



PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Virtual Meeting
Albany, CA 94706

VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA ALBANY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13, 2021, 7:00 PM

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2. To comment by video conference, click the "Raise Your Hand" button to request to speak when Public Comment is being taken on the Agenda item. You will then be unmuted when it is your turn to make your comment for up to 3 minutes. After the allotted time, you will then be re-muted. Instructions of how to "Raise Your Hand" is available at <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/205566129%0D-Raise-Hand-In-Webinar>
3. To comment by phone, you will be prompted to "Raise Your Hand" by pressing "*9" to request to speak when public comment is being taken on the Agenda item. You will then be unmuted when it is your turn to make your comment for up to 3 minutes. You will be re-muted after the allotted time.



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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

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.

4. **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 member of the Commission or a member of the audience requests removal of the items from the Consent Calendar.

- 4-1. **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes December 9, 2020**

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Planning & Zoning Commission review and approve the meeting minutes.

- 4-2. **PA20-066 Request to Vacate Easement at 1198 Curtis Street-** The applicant is seeking Planning Commission approval to vacate an existing private access easement at 1198 Curtis Street. The subject site is an 8,176 sq. ft. vacant lot located in the R-1 Zoning District within the Watercourse Overlay Zone. The subject property was subdivided from the adjacent property at 1196 Curtis in 2010 and required to have a shared private access easement as a Condition of the final map. The applicant is seeking Commission approval to dissolve the private access easement and create a new, wider curb cut for proper vehicle access. If approved, each property will have a private driveway. The proposal includes an 18-foot wide curb cut for 1198 Curtis and a 12'-2"-wide curb cut for 1196 Curtis. The project scope is limited to the removal of the private access easement and new curb cuts.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Planning & Zoning Commission table the matter pending project refinement.

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



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5. 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 up 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.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

6-1. PA20-065 Design Review & Conditional Use Permit for a Two-Story Addition at 1106 Neilson Street -The applicant is seeking Design Review and Conditional Use Permit approval for a two-story addition at 1106 Neilson Street. The subject property is a 3,750 sq. ft. lot with a 3 bedroom, 1.5 bathroom, 1,460 sq. ft. house built in 1927. The applicant is proposing a 760 sq. ft. second story addition directly on top of the existing home. The addition is proposed to accommodate a master suite, office, bathroom and bedroom. The existing Craftsman style of the home is proposed to remain. This will result in a 4 bedroom, 3.5 bathroom, 1,914 sq. ft. home with a maximum height of 22'-7". Parking is provided in the garage and driveway. A Conditional Use Permit is required to extend existing non-conforming walls located 3.3 feet where 3.75 feet is required.

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

CEQA: The project is Categorical exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15303 "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures" of the CEQA Guidelines.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION

8-1. Planning Commission Chair & Vice Chair Reorganization

8-2. 2023-2031 Housing Element

9. NEXT MEETING: January 27, 2021, City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave. or virtual meeting pursuant to state and county guidance.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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The decision of the City Council is final as of the date of its decision unless judicial review is initiated pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5. Any such petition for judicial review is subject to the provisions of California Code of Civil Procedure 1094.6.

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