

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF CONCORD PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission, City of Concord, was called to order by Chair Obringer at 6:30 P.M., August 3, 2016, in the City Council Chamber.

I. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Carlyn Obringer
Vice Chair Jason Laub
Commissioner Dominic Aliano
Commissioner LaMar Anderson
Commissioner Ray Barbour

STAFF PRESENT: Laura Simpson, Planning Manager
Margaret Kotzebue, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Ray Kuzbari, Transportation Manager

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Aliano led the pledge.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment was heard.

IV. ADDITIONS / CONTINUANCES / WITHDRAWALS

None were announced.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

No public comment was heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Barbour, and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the meeting minutes of July 20, 2016. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Barbour, Anderson, Aliano, Laub, Obringer
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

City of Concord Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Safe Routes to Transit Plan – City-initiated proposal to adopt the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Safe Routes to Transit Plan, which envisions Concord as a community where bicycling, walking and transit can serve the transportation needs of all users. The Plan outlines a strategy to develop a safer and more comfortable walking and bicycling network, through physical improvements and programs designed to educate and encourage safe use of the expanded transportation network. The Plan helps position the City for future funding for bicycle, pedestrian and transit access improvements by identifying community needs and addressing those needs with \$146 million of identified and prioritized capital improvement projects. The Plan also contains evaluation programs to encourage forward progress by documenting progress towards the Plan’s goals. Pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as amended, the project falls under Section 15262, “ (a) project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or negative declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. This section does not apply to the adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities.” The City of Concord’s Bicycle, Pedestrian & Safe Routes to Transit Plan (Plan) meets these criteria because the Plan is a planning study that would serve as the basis for future updating of the Concord General Plan related to the education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation of future walking and bicycling network improvements and has no legally binding effect on current activities (e.g. development project application review) or later activities (i.e., the General Plan Update).
Project Planner: Laura Simpson @ (925) 671-3369

Planning Manager, Laura Simpson, presented background information on the project.

Jeffrey Knowles, consultant from Alta Planning + Design, presented a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the Planning Commission.

Public Comment

The following individuals addressed the Planning Commission: Brian Cory, Kenji Yamada, Coire Reilly, David Pitman, Amy Ma, and Barbara Brunell.

Ray Kuzbari answered questions from the Planning Commission.

Motion was made by Commissioner Barbour and seconded by Commissioner Aliano to adopt Resolution No. 16-21 recommending City Council approval of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Safe Routes to Transit Plan with an amendment to the meeting date on the Planning Commission Resolution. The motion passed by the following vote:

- AYES: Barbour, Aliano, Anderson, Laub, Obringer
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

VII. COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS

There were none.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning Manager Laura Simpson announced the Veranda project was approved by the City Council.

IX. COMMISSION REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

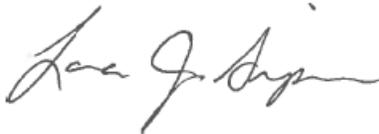
X. FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Planning Manager Laura Simpson announced there will be a large multi-family development, Concord Village, on August 17th and one other item.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Laub moved to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. Commissioner Aliano seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn was passed by unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

APPROVED:



Laura Simpson, AICP
Planning Manager



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