

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FOSTER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:00 p.m. by Chair Jagtiani

This meeting was held as a hybrid meeting.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Bronitsky, Pedro, Venkat and Chair Jagtiani

Absent: Commissioner Haddad

Staff Present: Sofia Mangalam, Community Development Director; Helen Gannon, Associate Planner; Thai-Chau Le, Planning Manager; and Denise Bazzano, Assistant City Attorney

3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

1. None

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Bronitsky, seconded by Commissioner Pedro to approve the Minutes of October 19, 2023, Planning Commission Regular Meeting, passed 4-0-0-1 (Absent: Haddad)

5. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING**

1. None

6. **NEW PUBLIC HEARING**

1. USE PERMIT REQUEST TO APPROVE A 1,298 SQUARE FOOT ADDITION, INTERIOR REMODELING, REMOVAL OF THE SOUTH ENTRANCE AND FORMALIZATION OF THE NORTH ENTRANCE, ADDITION OF SEVEN NEW WINDOWS, EXPANSION OF OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE, AND NEW STREET-SIDE LANDSCAPING AT THE EXISTING KIDS CONNECTION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCATED AT 1998 BEACH PARK BOULEVARD (UP2023-0063) AND FIND THE PROJECT EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) UNDER SECTION 15301.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Bronitsky to approve Resolution approving a 1,298 square foot addition, interior remodeling, removal of the south entrance and formalization of the north entrance, addition of seven new windows, expansion of outdoor learning space, and new street-side landscaping at the existing kids connection elementary school

(UP2023-0063) and finding the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under section 15301, seconded by Commissioner Venkat, to Adopt Resolution No. P-14-23, passed 4-0-0-1 (Absent: Hadad)

2. USE PERMIT REQUEST TO APPROVE THE EXTERIOR REIMAGING OF THE EXISTING HOTEL, DEMOLITION, AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING PORTE COCHERE, REMOVAL OF EIGHT TREES, AND NEW LANDSCAPING LOCATED AT 550 SHELL BOULEVARD (UP2023-0014) AND FIND THE PROJECT EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) UNDER SECTION 15301.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Bronitsky to approve Resolution approving the exterior reimagining of the existing hotel, demolition, and reconstruction of the existing porte cochere, removal of eight trees, and new landscaping (UP2023-0014) and finding the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3), seconded by Commissioner Pedro, to Adopt Resolution No. P-15-23, passed 4-0-0-1 (Absent: Haddad)

3. USE PERMIT REQUEST TO APPROVE THE DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING 20,737 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ±190,000 SQUARE FOOT, FIVE-STORY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUILDING LOCATED AT 331 LAKESIDE DRIVE IN THE SOUTH CAMPUS OF THE GILEAD SCIENCES INTEGRATED CAMPUS MASTER PLAN (UP2023-0079) AND FINDING THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CONSISTENT WITH THE 2013 FINAL SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (FSEIR) AND ADOPTED ADDENDA.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Bronitsky to approve the Resolution approving the demolition of an existing 20,737 square foot building and construction of a new ±190,000 square foot, five--story, research and development building and finding the proposed development consistent with the 2013 Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR) and adopted Addenda, seconded by Commissioner Pedro, to Adopt Resolution No. P-16-23, approving UP2023-0079, passed 4-0-0-1 (Absent: Haddad)

7. OLD BUSINESS

1. None

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. None

9. STUDY SESSION

1. None

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

1. None

11. STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

1. Commissioner Bronitsky thanked Helen and staff for excellent job on the three agenda items. He also reminded everyone that the Second Harvest Food distribution is in the parking lot at the Recreation Center every first and third Friday of the month from 8:00am to 10:00am for anyone suffering from food insecurities.
2. Commissioner Pedro also thanked staff and mentioned he had the opportunity to see fellow commissioners at various events representing Foster City and thanked them for taking the time to participate on panels.
3. Commissioner Venkat wanted to wish everyone a happy early Diwali on November 12, 2023. She also promoted the Asian American Pacific Islander Alliances (AAPI) is having a Diwali event on Friday at the Foster City Community Center and there is still space available.
4. Chair Jagtiani also thanked staff and reminded everyone that Baybasi is having their Diwali celebration on Saturday at the Recreation Center and he also promoted an event that AAPI is having for Diwali Friday.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:45 pm to a November 16, 2023 Regular Meeting.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the City of Foster City at a Regular Meeting thereof held on November 16, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES, COMMISSIONERS:

NOES, COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAIN, COMMISSIONERS:

ABSENT, COMMISSIONERS:

RAVI JAGTIANI, CHAIR

ATTEST:

SOFIA MANGALAM, SECRETARY