

CITY OF SOLVANG  
PLANNING COMMISSION

**APPROVED  
MEETING MINUTES**

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Monday, Oct 5, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.  
Regular Hearing of the Planning Commission  
Council Chambers – Solvang Municipal Center – 1644 Oak Street

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**Commissioners Present:** Aaron Petersen, Scott Gold, Jack Williams  
**Absent:** David Brents, Justin Rodriguez

**Staff Present:** Laurie Tamura, Planning Consultant  
Xenia Bradford, City Manager  
Chip Wullbrandt, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

**1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:**

**A. Public Comment:**

Elizabeth Green, Solvang resident wanted to address the protocol of noticing for the 1420 Mission Drive. Chip Wullbrandt asked that this be addressed during the meeting item.

**B. Requests for Continuance, Withdrawals, or Addition of Ex-Agenda items**

Commission Williams asked about the protocol of noticing for the items. Commissioner Petersen asked for clarification if the item was noticed correctly. Commissioner Williams recommended postponing the item until the November 2 meeting.

*Motion made by Commissioner Petersen to postpone the Hearing on item 2B - 1420 Mission Drive until November 2 as presented and seconded by Commissioner Gold. Vote is 3-0.*

*Due to an excusing of Commissioner Petersen, and subsequent lack of Quorum, Motion is made to continue item 2A until November 2. Motion made by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Gold. Vote is 3-0.*

**C. Conflicts and/or Ex-Parte Communications**

Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Petersen revealed that they have had communications with the Applicant on item 2A.

**D. Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2020 Meeting**

*Motion made by Commissioner Gold to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Vote is 3-0.*

## **2. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**A. Hearing on the request of Ken Hunter, for Dark Sky Development, LLC to consider approval of a Development Plan and Tentative Tract Map 30080 for an 11 unit Condominium project in the Design Residential (DR) zone and adopt a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15032 of the guidelines for the implementation of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

*Hearing item postponed until November 2.*

**B. Hearing on the request of Jake Rodriguez of 1420 Mission Drive, LLC to consider the approval of a Development Plan for a 12-unit hotel in the Tourist Related Commercial (TRC) zone and accept the Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Section 15304(e) of the guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

*Hearing item postponed until November 2.*

## **3. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Closure of Copenhagen Drive**

Xenia Bradford informed the Commission that the City Council approved a resolution to close Copenhagen Drive through Oct 31, 2021. Motion also included direction to work with the Branding and Design Committee, which met to discuss this on Sept 23.

Commissioner Gold asked about the location of the Farmers Market. Bradford indicated that this Market will be located on Copenhagen Drive, per the discretion of the City Manager.

Commission Petersen asked for clarification on the truck location during the Farmers Market. Bradford is in contact with the Manager of the Farmers Market to resolve this issue.

### **B. Branding and Design Committee**

Xenia Bradford informed the Commission that the Committee has been filled and is holding regular meetings. Committee is working on their roles and is discussing items. A resignation has occurred, and the vacancy is being addressed.

### **C. General Plan Consultant interviews**

Xenia Bradford informed the Commission that an RFP has been opened and the review of the application process has been completed. An interview with the contractor has taken place, and they will be recommended to the Commission.

The recommendation will go before the City Council on Oct 12.

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Commissions asked for Clarification on this project and staff reviewed the elements that must be addressed.

**4. PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

None.

**5. PLANNING STAFF COMMENTS**

Laurie Tamura addressed that the November 2 meeting will have the continued items as well as two items previously scheduled, so that meeting will most likely go long. There is no meeting scheduled for December, unless an item is continued.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Williams adjourned the meeting.*