

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE PC MEETING ON MARCH 16, 2023

**PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RICHMOND CITY HALL**

Teleconference
February 16, 2023
6:30 p.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

David Tucker, Chair	Jen Loy	Vacant
Jonathan Harrison, Vice Chair	Masoomah Sharifi Soofiani	
Bruce Brubaker, Secretary	Alpa Agarwal	

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Harrison at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Jonathan Harrison; Commissioners Bruce Brubaker, Jen Loy, and Masoomah Sharifi Soofiani

Absent: Chair Tucker; Commissioner Agarwal

INTRODUCTIONS

Staff Present: Planning Staff: Lydia Elias, Andrea Villarroel, Community Development Manager Victor Rojas and Attorney James Atencio

MINUTES –

12/1/2022

12/15/2022

1/5/2023

Commissioner Loy remarked she was absent from one of the meetings but was comfortable approving the minutes.

Vice Chair Harrison concurred he also missed one of the meetings.

Mr. Atencio confirmed absent Commissioners can participate in the vote.

ACTION: It was M/S/C (Brubaker, Loy) to approve December 1, 2022, December 15, 2022 and January 5, 2023 draft meeting minutes, which carried by the following vote: 4-0-2 (Ayes: Harrison, Brubaker, Loy, Soofiani; Noes: None; Absent: Tucker, Agarwal).

BROWN ACT – Public Forum - None

AGENDA

Vice Chair Harrison said items approved by the Commission may be appealed in writing to the City Clerk by Monday, February 27, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR –

1. **PLN22-205: “The Backyard” Alcohol Sales** PUBLIC HEARING to consider a Conditional Use Permit for the sale of beer and wine at an existing outdoor eating and drinking establishment at 205 Cutting Blvd. (APN: 550- 102-022). IL, Light, Industrial District. Jay Fowler, owner; Emmet Kauffman, applicant Planner: Lydia Elias Tentative Recommendation: Conditional Approval

Commissioner Loy shared she visited The Backyard and found the establishment very pleasant. She found the letters of support from the community very moving and supported the approval of their request.

2. **PLN22-287: New Dish Wireless Facility** PUBLIC HEARING to consider a Design Review Permit and Conditional Use Permit for construction of a new wireless facility on the roof of an existing parking structure at 350 16th Street (APN: 540-072-018). CM-5, Commercial Mixed-Use, Activity Center District. San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (Bart) District, owner; Ryan Kerswill On Behalf Of Dish Wireless, applicant Planner: Andrea Villarroel Tentative Recommendation: Conditional Approval

ACTION: It was M/S/C (Loy, Soofiani) to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, which carried by the following vote: 4-0-2 (Ayes: Harrison, Brubaker, Loy, Soofiani; Noes: None; Absent: Tucker, Agarwal).

NEW BUSINESS – None

COMMISSION BUSINESS

3. **Development pipeline projects** – Mr. Rojas announced the item would be heard at the March 16, 2023 Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Brubaker requested some details about the presentation. Mr. Rojas shared it would be a comprehensive update on all of the major development projects, and several long rang projects, happening within Richmond.

4. **Reports of Officers, Commissioners and Staff** – Mr. Rojas announced that Ms. Villarroel will be leaving the city. He summarized her accomplishments with the City and wished her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

The Commission echoed his sentiments.

5. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. to the next regular meeting on March 16, 2023.