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**AGENDA**

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

7:00 PM Regular meeting

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**PUBLIC MEETING GUIDELINES**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

“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



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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. Meeting Minutes November 29, 2023

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

### 4-2. Planning Application 23-051 – 1504 Sonoma Avenue

Design Review request to construct a 422-square-foot second story addition with a maximum height of 25'-9" and a new 62-square-foot covered front porch/entryway on an existing 1,803-square-foot, minimal traditional style dwelling. The project would result in a 3-bedroom, 3-bathroom, 2,202-square-foot home.

**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 from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 "Existing Facilities" of the CEQA Guidelines.

### 4-3. Planning Application 23-058 – 1046 Curtis Street

Design Review request to construct a new 594-square-foot second story with a maximum height of 28' on an existing 1,781-square-foot, traditional bungalow style dwelling. The project would result in a 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom, 2,315-square-foot home.

**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 from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 "Existing Facilities" of the CEQA Guidelines

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION

## 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.



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

#### 7-1. **Planning Application 23-050 – 909 Santa Fe Avenue**

Design Review request to construct an approximately 388-square-foot, 14'-9" tall, first-floor addition and a new 42-square-foot covered porch/entryway at the rear of an existing single-story, 1,219-square-foot craftsman bungalow dwelling. The project would result in a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom, 1,607-square-foot home.

**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 Categoricaly exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 "Existing Facilities" of the CEQA Guidelines.

### 8. **NEW BUSINESS**

8-1. **Election of New Planning Commission Chair & Vice Chair** – To provide the opportunity for all Members of Advisory Bodies to hold a leadership role, the Advisory Body Handbook states that the position of Chair and Vice Chair shall be rotated on an annual basis in January or February. Although not recommended, if the Advisory Body agrees that there is a strong preference to continue with the existing Chair and/or Vice Chair, they may serve for a maximum of two consecutive years in the role.

**Recommendation:** Make nomination(s) and vote for new members to serve as Chair and Vice Chair.

8-2. **Next Steps Housing Element Implementation** – Soliciting interest for Commissioner participation in joint study session with members of the Racial Inclusivity & Social Equity (RISE) Commission and members of the public regarding Phase I implementation of the Housing Element.

9. **NEXT MEETING:** February 28, 2024

10. **ADJOURNMENT**



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