

CITY OF BUELLTON

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of January 5, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246
Buellton, California**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mercado called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Heedy led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Dan Heedy, Morgan McLaughlin, Joe Padilla and
Chair Art Mercado

Absent: Vice Chair Brian Dunstan

Staff: City Manager Marc Bierdzinski
Public Works Director Rose Hess
Assistant Planner Andrea Keefer
Staff Assistant/ Planning Technician Clare Barcelona

REORDERING OF AGENDA

The agenda was reordered to allow the Planning Directors report to be heard before Other Business.

PRESENTATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the regular Planning Commission meeting of December 15, 2016

MOTION:

Commissioner Heedy moved and Commissioner McLaughlin seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of December 15, 2016.

VOTE:

Motion passed 3-0 voice vote with abstention by Commissioner Padilla due to his absence from the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

None

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

City Manager Bierdzinski updated the Commission on recent City Council actions, the status of various projects and mentioned several upcoming projects.

OTHER BUSINESS**2. Conceptual Review of the Hartman Hwy 246 Commercial Project**

Commissioner Heedy recused himself from the Dais due to the proximity of his residence to the proposed project.

STAFF REPORT:

Assistant Planner Andrea Keefer presented the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

A comment email received from Peggy Brierton was noted and entered into the record.

Glen Hartman, Applicant, stated that the project is designed to accommodate small wine tasting room tenants and wine related retail uses with an outdoor courtyard area.

The Commission discussed the following:

- The placement of the food trucks
- Traffic, parking and circulation
- Possible relocation of bike/walking trail
- Feasibility of the proposed creek crossing

The Commission spoke in favor of the project and look forward to submission of the Final Development Plan.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Heedy thanked Mr. Bierdzinski for forwarding the Noozhawk article; “Economic Development of Santa Barbara County’s Cities Guided by Industry, Demographics and Vision”

Commissioner McLaughlin asked a question regarding the City’s business license policy.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mercado adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission to be held January 19, 2017 at the City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton.

Art Mercado, Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:

Clare Barcelona, Planning Commission Secretary

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