

APPROVED MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY OF ALAMEDA PLANNING BOARD  
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023

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 Ruiz, Vice President Hom and Board Members, Cisneros, Ariza, and Curtis.

Absent: Board Member Teague and Saheba

2. AGENDA CHANGES AND DISCUSSION

None.

3. NONE-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

**4-A 2023-2952** - *Draft Meeting Minutes - February 13, 2023*

Minutes can be found here:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6115720&GUID=24DD9A09-3F9E-47ED-B4E4-BB9A49D5D856&FullText=1>.

**Public Comment for item 4A**

None

**Action for item 4A**

**Board Member Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes from February 13, 2023 and Board Member Ariza seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.**

5. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

**5-A 2023-2921**

*Objective Design Review Standards Study Session. The Planning Board will hold a study session to review and discuss the most recently adopted City of Alameda Objective Design Review Standards. Environmental Determination: Consideration of objective standards for design review is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), the common sense exception that CEQA applies only to projects that have*

*the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and Section 15183, projects consistent with a community plan, general plan or zoning.*

Allen Tai, City Planner, introduced this item. The staff report and attachments can be found at: <https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6068671&GUID=345630BD-197F-47E9-88B7-05726377044A&FullText=1>.

David Sablan, Planner II, presented (\*4:14) as well as Henry Dong, Planner III, (\*6:20)

Board Clarifying questions start at the \*17:35 minute mark of the video.

#### **Public Comment for item 5A**

Dolores Kelleher (online attendee) was there to support a letter sent by Christopher Buckley for the Alameda Architecture Preservation Society (AAPS). She discussed what elements (\*21:20) the society wanted to see in order to preserve design consistencies for certain buildings and historic elements.

Christopher Buckley (online attendee), AAPS, shared some images (\*25:27) about the Traditional Design Area (TDA) and what districts should be included. He went into detail about what the society wanted to see.

#### **Action taken for item 5A**

Board Discussion starts at the \*28:13 of the video.

This was a discussion item and no action was taken.

#### **5-B 2023-2954**

*Informational Update on the Oakland-Alameda Estuary Bridge Project. CEQA Determination: Consideration of informational items is not a project under Public Resources Code section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines section 15378.*

Rochelle Wheeler, Senior Transportation Coordinator, who joined remotely, introduced this item and gave a presentation (\*1:51:17). The staff report and attachments can be found at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6115721&GUID=4EA825F1-0A99-44E8-8CC0-3F0B64C1F309&FullText=1>.

#### **Public Comment for item 5B**

There were no public speakers.

**Action taken for item 5B**

Board Clarifying Questions and Discussion start at the \*2:06:35 minute mark of the video.

This was a discussion item and no action was taken at this time.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

**6-A 2023-2897**

*Planning, Building and Transportation Department Recent Actions and Decisions*

Recent actions and decisions can be found at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6068669&GUID=21A75600-0041-4C1C-9777-2D2D7AB5BD0D&FullText=1>.

**6-B 2023-2901**

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

Staff Member Tai announced they were working on the packet for the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting that would have the Design Review for the fire tower at the Golf course and a Use Permit for Park St.

7. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Cisneros (\*2:20:42) discussed the need for the City to have a Reginal Affordable Housing Bond and lowering the voter threshold.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

President Ruiz adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

*\*refers to the minute mark in the video*