



City of Santa Barbara
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 5, 2020

1:00 P.M.

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COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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STAFF:

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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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Site visit held.

B. CANCELLED: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020 LUNCH MEETING

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I. ROLL CALL

Roll call taken. All Commissioners were present.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Requests for continuances, withdrawals, postponements, or addition of ex-agenda items.

No requests made.

B. Announcements and appeals.

Announcements made.

C. Review, consideration, and action on the following draft Planning Commission minutes and resolutions:

1. October 15, 2020 Planning Commission Minutes

Approved as presented.

Bonderson/ Higgins Vote: 7/0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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.

No one wished to speak.

III. NEW ITEM

ACTUAL TIME: 1:06 P.M.

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)

Recommendation to allow the project to proceed to the California Coastal Commission for a Consolidated Coastal Development Permit because the project is consistent with the policies of the City's Coastal Land Use Plan and the California Coastal Act, with the following additional recommendations:

1. **Increase bike racks from four to eight, with further study on actual use to determine if more are warranted.**
2. **Incorporate the historic Camino al Mar name into the monument signage if possible, otherwise include it in the interpretive signage.**
3. **The bluff top improvements are to be a priority capital improvement project in the future.**

Wiscomb/Lodge Vote: 7/0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

IV. ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING

ACTUAL TIME: 2:38 P.M.

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.

Commission comments made.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

ACTUAL TIME: 5:00 P.M.

A. Committee and Liaison Reports.

1. Staff Hearing Officer Liaison Report

No report given.

2. Other Committee and Liaison Reports

Reports given.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.