

APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF ALAMEDA PLANNING BOARD
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

** Members of the public can participate in person or remotely via Zoom.*

Present: President Ruiz, Vice President Hom and Board Members Cisneros, Curtis, and Saheba.

Absent: Board Members Ariza and Teague.

Vice President Hom arrived after roll call.

2. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

3. NONE-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4-A 2023-3189 - Draft Meeting Minutes - April 24, 2023

4-B 2023-3190 - Draft Meeting Minutes - May 8, 2023

Board Member Curtis made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. President Ruiz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0.

5. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

5-A 2023-3177

Presentation on Draft Public Art Master Plan. The presentation is for discussion purposes only and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15183 - Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning.

Walker Toma, Community Development Manager, introduced this item (*1:52). The staff report and attachments can be found at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6261876&GUID=08378B70-E475-4CD7-BAED-C50E5342F579&FullText=1>.

Board clarifying questions start at the 13:51 mark of the video.

Vice President Hom arrived during board clarifying questions.

Public Comment for item 5A

There were no speakers.

Action taken for item 5A

Board Discussion starts at the 21:40 minute mark of the video.

There was no action taken on this item.

5-B 2023-3199

Objective Design Review Standards. Public hearing to consider revisions to Objective Design Review Standards (Objective Standards) applicable to Multi-Family/Mixed Use and One- and Two-Family Developments. Adoption of the Objective Standards is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), the common sense exception that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and 15183, projects consistent with a community plan, general plan or zoning.

David Sablan, Planner II, introduced this item and gave a presentation (*40:02). The staff report and attachments can be found at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6261881&GUID=D2B4C77D-604D-42E2-B739-9067633A6F3D&FullText=1>.

Heather Coleman, Planning Consultant, was also available to answer questions.

Board Clarifying questions start at the 51:11 minute mark of the video.

Public Comment for item 5B

Chris Buckley, Alameda Architecture Preservation Society (AAPS), discussed a letter (*1:00:13) the society had sent. They thanked the board and staff for supporting some of their suggestions gave further recommendations to preserve neighborhood character.

Doug Biggs, Executive Director of the Alameda Point Collaborative, discussed (*1:03:37) part of the design review that negatively impacted their ability to serve the at-risk and homeless population and thanked staff for addressing those concerns. He discussed how these changes would benefit their work.

Action taken for item 5B

Board discussion start at the *1:05:36 minute mark of the video.

Allen Tai, City Planner, summarized the board's comments (*1:42:41)

- Balconies, the standard would be changed to require a minimum of 50% transparency. And staff would look at the depth.
- Campus Style Developments, the requirement would be wayfinding signage to the building signage.
- For the Board and Batten standards, they would remove the spacing requirements.
- Standards for raising a building, they would speak to the issues of allowing stairs leading to the first floor when the basement is being converted to the first floor
- Correcting typos and making sure references are correct
- Adding a link to the Architectural Resources document.
- Adding flexibility for off sets for narrow side yards
- Adding clarifications about ADUs and Jr-ADUs for single family homes
- On page 5 more clarification on vacant single family

This item was tabled for further conversation.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

6-A 2023-3185

Planning, Building and Transportation Department Recent Actions and Decisions

Recent actions and decisions can be found at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6261877&GUID=5BE1F678-0F41-49A4-B37B-515206428AD3&FullText=1>.

No item was pulled for review.

6-B 2023-3186

Oral Report - Future Public Meetings and Upcoming Planning, Building and Transportation Department Projects

Staff Member Tai (*1:47:24) discussed to what to expect for July 10th meeting. Staff planned to bring forward the 3rd phase of the Alameda Mariana Project, Wrap B. Then at the second meeting in July they planned to bring the Annual Report for the Development Agreements. He then discussed transitions at the PB&T Department.

7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Saheba (*1:49:43) stated again that there needed to be a closer collaboration between the Parks Department and the Arts Commission.

8. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Buckley (*1:52:07) stated that he has issues hearing from the board members and asked that they speak into the microphone.

9. ADJOURNMENT

President Ruiz adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

**refers to the minute mark in the video*