

Oakland City Planning Commission

MINUTES

Jennifer Renk, Chair Natalie Sandoval, Vice-Chair Sahar Shirazi Maurice Robb Josie Ahrens Alex Randolph

April 16, 2025
REGULAR Meeting

Via: In-person

BUSINESS MEETING

Owen Li

3:00 PM

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: Chair Renk at 3:01 p.m.

WELCOME BY THE CHAIR: Chair Renk

ROLL CALL: Haneefah Rasheed

Commissioners Present: Sandoval, Li, Ahrens, Renk, Shirazi, Randolph

Commissioner(s) Absent: Robb

Staff Present: Catherine Payne, Haneefah Rasheed, Heather Klein, Michael Branson

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Agenda Discussion** Secretary Payne wished farewell to Comm. Shirazi after seven years of service on the Planning Commission.
- Director's Report: none
- **Informational Reports:** SB35 Project at 2500 76th Avenue Case #ZP250005
 - o Case Planner Heather Klein gave a verbal presentation of the project.
 - o **Applicants Diego Castro, Regina Davis, & Art Clark** gave a verbal and visual presentation of the project.
 - o **Public Speaker(s)**: Lenward Crease, Christian Bock
- Committee Reports: none
- Commission Matters: none
- City Attorney's Report: none

OPEN FORUM

At this time members of the public may speak on any item of interest within the Commission's jurisdiction. At the discretion of the Chair, speakers are generally limited to two minutes or less if there are six (6) or less speakers on an item, and one minute or less if there are more than six (6) speakers.

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Public Speaker(s): Christian Bock

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Commission will take a single roll call vote on all of the items listed below in this section. The vote will be on approval of the staff report and recommendation in each case. Members of the Commission may request that any item on the Consent Calendar be singled out for separate discussion and vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The hearing provides opportunity for all concerned persons to speak; the hearing will normally be closed after all testimony has been heard. If you challenge a Commission decision in court, you will be limited to issues raised at the public hearing or in correspondence delivered to the Planning and Building Department, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The Commission will then vote on the matter based on the staff report and recommendation. If the Commission does not follow the staff recommendation and no alternate findings for decision have been prepared, then the vote on the matter will be considered a "straw" vote, which essentially is a non-binding vote directing staff to return to the Commission at a later date with appropriate findings for decision and, as applicable, conditions of approval that the Commission will consider in making a final decision.

APPEALS

The Commission will take testimony on each appeal. If you challenge a Commission decision in court, you will be limited to issues raised at the public hearing or in correspondence delivered to the Planning and Building Department, at, or prior to, to the public hearing; provided, however, such issues were previously raised in the appeal itself.

Following the testimony, the Commission will vote on the staff report and recommendation. If the Commission reverses/overturns the staff decision and no alternate findings for decisions have been prepared, then the vote on the matter will be considered a "straw" vote, which essentially is a non-binding vote directing staff to return to the Commission at a later date with appropriate findings for decision and, as applicable, conditions of approval that the Commission will consider in making a final decision. Unless otherwise noted, the decisions in the following matters are final and not administratively appealable. Any party seeking to challenge these decisions in court must do so within ninety (90) days of the date of the announcement of the final decision, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1094.6, unless a shorter period applies.

If you wish to be notified on the decision of an agenda item, please contact the case planner for the specific agenda item.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

• Approval of Minutes **Date:** April 2, 2025

Motion to approve: Comm. Ahrens Seconded by: Comm. Shirazi

Action: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

- Correspondence: none
- City Council Actions: Secretary Payne will provide updates of the April 15, 2025, City Council Actions at the May 7, 2025, Planning Commission meeting. On the other hand, she provided

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information regarding the upcoming committee meetings. The Zoning Update Committee meeting will be on May 14, 2025, with two items on the agenda, and the Design Review Committee meeting will consider the next phases of the Objective Design Standards (ODS) will be on May 28, 2025.

• **ADJOURNMENT**: Chair Renk at 3:53 p.m.

CATHERINE PAYNE

Development Planning Manager Planning and Building Department

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 7, 2025