

MINUTES
OXNARD PLANNING COMMISSION
September 15, 2022

A. ROLL CALL

1. At 6:03 p.m., the Oxnard Planning Commission convened in the Oxnard Chambers.
2. Chair Chavez, Vice Chair Arruejo, Commissioners Lopez, Meyer, Connelly, Zielsdorf and Nash were present.
3. Staff members present were: Kathleen Mallory, Planning and Sustainability Manager; Joe Pearson II, Interim Planning & Environmental Services Manager; Ken Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Roy Solis, Administration Services Technician; and Miriam Loera, Administrative Services Specialist.
4. Introduction of Commissioner Zielsdorf.
5. Chair Chavez presided and called the meeting to order.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

1. Commissioner Zielsdorf led the pledge of allegiance

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS - On Items Not On The Agenda

1. No public comments were received for items not on the agenda.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 7, 2022

MOTION: Vice Chair Arruejo moved and Commissioner Meyer seconded the motion of approval of minutes for the July 7, 2022 planning commission meeting.

VOTE: Chair Chavez, Vice Chair Arruejo, Commissioner Lopez, Meyer, and Nash were present. Commissioner Zielsdorf abstained. The motion carried 6:0:0:1:0¹.

E. EX PARTE DECLARATIONS FOR PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. None of the Planning Commissioners had any ex parte communications to report for Item F-1.

¹ In Favor: Against: Absent: Abstain: Recused

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F. PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Project Name: City of Oxnard Draft Amended 2021-2029 Housing Element-PLANNING AND ZONING PERMIT No. 20-620-03 (General Plan Amendment);** Project Area Located throughout the entire City of Oxnard in Ventura County, California. A General Plan Amendment to the City of Oxnard 2021-2029 Housing Element that was adopted by the City Council in October 2021 to address comments from the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and in response to input received from the ongoing community outreach. The Housing Element is a State-mandated General Plan chapter that provides zoning opportunity for development of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation of 8,549 housing units to meet existing and projected future housing needs between 2021 and 2029 for all income levels as determined by the Southern California Association of Governments and HCD. The Housing Element also includes goals, policies, and programs to assist the housing needs of special needs populations and affirmatively further fair housing. Filed by the City of Oxnard, Community Development Department, 214 South C Street, Oxnard, CA 93030. **City Staff: Kathleen Mallory, Planning and Sustainability Manager**

Recommendation: That the Planning Commission:

- a. Receive a presentation on the Draft Amended City of Oxnard 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element; and
- b. Open the public hearing and receive public input; and
- c. Adopt a Resolution 2022-XX recommending City Council approval of the Draft Amended City of Oxnard 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element as Chapter 8 within the 2030 General Plan.

Please click the following link to view the required Measure M pre-recorded presentation video: <https://youtu.be/rDd0OOm4zC8>

City Staff and Consultants Including: Joe Pearson II, Interim Planning & Environmental Services Manager; Kathleen Mallory, Planning & Sustainability Manager; Ken Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Emilo Ramirez, Housing Director; Heather Davis, Contract Planner; and Jennifer Gastelum, PlaceWorks Housing Consultant were available for questions.

Chair Chavez opened the public comments portion of the public hearing.

Verbal comment received by public speaker Barbara Macri-Ortiz on Item F1, speaker was given an additional 3:00 minutes.

Verbal comment received by public speaker Lawrance Paul Stein via zoom on Item F1.

Chair Chavez closed the public comments portion of the public hearing.

Discussion ensued among the Commissioners and staff about several topics, including: acknowledgement of City Staffs work and amount of work that has gone into it, desire to encourage development of affordable housing, concerns about water availability, Urban Water Master Plan, States requirement for development of more housing, management of water resources, support for state reductions of parking requirements. Deliberations by Commissioner Connelly, Nash, Meyer, Vice Chair Arruejo, and Chair Chavez

MOTION:

Commissioner Lopez moved and Vice Chair Arruejo seconded the motion for to receive a presentation on the Draft Amended City of Oxnard 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element; and Open the public hearing and receive public input; and adopt a Resolution 2022-XX recommending City Council approval of the Draft Amended City of Oxnard 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element as Chapter 8 within the 2030 General Plan.

VOTE:

Chair Chavez, Vice Chair Arruejo, Commissioner Lopez, Meyer, Connelly, Zielsdorf and Nash. The motion carried 7:0:0:0:².

G. STUDY SESSION/REPORTS

H. PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Vice Chair Arruejo commented on the Commissioner's attendance and welcomed Commissioner Zielsdorf.
2. Commissioner Meyers commented CAUSE (Central Coast Alliance United for A Sustainable Economy) is having the annual Raising Justice event in person and welcomed his fellow commissioners.
3. Commissioner Nash commented on a past water symposium hosted by Steve Bennet, which can be viewed on the main website by going to <https://a37.asmdc.org/videos> and learning about the water situation in Ventura County, he also commented on the memorial of Carmen Ramirez.

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4. Commissioner Dr. Lopez gave a public welcome to new Commissioner Zielsdorf
5. Chair Chavez welcomed Commissioner Zielsdorf, also commented that starting September 1, 2022 all Ventura County transit agencies are offering free bus rides to all youth 18 and under and there is still the college ride free program as well as the Metro Link back to school campaign, and the Month of September is Rail Safety month. On Wednesday, September 21, 2022 Metrolink in Thousand Oaks will hosting the 2022 trespassing and suicide prevention summit 2022 in downtown Burbank.

I. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF UPDATES

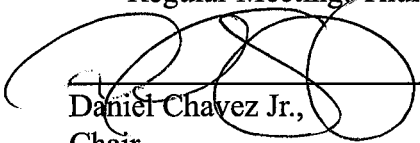
1. Joe Pearson II, commented that the City's new Curb Cut policy is being presented to Council September 20, 2022 and welcomed new staff member Miriam Loera, Administrative Services Specialist and the new Recording Secretary for the Commission.

J. ADJOURNMENT

1. At 7:15 p.m., the Planning Commission concurred to adjourn.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 6, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Oxnard Chambers


Daniel Chavez Jr.,
Chair

ATTEST 
Joe Pearson II,
Interim Planning & Environmental Services Manager