



CITY of CALABASAS

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS
CALIFORNIA, HELD THURSDAY MAY 19, 2022 at 6:00PM**

Opening Matters:

Call to Order/Roll Call of the Commissioners

Vice-chair Harrison, called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. The meeting was conducted virtually utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means.

Present Vice -Chair Harrison, Commissioners Lia, Mueller, Washburn, and Byrne.

Absent: Chair Fassberg, excused

Staff: City Attorney Summers, Community Development Director Klein, City Planner Bartlett, Deputy Public Works Director Holden and Community Services Director Green.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Lia.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Lia moved, seconded by Commissioner Mueller to approve the agenda of May 19, 2022.

Motion Carried: 5/0

Announcements and Introductions: Commissioner Washburn recommended that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Judy Sherman. Ms. Sherman, who was very active in the community, was married to Richard Sherman, the President of the Calabasas Park HOA and mother of City Council member, Alicia Weintraub.

Oral Communications – Public Comment:

None.

1. Consent Items:

Approval of meeting minutes: April 21, 2022

Commissioner Mueller moved, seconded by Commissioner Lia to approve the updated minutes of April 21, 2022.

Motion carried: 5/0

6:20 P.M. Discussion Item(s):

2. Appointment of Architectural Review Panel (ARP) members

Community Development Director Klein provided a presentation to the Commission.

Following the presentation, Commissioner Washburn moved to reappoint the current slate of ARP members; Will Shepphird, Sheida Moradi, Camille Mugerdechian-Armen, and Supriya Kulkarni. Commissioner Mueller, moved to second the motion. The fifth member of the ARP, Alan Dabach, was appointed by the Commission on April 7, 2022. Director Klein confirmed that all five terms will expire on October 30, 2023.

Motion carried: 5/0

Additionally, Commissioner Washburn moved to reappoint Will Shepphird, Camille Mugerdechian-Armen and Supriya Kulkarni as regular members and Sheida Moradi and Alan Dabach as alternate members of the ARP.

Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion.

Motion carried: 5/0

3. Review of the proposed City of Calabasas 2022 – 2026 Five-Fiscal-Years Capital Improvements Program to determine conformance with the policies and programs of the Calabasas 2030 General Plan.

City Planner Bartlett provided a presentation to the Commission.

The Commissioners asked questions of Planner Bartlett and also Community Services Director Green.

Following a discussion, Commissioner Washburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Mueller to find the Capital Improvement Program is consistent with the General Plan.

Additionally, the Commission recommended that the City Council view the Planning Commission discussion of the Capital Improvement Program.

Motion Carried: 5/0

6:50 P.M. Public Hearing Item(s):

4. An ordinance to add Sections 17.82 (Urban Lot Splits) and 17.84 (Ministerial Design Review Permits) to Title 17 (Land Use and Development) of the Calabasas Municipal Code as necessary to comply with California law (Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10). Pursuant to Government Code section 65852.21, subdivision (j), and Government Code section 66411.7, subdivision (n), adoption of this Ordinance is not a project for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is statutorily exempt. Further, this Ordinance is not subject to CEQA because it does not involve exercise of a discretionary power under 14 CCR section 15060, subdivision (c)(1) as the ordinance is being adopted in response to a state mandate.

City Attorney Summers made a presentation to the Commission.

Following the presentation, the Commission directed questions to City Attorney Summers and staff.

Vice-chair Harrison opened the public hearing at 8:01 PM.

Speakers: Joanne Suwara voiced concerns regarding fire and evacuation safety.

Luressa Byrne voiced similar concerns about safety in her neighborhood on the West side of the City.

Vice-chair Harrison closed the public hearing at 8:06 PM.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Mueller moved to approve Resolution 2022-742, with the addition of a statement in the findings of the ordinance regarding the inconsistencies between the proposed ordinance and Calabasas General Plan language, and cite State Supremacy clause provisions. Vice-chair Harrison seconded the motion.

Motion carried:4/0 (Commissioner Byrne abstained)

Additionally, The Commission discussed several recommendations for the City Council to consider as a requirement for development, such as updated impact fees, green building requirements and a moratorium on construction during the drought. The Commission suggested that the Council watch the PC meeting.

Future Agenda Items and Reports:

5. Director's Report: Director Klein highlighted items coming to the Planning Commission in June and July.
6. Reports from Members of the Planning Commission. Vice-chair Harrison suggested that a Variance may need to be recommended to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District with regard to the new water procedure schedules for lawns/gardens.

Adjournment:

At 8:57 PM Vice-chair Harrison adjourned the meeting in memory and honor of Judy Sherman, to the regular meeting of the Planning Commission of June 2, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Any legal action by an applicant, appellant, or other person, seeking to obtain judicial review of any Planning Commission decisions may be subject to the 90-day filing period of, and governed by, Code of Civil Procedure sections 1094.5 and 1094.6. Any person wishing to appeal a decision of the Planning Commission must do so within ten (10) days of the Planning Commission action. Please contact the Community Development Department for information regarding the appeal process. Any challenge in court to an action of the Planning Commission may be limited to only those issues raised by the challenger or others at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.