areas
 - Defensive space
 - Roadside clearing
 - City Vegetation Management Units (VMUs)
 - Community Fuel Treatment Network (CFTN)
- Proposed modifications to the Vegetation Management Methods

- Communication Facility Maintenance

The proposed CWPP also includes several other policies and actions that would not involve any physical impacts to the environment, including public education, interagency coordination, acquisition of funding, data gathering and management, acquisition of firefighting and communications equipment, and evacuation planning.

This hearing is to receive public and Planning Commission comment on the Draft PEIR only. No action on the environmental document or project will be taken by the Planning Commission at this hearing. The public review period for the Draft PEIR extends through November 13, 2020.

Contact: Amber Anderson, Wildland Fire Specialist
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V. **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

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

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**