



## PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Virtual Meeting  
Albany, CA 94706

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### REGULAR VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY June 22, 2022

7:00 PM Regular meeting

#### COVID-19 NOTICE – PUBLIC MEETING GUIDELINES

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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 be asked to unmute yourself when it is your turn to make your comment for up to 3 minutes. After the allotted time, you will then be re-muted.
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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. ROLL CALL

The following Land Acknowledgement Statement shall be read at the beginning of each City Council meeting and Advisory Body meeting per Albany City Council Minute Action, November 15, 2021.

“The City of Albany recognizes that we occupy the land originally protected by the Confederated Villages of Lisjan. We acknowledge the genocide that took place on these lands and must make strides to repay the moral debt that is owed to this indigenous people, specifically the Ohlone Tribe. We thank them for their contributions which have transformed our community, and will continue to bring forth growth and unity. The City of Albany commits to sustaining ongoing relationships with the Tribe and together build a better future for all that now make this their home.”

### 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 May 25, 2022

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

- 4-2. **PA22-033 Design Review & Parking Reduction for a Single-Story Rear Addition at 907 Ventura Avenue** - The applicant is seeking Design Review and Parking Reduction approval for a single-story rear addition at 907 Ventura Avenue. The subject property is a 5,175 sq. ft sloped lot with a 3 bedroom, 1.5 bathroom, 1,595 sq. ft. house built in 1913. The project scope includes building a 369 sq. ft. addition at the rear of the existing home to accommodate a new primary bedroom suite along with a new work studio. The existing architecture of the home is proposed to remain. The exterior of the addition is proposed to be clad in shingle siding with a gable roof to match the existing home. A new side entrance, with landing and stairs, is proposed on the south side of the home. This will result in a 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom, 1,964 sq. ft. home with a maximum height of 21'-9". A Parking



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Reduction is required to waive one off-street parking requirement triggered by the addition size.

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

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

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION

None.

### 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 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.

### 7. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 7-1. **San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan** - Consider making a recommendation to the City Council on the public review draft of the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan and associated draft General Plan amendment, draft Design Guidelines and Objective Standards, and Community Benefits, and draft Planning and Zoning Code amendments.

The San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan contains policies and regulatory standards to facilitate the development of mixed-use buildings consisting of ground floor commercial space and upper story residential housing along San Pablo Avenue. The San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan area runs from El Cerrito city limit to Berkeley city limit, and includes properties between Kains Avenue to the east, Adams Street to the west, Albany City Hall facility, and a portion of UC Village property. Potential changes to development standards include building heights, building stepbacks, parking standards, and open space.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Planning & Zoning Commission approve the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution 2022-03 of the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission recommending adoption of amendments to the General Plan and an Addendum to the General Plan Environmental Impact Report
- b. Resolution 2022-04 of the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission recommending adoption of the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan, Design Guidelines and Objective Standards, and Community Benefits



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- c. Resolution 2022-05 of the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission recommending adoption of Planning and Zoning Code amendments

**CEQA:** An Addendum to the General Plan Environmental Impact Report has been prepared pursuant to Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines.

### 8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

### 9. NEXT MEETING: July 13, 2022

### 10. ADJOURNMENT

## NOTICE

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