



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 2/23/2026
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 7:01 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Absent: Misha Silin

Staff: Matthew Ball, Assistant Planner; Corinna Sandmeier, Principal Planner; Marian Sleiman, City Attorney’s Office; Brian Toy, Associate Planner

C. Reports and Announcements

Principal Planner Sandmeier said staff had no updates to report.

D. Public Comment

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

E. Consent Calendar

Chair Ehrich opened public comment on this item and closed public comment as no persons requested to speak.

Commissioner Do asked that the items on the Consent Calendar be voted on separately.

E1. Approval of minutes from the December 15, 2025 Planning Commission meeting ([Attachment](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Do, Schindler) to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2025 Planning Commission meeting; passes 5-0 with Commissioner Do abstaining and Commissioner Silin absent.

E2. Approval of minutes from the January 12, 2026 Planning Commission meeting ([Attachment](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Schindler, Behroozi) to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2026 Planning Commission meeting; passes 6-0 with Commissioner Silin absent.



F. Public Hearing Item

F1. Use Permit/Angan Das/636 Cambridge Ave.:

Consider and adopt a resolution to approve a use permit to demolish an existing single-story single-family residence and construct two new two-story single-family residences, each with an attached one-car garage, on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width in the R-2 (Low-Density Apartment) zoning district. The proposal would also include two attached Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), one for each proposed single-family residence, which is a permitted use and not subject to discretionary review. Additionally, there are three heritage trees proposed for development-related removal. Determine this action is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303's Class 3 exemption for new construction or conversion of small structures. ([Staff report #26-002-PC](#))

Associate Planner Toy said staff had no updates to the written report.

Tito Das spoke on behalf of the project, noting Jeannie Kester, the lead designer, was unable to attend due to illness.

Replying to Commissioner Silverstein as to why the parcel was not exempt from parking requirements per AB 2097, staff indicated the AB 2097 exemption for parking is based on Caltrain station proximity.

Commissioner Schindler referred to the study session on updates to the ADU ordinance and confirmed with staff that based on the definition of an attached ADU in the proposed ordinance that the ADUs proposed in this item were correctly applied with staff clarifying that the proposed ADUs were considered attached because of their size and that they were non-state mandated structures.

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

Commission comment included support for more housing units but a desire for four functioning units versus two units with ADUs, a desire for less pavement and potential use of pavers or other permeable materials versus asphalt, desire for no artificial turf, some concern with the kitchen layout on the two-bedroom unit as opposed to the one-bedroom unit, and requests for staff clarifications about internal access, separate utilities, and future subdivision. Discussion ensued about whether a variance could be used to allow for reduced parking, a request to review the meaning of major transit stop and encouragement of future discussion about types of landscape, soft-and hard-scape solutions. Vice Chair Silverstein stated that he believes that staff is incorrectly interpreting AB 2097 and applying it incorrectly on this project, and potentially other projects as well. City staff agreed to look into that.

ACTION: Motion and second (Schindler/Do) to adopt a resolution approving the item as presented; passes 6-0 with Commissioner Silin absent.

G. Informational Items

G1. Future Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

- Regular Meeting: March 9, 2026

Planner Sandmeier said the agenda for the March 9th meeting would include a single-family home project, a commercial project and the annual progress report on the General Plan.

- Regular Meeting: March 23, 2026

Planner Sandmeier said the agenda for the March 23rd meeting was not finalized.

Commissioner Silverstein said the Planning Commission was informed it would receive an item on updating the zoning code for substandard lots. Planner Sandmeier said she would look into that and provide an update at a later date.

Chair Ehrich said similarly during a previous meeting under informational items he reported on correspondence with staff that a study session with updates to the SB 9 ordinance as well as evaluation of substandard lots was planned for the first quarter of 2026, and asked if that would be on March 23rd agenda.

Planner Sandmeier said staff was looking at the ADU ordinance update potentially for March 23rd and a study session on SB 9 potentially on April 13th.

H. Adjournment

Chair Ehrich adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Staff Liaison: Corinna Sandmeier, Principal Planner

Recording Secretary: Brenda Bennett

Approved by the Planning Commission on March 23, 2026