

APPROVED MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF ALAMEDA PLANNING BOARD
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

** Members of the public can participate in person or remotely via Zoom.*

Present: President Cisneros, Vice President Ariza, Board Members Ruiz, Hom, Saheba, Wang and Tsou.

Absent: None

2. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4-A 2025-4695 - Draft Meeting Minutes - December 9, 2024

Minutes can be found:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7093833&GUID=832D79DC-3623-4E23-83A4-CE9ACB3E8290&FullText=1>.

4-B 2025-4696 - Draft Meeting Minutes - December 16, 2024

Minutes can be found:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7093834&GUID=5BB8E32E-CC67-4C02-8779-60C568B1E89B&FullText=1>.

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Board Member Ruiz made a motion (*1:24) to approve the Consent Calendar and Vice President Ariza seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

5. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

5-A 2025-4699

Review and Comment on the Urban Forest Plan and Implementation.

Steve Buckley, Planning Services Manager, introduced (*2:06) this item and Danielle Mieler, Sustainability & Resilience Manager, and consultants gave the presentation, via Zoom.

The staff report and attachments can be found at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7093837&GUID=26D6A3EB-E52C-4BE5-8A3D-F25F9E2B900A&FullText=1>.

Board clarifying questions start at the 30:17-minute mark in the video.

Public Comment for item 5A

Irene Dieter (*33:30) discussed how this plan was very high level and wanted to see something more on how this plan would be implemented. She suggested a section that had schedules and project reports. She also gave suggestions on some simple ideas that could be implemented quickly.

Betsy Mathieson, via Zoom, (* 36:47) discussed how this plan tied into the General Plan 2040 and how they overlap on transportation and climate issues. She discussed how biking everywhere was an equity issue and how being able to bike in shade was important.

Christopher Buckley, via Zoom (*39:55) discussed a letter he had sent with comments. He discussed what tree species he wanted to see maintained and best pruning practices. He went into detail and gave suggestions for the plan.

Action taken for item 5A

Board discussion and additional clarifying questions start at the 43:19-minute mark in the video.

This item was a discussion item, and no formal action was taken.

5-B 2025-4707

Inclusionary Housing Ordinance Update. Update on the City's workplan to consider updates to the inclusionary housing ordinance.

Manager Buckley introduced (*1:01:08) this item and gave a presentation with the Consultant. Staff report and attachments can be found at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7093838&GUID=2A22893B-6373-4CD4-86B0-04EDD80D9624&FullText=1>.

Board clarifying questions start at the 1:12:29-minute mark in the video.

Public Comment for 5-B

Betsy Mathieson, via Zoom (*1:24:33) discussed her concerns and how a past project could give insight into what problems and solutions this ordinance could face.

Action Taken for 5-B

Board discussion start at the 1:26:50-minute mark in the video.

This item was a discussion item, and no formal action was taken.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

6-A 2025-4697

Planning, Building and Transportation Department Recent Actions and Decisions

Recent actions and decisions can be found at:
<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7093835&GUID=3648F054-AE2D-4B45-B4A9-3B297F39CCE3&FullText=1>.

No decision or action was pulled for review.

There were no public comments.

6-B 2025-4698

Oral Report - Future Public Meetings and Upcoming Planning, Building and Transportation Department Projects

Manager Buckley discussed upcoming agendas (*1:48:19).

There were no public comments.

7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Ruiz gave (*1:49:28) suggestion on further learning and education options for the board and public officials to better communicate with developers.

8. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

President Cisneros adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

**Refers to the minute mark in the video*