

# Planning and Zoning Board

## *Study Session Minutes*

Virtual Platform

Date: November 18, 2020 Time: 3:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

\*Chair Dane Astle  
\*Vice Chair Jessica Sarkissian  
\*Tim Boyle  
\*Shelly Allen  
\*Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo  
\*Ben Ayers

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jeffrey Crockett

(\*Boardmembers and staff participated in the meeting through the use of audio conference equipment)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Nana Appiah  
Tom Ellsworth  
Lesley Davis  
Rachel Prelog  
\*Wahid Alam  
Rebecca Gorton

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

None

1. Call meeting to order.

Chair Astle declared a quorum present and the meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Review items on the agenda for the November 18, 2020 regular Planning and Zoning Board Hearing.

Planning Director Nana Appiah stated case ZON20-00281 will be continued to the December 16, 2020 meeting. Staff is still working with the applicant to make sure they complete their citizen participation plan and conduct their neighborhood meetings to resolve any outstanding issues that need to be resolved before bringing the case to the Planning & Zoning Board.

Dr. Appiah stated the next item is 4-a, which is an item staff has been talking to the Board about this year. Staff presented the item at the last hearing as well. However, because the City's Zoning Ordinance requires two public hearings for any General Plan amendments Staff is here to complete the second hearing and seek the Board's recommendation for City Council.

Chair Astle reminded the Board they were presented with the proposed amendments at the November 9 hearing and asked if the Board would like another presentation. Dr. Appiah stated it is up to the Board if they would like another presentation and Chair Astle stated that

they will open it up to see if there are any questions by the Board. Mrs. Prelog stated there have been no new additions or changes to what was presented to them earlier. There were no questions or discussion by the Board.

3. Planning Director's Updates.

- Decisions of the City Council's November 2 and 16, 2020 land use hearings.

Dr. Appiah stated there were no items that Council had to make a decision on at the November meetings and he will have an update for the Board at the next meeting.

As a reminder, there is a conflict with the Council meetings next month and we had to move the Planning and Zoning meetings in December to one meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. This will also include the Ugly Sweater contest and staff will remind everyone to be sure to wear their ugly sweaters to the next meeting.

4. Adjournment.

Boardmember Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:38 p.m. The motion was seconded by Boardmember Villanueva-Saucedo.

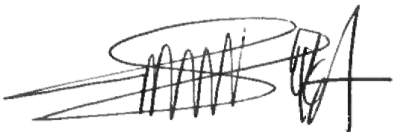
Vote: 6-0 Approved (Boardmember Crockett, absent)

Upon tabulation of vote, it showed:

AYES – Astle, Sarkissian, Boyle, Allen, Villanueva-Saucedo and Ayers

NAYS – None

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nana K. Appiah', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Nana K. Appiah, AICP, Secretary  
Planning Director

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