Planning Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 10/20/2025 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom.us/join – ID# 846 9472 6242 and

City Council Chambers

751 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Call To Order

Chair Andrew Ehrich called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Andrew Ehrich (Chair), Ross Silverstein (Vice Chair), Katie Behroozi, Linh Dan Do, Katie Ferrick, Jennifer Schindler, Misha Silin

Staff: Matthew Ball, Assistant Planner; Edress Rangeen, Associate Engineer; Corinna Sandmeier, Principal Planner

C. Reports and Announcements

Principal Planner Corinna Sandmeier said the City Council's October 21, 2025 agenda included the Building Code and revisions to the Below Market Rate Housing Guidelines.

D. Public Comment

Chair Ehrich opened public comment and closed it as no persons requested to speak.

E. Consent Calendar

Chair Ehrich opened public comment for the Consent Calendar and closed it as no persons requested to speak.

Commissioner Do asked that the items be considered separately as she was absent for one meeting.

E1. Approval of minutes from the September 8, 2025 Planning Commission meeting (Attachment)

ACTION: Motion and second (Silverstein/Silin) to approve the item as presented; passes 6-0-1 with Commissioner Do abstaining.

E2. Approval of minutes from the September 29, 2025 Planning Commission meeting (Attachment)

ACTION: Motion and second (Schindler/Ferrick) to approve the item as presented; passes 7-0.

F. Public Hearing Items

F1. Use Permit/Anthony Ho/835 Arbor Rd:

Consider and adopt a resolution to approve a use permit to construct exterior and interior modifications and additions, including a basement and second-story, to an existing non-conforming one-story residence on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width and area in the R-1-S (Single Family Suburban Residential) zoning district. The proposed work would exceed 50 percent of the replacement value of the existing structure and the addition would exceed 50 percent of the existing floor area, both of which require use permit approval. **Continue and renotice**

Chair Ehrich opened the public hearing and closed it as no persons requested to speak.

ACTION: Motion and second (Behroozi/Do) to continue the item; passes 7-0.

F2. Public Right-of-Way Abandonment/Adjacent to 100 Terminal Ave.:

Consider and adopt a resolution determining that the abandonment of public right of way adjacent to 100 Terminal Avenue is consistent with the General Plan and recommending the City Council approve the requested abandonment; determine this action is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15305, Class 5 exemption for minor alterations in land use limitations. (Staff report #25-049-PC)

Edress Rangeen, Associate Engineer, said staff had no additions to the published staff report.

Chair Ehrich opened the public hearing and closed it as no persons requested to speak.

ACTION: Motion and second (Ferrick/Schindler) to adopt a resolution determining that the abandonment of public right of way adjacent to 100 Terminal Avenue is consistent with the General Plan and recommending the City Council approve as submitted; passes 7-0.

Commissioner Behroozi asked if staff might be able to provide an update to the Commission on the potential connection between Chilco Street and the Belle Haven Community Campus. Planner Sandmeier indicated that staff might be able to provide a future response on that.

G. Informational Items

G1. Future Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting: November 3, 2025

Planner Sandmeier said the 835 Arbor Road item that needed to be re-noticed would be on the November 3 meeting and potentially the draft 2026 meeting calendar.

Chair Ehrich and Commissioner Behroozi each said they would be absent at that meeting

Regular Meeting: November 17, 2025

H. Adjournment

Chair Erhich adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Staff Liaison: Corinna Sandmeier, Principal Planner Reporting

Secretary: Brenda Bennett

Approved by the Planning Commission on November 3, 2025