

# **Oakland City Planning Commission**

**Minutes** 

Tom Limon, Chair Clark Manus, Vice-Chair Amanda Monchamp Jonathan Fearn Nischit Hegde Leopold Ray-Lynch Sahar Shirazi April 21, 2021
SPECIAL Meeting

Via: Tele-Conference

# **BUSINESS MEETING**

3:00 PM

PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 4-29-20, ALL MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY ATTORNEY AND PLANNING BUREAU PERSONNEL WILL JOIN THE MEETING VIA PHONE/VIDEO CONFERENCE AND NO TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

By Chair Limon

WELCOME BY THE CHAIR Limon

**ROLL CALL** Commissioners Present:

Nischit Hegde, Sahar Shirazi, Jonathan Fearn, Leopold Ray-Lynch, Clark Manus, Tom Limon

**Commissioners Excused:** 

Amanda Monchamp

SECRETARY RULES OF CONDUCT Catherine Payne, PC Secretary

#### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Agenda Discussion None

• Director's Report None

• Informational Reports Citywide – Strategic Planning Projects and Milestones

Laura Kaminski, Strategic Planning Manager gave a PDF presentation

of current and upcoming Planning projects.

Committee Reports
 Commissioner Manus gave a report on DRC March 25, 2021

Commissioner Shirazi gave a report on ZUC April 15, 2021



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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.

Public Speakers: 1. Naomi Schiff

### **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.

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

1.	<b>Location:</b>	Howard Terminal
		1 Market Street (APN's: 018-0405-001-00; -002-00; & -004-00; -003-
		01; & -003-02 and 018-0410-001-04; -001-05; -003-00; -004-00; -005-
		00; -006-01; -006-02; -007-00 & -008-00)
	Proposal:	Public Hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Report to obtain
		comments on the environmental analysis for The Oakland Waterfront
		Ballpark District Project, which would construct: a new open-air



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	waterfront multi-purpose Major League Baseball (MLB) ballpark with a capacity of up to 35,000-persons; mixed use development including up to 3,000 residential units, up to 1.5 million square feet of office, and up to approximately 270,000 square feet of retail uses; an approximately 50,000 square-foot indoor performance center with capacity of up to 3,500 individuals; an approximately 280,000 square-foot, 400-room hotel; and a network of approximately 18.3 acres of privately-owned, publicly-accessible open spaces.  The proposed Project may also include one or more variants, which include:  Peaker Plant Variant: Implementation of the planned conversion of the existing Oakland Power Plant (referred to as the "Peaker Power Plant" in the Draft EIR) in the historic PG&E Station C facility from using jet fuel to battery storage, modifications to the wings of the building, and removal of the fuel tank and replacement with a new mixed-use building;  Aerial Gondola Variant: Construction of a new aerial gondola above and along Washington Street, extending from a station located at 10th and Washington Streets in downtown Oakland to a station located at Water and Washington Streets in Jack London Square.
Applicant:	Oakland Athletics Investment Group, LLC
Phone Number:	(510) 746-4406
Owner:	Oakland Housing Investors LP
Case File Number:	ER18-016
General Plan:	General Industry & EPP – Retail Dining & Entertainment - 1
Zoning:	IG & M-40
Environmental Determination:	Draft Environmental Impact Report was published for a 45-day review period from February 26, 2021 to April 12, 2021, and extended to a 60-day review period to April 27, 2021.
Historic Status:	Designated Historic Property (DHP), survey rating A1+, PG&E Station C - Area of Primary Importance (API)
City Council district	3
Staff Recommendation	Receive public and Planning Commission comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report
Finality of Decision:	No action to be taken by the Planning Commission other than to provide comments on the DEIR
For further information:	Contact Case Planner Pete Vollmann at (510)238-6167 or by email at pvollmann@oaklandca.gov

Planner: Pete Vollmann gave a verbal and PDF Presentation for the project

## **PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

- 1. Eric Selya 2. Gary Knecht 3. Anne Janks 4. Ruby Acevedo 5. Scheryl Walton 6. Saabir Lockett
- 7. Jack Fleck 8. Sonya Karahel 9. Heather Lewis 10. Austin Caam 11. Scott Taylor 12. Jon Gifford 13. Emily Wheeler 14. Jackson Moore 15. Dolores Tejada 16. Allene Warren 17. Susan Ransom
- 18. Adrian Guerro 19. Weston LaBar 20. Daniel Levy 21. Stewart Flashman 22. Joseph Grib



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- 23. JB Davis 24. Tasian Kwamilele 25. Willie Stevens 26. Evelyn Lee 27. Saied Karamooz
- 28. Rita Look 29. Chris Wilson 30. Margie Lewis 31. Derrick Muhammad 32. Alex Cherin
- 33. Vincint Traverso 34. Dylin Redling 35. David McCoard 36. Janani Ramachandran 37. Naomi Schiff
- 38. Liana Molina 39. David White 40. Peter Zawislanski 41. Mrs. Ferrall 42. Jassmin Plyalan
- 43. Mike Jacob 44. Aaron Clay 45. Scott Taylor 46. Cheuk-Ningli 47. Gary Rabenstein
- 48. Bill Dow 49. Carla Coilins 50. Teff Reed 51. Damian Scott 52. A. Luna Bocanegra
- 53. Christopher Dobbins 54. Lee Sandahl 55. Brandon McDonald 56. Melvin Mackay 57. Bill Dow
- 58. Iris Corina 59. Angie Tam 60. Mary Harper 61. Jim Zelinski 62. Cecila Cunningham

Public Hearing closed with respect to receipt of oral comments; written comments will be accepted until April 27, 2021.

## **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.

#### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

• Approval of Minutes

March 3, 2021 – Continued from April 7, 2021 PC

Motion to Approve: Manus

Seconded: Fearn

Motion: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes

## March 17, 2021

Motion to Approve: Manus

Seconded by: Fearn Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes

Correspondence



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• City Council Actions

**ADJOURNMENT** By 7:30 P.M. unless a later time is agreed upon by a majority of Commissioners present.

**CATHERINE PAYNE** 

Acting Development Planning Manager Planning and Building Department

**NEXT SPECIAL MEETING:** May 5, 2021