



# City of Albany

## PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Albany City Hall, City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Wednesday, March 14, 2018  
\*\*7:00 pm\*\*

### **\*\*WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION\*\***

Persons interested in submitting written correspondence on an item listed on the agenda are requested to submit the correspondence and any related materials no later than 12pm on the date of the hearing. If correspondence is received after the deadline, the Planning & Zoning Commission may not have time to review its content.

### **\*\*CITIZEN PARTICIPATION\*\***

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the public hearing and address the Planning & Zoning Commission on this matter. Persons interested in speaking on an item listed on the Agenda must complete a speaker card (available at the back of the room) and turn it in to City staff. The Public Hearing will be subject to the Albany City Council Rules of Procedure and Order. The time period allowed for each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. The Presiding Officer may adjust the speaking time for individual speakers or the overall public comment time if necessary. Persons interested in submitting written correspondence on an item listed on the agenda are requested to submit the correspondence in advance of the meeting so that copies can be made for the Planning & Zoning Commission and for public inspection. After all of those persons wishing to speak have done so, the hearing will be closed and the matter will be discussed amongst the Commission prior to rendering a decision.

### **\*\*PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE\*\***

1. The chair announces the project request from the agenda.
2. City staff explains the application and presents a recommendation for action.
3. The applicant may address the Commission up to 5 minutes and the Commission may ask questions of the applicant.
4. The chair opens the public hearing.
5. Interested parties may address the Commission on the application for up to 3 minutes per speaker.
6. The public hearing is closed.
7. The applicant may respond and rebut public comments.
8. The Commission will discuss the application and take action on the project request.

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 3. ROLL CALL

#### 4. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION DISCLOSURES

Ex-parte communications include verbal and written communications between individual Commissioners and a party with a real interest in a pending Commission decision. Ex parte communications should be avoided on matters pending before the Planning & Zoning Commission as they may represent or be perceived to represent evidence that may unfairly influence a Commissioner's decision on a matter before the full Commission. If such contact

does occur, the substance of the communication shall be disclosed before the full Commission and public in advance of public hearing items on the agenda. Written ex parte communications shall be forwarded to staff so that it may be disclosed to the full Commission and public.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

(Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. By approval of the Consent Calendar, the staff recommendations will be adopted unless otherwise modified by the Commission. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Commission Member or a member of the audience requests removal of the items from the Consent Calendar.)

**5-1. Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes February 14, 2018**

***Recommendation: Approve Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes.***

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

For persons desiring to address the Commission on an item that is not on the agenda please note that each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. The Brown Act limits the Commission ability to take and/or discuss items that are not on the agenda; therefore, such items are normally referred to staff for comment or to a future agenda.

**7. DISCUSSIONS & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**7-1. PA 18-015 Design Review for a Two-Level Addition at 1120 Garfield Avenue-** The applicant is seeking Design Review approval for a two level addition at 1120 Garfield Avenue. The subject site is 3,750 sq. ft. lot with a 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom 842 sq. ft. house built in 1922. The applicant is proposing a 562 sq. ft. ground floor addition and a 400 sq. ft. second story addition. The ground floor addition includes a laundry room, bedroom, and bathroom. The second story addition is proposed to be a new master suite. The addition exterior includes fiber-cement, horizontal siding, and shingles. A combination of flat, gable, and shed roof forms are proposed for the addition with a composition shingle roof. A balcony is proposed off the master suite on the second level and will face the rear yard. The existing architectural style is proposed to remain and the addition will have a contemporary appearance. This will result in a 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom 1,804 sq. ft. home with a maximum height of 25 feet. Parking is provided in the existing driveway.

***Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Planning & Zoning Commission review the proposed project and provide feedback to the applicant and staff. Draft conditions of approval and findings are included should the Commission decide to take action.***

***CEQA: The project is Categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15303 "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures."***

**7-2. PA 17-067 Design Review for a Second Story Addition at 721 Talbot Avenue-** The applicant is seeking Design Review approval for a second story addition at 721 Talbot Avenue. The subject site is 5,000 sq. ft. lot with a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom 1,263 sq. ft. house built in 1910. The applicant is proposing to raise the home to accommodate legal ceiling height for the existing basement level. The proposed first level (former basement level) is proposed to include two bedrooms, a bathroom, laundry room, kitchen, living, and dining rooms. The second story is proposed to include 3 bedrooms, a bathroom, and a master suite. Existing setbacks are non-conforming and the proposed design will conform with all setback requirements. This will result in a 6 bedroom, 3 bathroom 2,313 sq. ft. home with a maximum height of 21'-6". Parking is provided in the existing driveway. The existing architecture of the home will remain the same.

**Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Planning & Zoning Commission review and approve the proposed project subject to the attached findings and Conditions of Approval.**

**CEQA: The project is Categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15303 "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures."**

**7-3. PA 18-017 Minor Use Permit to allow a series of temporary public performances on the Albany Bulb-** The applicant is seeking a minor use permit to allow a series of temporary public performances and arts events on the city-owned Bulb portion of the Albany Waterfront. Anticipated events include: acoustical music; dramatic and dance performances; storytelling and spoken word gatherings; and temporary art installations. Events are expected to attract from 50 to up to 120 attendees including performers. No physical changes are proposed. The park will be open to the general public during the events. Public parking is available on Buchanan Street. The details of individual events will be reviewed by City staff and the Arts Committee as appropriate.

**Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Planning & Zoning Commission review and approve the proposed project subject to the attached findings and Conditions of Approval.**

**CEQA: The project is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3).**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION**

(Staff discussion and Commission member announcement of status of previous agenda items and requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on requests for future agenda items).

**10. NEXT MEETING: March 28, 2018**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**As a general policy, the Commission will not begin discussion or consideration of an agenda item after 10:00 pm.**

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