



PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA

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Wednesday, March 9, 2005
REGULAR MEETING at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
Civic Center, 1st Floor
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, California 94301

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners:

Phyllis Cassel – Chair
Bonnie Packer – V-Chair
Lee I. Lippert
Karen Holman
Patrick Burt
Michael Griffin
Annette Bialson

Staff:

Steve Emslie, Planning Director
Don Larkin, Senior Deputy City Attorney
Lisa Grote, Chief Planning Official
Joseph Kott, Chief Transportation Official
Amy French, Current Planning Manager
Gayle Likens, Transp. Project Manager
Clare Campbell, Planner
Zariah Betten, Executive Secretary

PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

Please be advised the normal order of public hearings of agenda items is as follows:

- *Announce agenda item*
- *Open public hearing*
- *Staff recommendation*
- *Applicant presentation - Fifteen(15) minutes limitation or at the discretion of the Commission.*
- *Appellant presentation (if applicable) - Fifteen(15) minutes limitation or at the discretion of the Commission.*
- *Planning Commission questions of the applicant/staff*
- *Public comment - Five(5) minutes limitation per speaker or limitation to three(3) minutes depending on large number of speakers per item.*
- *Applicant closing comments - Three (3) minutes*
- *Close public hearing*
- *Discussion/motions/recommendations by the Commission*

- *Final vote*

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS. Members of the public may speak to any item not on the agenda with a limitation of three (3) minutes per speaker. Those who desire to speak must complete a speaker request card available from the secretary of the Commission. The Planning and Transportation Commission reserves the right to limit the oral communications period to 15 minutes.

CONSENT CALENDAR. Items will be voted on in one motion unless removed from the calendar by a Commission Member. **None.**

AGENDA CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS. The agenda may have additional items added to it up until 72 hours prior to meeting time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearings.

1. **3990 El Camino Real*:** [04-CUP-11] Request by Cingular Wireless on behalf of Toufic Jisser for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the installation of one telecommunications facility, comprised of a 40-foot faux tree-pole with three panel antennas concealed within the top region of the tree, and associated equipment cabinets. Zone District: CN. Environmental Assessment: Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act per section 15301.
SR Weblink: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/cityagenda/publish/planning-transportation-meetings/109.pdf>
2. **Maybell Avenue/Donald Drive Bicycle Boulevard Project:** Consideration of the proposed plan for traffic calming measures along Maybell Avenue and Donald Drive to create safer conditions for bicyclists and to discourage through vehicular traffic consistent with the designation of this corridor as a bicycle boulevard. This project is funded through Capital Improvement Project PL-04010 "Bicycle Boulevards Implementation Project." The plan includes the installation of four speed tables along Maybell Avenue from El Camino Real to Donald Drive and one speed table along Donald Drive from Maybell to Arastradero Road. In addition, new medial islands will be installed at the crosswalks on Maybell at Amaranta and Coulombe. The installation of these features will occur as a trial for six months after which the plan will be reassessed before a decision is made to retain the features permanently.

Environmental Assessment: An Initial Study has been prepared, and a Negative Declaration is proposed in accordance with CEQA guidelines. Written comments on the Initial Study will be accepted until 5:30 PM, March 9, 2005 in the Department of Planning and Community Environment offices on the fifth floor of the Civic Center, 250 Hamilton Avenue or by fax 650-617-3108. The Initial Study may also be reviewed at the Department of Planning and Community Environment.

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REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

- Budget Briefing – Steve Emslie, Director of Planning and Comm. Environment

COMMISSION MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Commission Representation at Committees:

March: Bonnie Packer
April: Phyllis Cassel
May: Michael Griffin
June: Annette Bialson
July: Karen Holman

- Commission Representation at Committees:

Housing Corporation Representative:	Bonnie Packer
Traffic Calming:	Annette Bialson
Palo Alto Intermodal Transit Center (Dream Team)	Vacant
SOFA – Phase II:	Patrick Burt, Karen Holman
Zoning Ordinance Update:	Bonnie Packer, Karen Holman, Phyllis Cassel
El Camino Real Study Committee	Annette Bialson
ZOU Parking Subcommittee	Annette Bialson, Bonnie Packer, Phyllis Cassel
ZOU Low Density Working Group Subcommittee	Karen Holman, Patrick Burt, Phyllis Cassel
ZOU Design and Environment Committee	Phyllis Cassel, Lee I. Lippert and Susan Eschweiler (ARB); Susan Haviland (HRB)
CIP Sub-Committee	Patrick Burt, Karen Holman, Bonnie Packer
Permit Streamlining Process	Patrick Burt

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 9, 2005.

NEXT MEETING: March 30, 2005.

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