City of Santa Rosa

City Hall, Council Chamber
100 Santa Rosa Ave
Santa Rosa, CA

Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, January 11, 2024 **4:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Weeks called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present 6 - Chair Karen Weeks, Vice Chair Vicki Duggan, Commissioner Charles Carter, Commissioner Patti Cisco, Commissioner Jeffrey Holton, and Commissioner Julian Peterson

Absent 1 - Commissioner Terrence Sanders

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 October 26, 2023 - Draft Minutes

Approved as submitted.

2.2 December 14, 2023 - Draft Minutes

Approved as submitted.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Weeks opened public comment at 4:32pm

Duane Dewitt spoke regarding overcrowding and infrastructure limitations in his neighborhood.

Chair Weeks closed public comment at 4:34 p.m.

4. COMMISSION BUSINESS

None.

4.1 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Chair Weeks read aloud the Statement of Purpose.

4.2 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None.

4.3 OTHER (i.e. VICE CHAIR ELECTION, NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS)

None.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Staff Liaison Jones reported.

Staff answered Commissioner inquiries.

Chair Weeks opened and closed public comment.

6. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION/RECUSAL BY COMMISSIONERS

None.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

None.

8. REPORT ITEMS

None.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1* PUBLIC HEARING - VERIZON WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT - 244 COLGAN AVENUE - PRJ23-009

BACKGROUND: The applicant is requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a 69-foot-tall monopine (telecommunication tower) with ground equipment enclosed by a 6-foot-tall fence. The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PRESENTED BY: Suzanne Hartman, City Planner

Ex Parte Disclosures: None.

Project Planner Hartman presented.

Applicant representatives made a presentation.

Staff and the Applicant representatives responded to Commissioner inquiries.

Chair Weeks opened the Public Hearing at 5:10 p.m.

Carmen Gonzalez spoke in opposition of the project.

Tom La Porta spoke in opposition of the project.

Mary Edith Dahl spoke in opposition of the project.

Kim Schroeder spoke in opposition of the project.

Richard Boyd spoke in opposition of the project.

Alex Krohn spoke in opposition of the project.

Paul-Andre Schabracq spoke in opposition of the project.

Sidnee Cox spoke in opposition of the project.

Jennifer La Porta spoke in opposition of the project.

Melody Stewart spoke in opposition of the project.

Michele Misino De Luca spoke in opposition of the project.

Jeanne White spoke in opposition of the project.

Vincent Hurst spoke in support of the project.

Laurinda Atwood spoke in opposition of the project.

Markie Glaser spoke in opposition of the project.

Chair Weeks closed Public Hearing at 5:57 p.m.

The meeting went into Recess at 5:58 p.m. and Reconvened at 6:01 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holton, seconded by Commissioner Cisco, to waive reading of the text and adopt:

RESOLUTION NO. PC-2024-001, ENTITLED; RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AND APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 69-FOOT-TALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER AND ASSOCIATED GROUND EQUIPMENT - LOCATED AT 244 COLGAN AVENUE, APN: 044-011-053 - FILE NUMBER PRJ23-009

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Weeks, Vice Chair Duggan, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Cisco, Commissioner Holton and Commissioner Peterson

9.2* PUBLIC HEARING - SENIOR COMMUNITY CARE FACILITY ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT - PLANNING PROJECT - CITYWIDE - PRJ23-016

BACKGROUND: Zoning Code Text Amendment to 1) amend Zoning Code Section 20-42.060, Community Care Facilities, to exempt senior care facilities from the Community Care Facility overconcentration limitation and spacing requirement, and 2) to amend Zoning Code Section 20-70.020, Definitions of Specialized Terms and Phrases, to include palliative care and end of life care medical treatments in the definition of Community Care Facility. The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PRESENTED BY: Kristinae Toomians, Senior Planner

Ex Parte Disclosures: None.

Project Planner Toomians presented.

Applicant representatives provided additional information for the project.

Staff and the Applicant representatives responded to Commissioner inquiries.

Chair Weeks opened and closed the Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Duggan, seconded by Commissioner Carter, to waive reading of the text and adopt:

RESOLUTION NO. PC-2024-002, ENTITLED; RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF A ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT TO TITLE 20 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE, SECTION 20-42.060, COMMUNITY CARE AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, TO EXEMPT SENIOR CARE FACILITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY CARE FACILITY OVERCONCENTRATION LIMITATION AND SPACING REQUIREMENT, AND SECTION 20-70.020, GLOSSARY, TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY CARE FACILITY TO ALLOW PALLIATIVE CARE AND END OF LIFE MEDICAL TREATMENTS – FILE NUMBER

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Weeks, Vice Chair Duggan, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Cisco, Commissioner Holton and Commissioner Peterson

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Weeks Adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Approved on:

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Krystal Camp, Recording Secretary