

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE
SALINAS PLANNING COMMISSION**

June 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. in the City Council Chamber Rotunda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

WELCOME AND STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chairperson Nohr, Commissioners Anzo, Griffin, Hernandez, Meeks, Ottone, and Giffin

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Community Development Director, Megan Hunter; Library and Community Services Director, Kristan Lundquist; Planning Manager, Courtney Grossman; Community Safety Administrator, Jose Arreola; and Administrative Aide, Maira Flores

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chairperson Nohr opened for public comment at 3:36 p.m.

Robin Lee, Salinas resident, provided public comment in favor of the Future Growth Area Specific Plan.

Chairperson Nohr closed for public comment at 3:39 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: May 15, 2019

Upon motion by Commissioner Meeks, second by Commissioner Anzo, the minutes of May 15, 2019 were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chairperson Nohr, Commissioners Anzo, Griffin, Hernandez, Meeks, Ottone, and Giffin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

CONSIDERATIONS

Kristan Lundquist, Library and Community Services Director, presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the Parks, Recreation, and Library Master Plan. This presentation is on file at the Community Development Department.

Commissioner Meeks requested and received clarification from Kristan Lundquist regarding the meaning of “Water Play”.

Commissioner Hernandez commended the outreach effort of encouraging and including community input in the Parks, Recreation, and Library Master Plan. He also requested clarification of the plan’s goals in regards for funding. Kristan indicated that a lot of the funding would come from block grants, partnerships, and that the plan would also serve as a guide for identifying other funding resources.

Commissioner Anzo encouraged that regular maintenance of new and current projects be outlined in the Parks, Recreation, and Library Master Plan.

Commissioner Giffin requested clarification regarding the recommendation of moving Park Maintenance from Public Works to Library and Community Services. Kristan Lundquist indicated that the purpose of this recommendation is to better align and streamline programmatic needs with maintenance functions. Giffin also asked if integration with the Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA had been considered. Kristan responded that LCS works closely with both the Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA to create recreational opportunities for residents.

Commissioner Meeks informed Kristan Lundquist of the Salinas Rotary Club’s willingness to invest in the maintenance or renovation of Closter Park.

Chairperson Nohr commented that the strategy of joint facilities and partnerships would be key for the Parks, Recreation, and Library Master Plan to be self-sustainable and successful.

Chairperson Nohr opened for public comment at 4:24 p.m.

Monica Gurmilan, Land Use Organizer from Building Healthy Communities, provided public comment in support of the Parks, Recreation, and Library Master Plan.

Rachel Saunders, Director of Recreation for the Big Sur Land Trust, provided public comment in support of the Parks, Recreation, and Library Master Plan.

Robin Lee, Salinas resident, provided public comment in support of the Parks, Recreation, and Library Master Plan.

Chairperson Nohr closed for public comment at 4:32 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Conditional Use Permit 2018-026 and Variance 2018-003 were continued to the July 3, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Courtney Grossman, Planning Manager, asked if the Planning Commission is amiable to receiving electronic agendas and attachments versus a hard copy distribution. Due to preferential differences, it was agreed that hard copy distribution of the meeting agenda would continue and that commissioners would be contacted by the administrative aide to document their individual preference for either hard copy or electronic attachments.

Commissioner Meeks requested that the PowerPoint Presentations be distributed prior to Planning Commission meetings. It was agreed that when available, these presentations would be attached to email notifications of upcoming Planning Commission meetings.

FOLLOW UP REPORTS

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

CUP and Variance for 1 and 3 Bridge Street are expected to be presented to the Planning Commission on July 3, 2019.

CUP 2018-005 at 1764 N. Main Street is expected to be presented to the Planning Commission on July 17, 2019.

The Chinatown Revitalization Plan and the Future Growth Area Specific Plan, Rezone, and Development Agreement, known as the Western Area Specific Plan, will be coming to the Planning Commission on August 7, 2019.

The Alisal Vibrancy Plan will be coming to the Planning Commission on August 21, 2019.

Commissioner attendance for the Planning Commission meeting of July 3, 2019 was discussed; due to low attendance level, this meeting may be cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

MATT NOHR
Chairperson

COURTNEY GROSSMAN
Executive Secretary