



City of Santa Rosa

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

Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, March 12, 2026

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 Miles Horton, and Commissioner Terrence Sanders

Absent 1 - Commissioner Aaron Pardo

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER THE BROWN ACT (Gov. Code § 54953.8)

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Draft Minutes - February 26, 2026.

Approved as submitted.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.1 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Chair Weeks read aloud the Statement of Purpose.

5.2 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None.

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

None.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None.

7. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION OR RECUSAL

Commissioner Sanders will be recusing from item 11.3 due to a personal relationship, and will be leaving the meeting at the start of that item.

8. PRESENTATIONS

None.

9. CONSENT ITEMS

None.

10. REPORT ITEMS

None.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 11.1 PUBLIC HEARING - MEADOWOOD RANCH - REVISED TENTATIVE MAP - PLANNING RECORD - 2875 DUTTON MEADOW - PLN25-0563
(THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED FROM THE FEBRUARY 26, 2026 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING. ITEM WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT; HEARING WILL NOT BE HELD.)

- 11.2 PUBLIC HEARING - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT STREAMLINING

BACKGROUND: The City is working on an initiative to streamline the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process with the goal of making it more predictable and less costly for applicants and business owners. The primary objective is to support economic development within the City by making it easier to establish and expand businesses. The proposal includes amendments to the Zoning Code to address three main elements: 1) Create a new Director Level CUP process, allowing certain uses to be reviewed and approved administratively rather than requiring a public meeting or hearing, unless one is specifically requested; 2) Reduce the level of CUP (Director, Minor, or Major) required for certain uses, to reduce timelines, lower costs and improve overall efficiency, while maintaining appropriate review and oversight; and 3) Update the Temporary Use Permit section of the Zoning Code to allow for a broader range of temporary activities, including pop-up retail and interim activities for vacant or underutilized sites and buildings, supporting the activation of spaces and encouraging reinvestment. Staff is recommending that the Planning Commission make a recommendation

to the City Council to amend the Zoning Code to streamline the CUP process.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Planning Commission, by resolution, recommend to the City Council adoption of Zoning Code text amendments to address streamlining and process improvements for the Conditional Use Permit process.

PRESENTED BY: Jessica Jones, Deputy Director of Planning
Deputy Director Jones presented.

Staff responded to Commissioner inquiries.

Chair Weeks opened and closed the Public Hearing at 4:48 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. PC-RES-2026-007 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AND RECOMMENDING TO CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION OF ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS TO ADDRESS STREAMLINING AND PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PROCESS.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Weeks, Vice Chair Duggan, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Cisco, Commissioner Horton and Commissioner Sanders

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Pardo

11.3* PUBLIC HEARING - MD MARKET - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT - 1478 GUERNEVILLE RD - CUP24-027 (THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED FROM THE FEBRUARY 26, 2026 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING)

BACKGROUND: The project proposes approval of a Major Conditional

Use Permit to allow a neighborhood-serving retail market with alcoholic beverage sales for off-site consumption and extended hours of operation from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., seven days per week, within an existing commercial building located at 1478 Guerneville Road. The project includes minor interior tenant improvements and on-site modifications such as parking lot restriping, circulation adjustments, lighting upgrades, and installation of security features. No expansion of the existing building footprint is proposed. The application has been filed by Mangal Singh Dhillon (MD Market). File No. CUP24-027., This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Planning Commission, by resolution, approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption and to allow extended hours of operation at the proposed MD Market, located at 1478 Guerneville Road, Assessor's Parcel No. 041-043-056.

PRESENTED BY: Kristinae Toomians, Senior Planner
Commissioner Sanders left the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Ex Parte Disclosure: None.

Project Planner Toomians presented.

Applicant presented.

Staff and responded to Commissioner inquiries.

Chair Weeks opened the Public Hearing at 5:12 p.m.

Dr. Shipley spoke in opposition of the project.

Janice Shipley spoke in opposition of the project.

James D. spoke in support of the project.

Chair Weeks closed the Public Hearing at 5:21 p.m.

Staff and the Applicant representatives responded to Commissioner inquiries.

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

RESOLUTION NO. PC-RES-2026-008 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AND APPROVING A MAJOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES FOR OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION AND EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION (6:00 A.M. TO 12:00 A.M., SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK) LOCATED AT 1478 GUERNEVILLE ROAD – FILE NUMBER PRJ24-014 (CUP24-027).

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Weeks, Vice Chair Duggan, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Cisco and Commissioner Horton

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Pardo

Recused: 1 - Commissioner Sanders

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Weeks adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Approved on:

**Madeline Brown,
Recording Secretary**