

CITY OF BUELLTON

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246
Buellton, California

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hammel called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. via Zoom

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Liggett led the Pledge of Allegiance via Zoom

ROLL CALL

Present via Zoom: Commissioners Bob Blokdyk, Aaron Liggett, Art Mercado
Vice Chair Marcilo Sarquilla and Chair Patty Hammel

Staff: Planning Director Andrea Keefer (via Zoom), Assistant Planner
Cara Meche (via Zoom), Contract Planner Irma Tucker (via
Zoom), Public Works Director Rose Hess and Staff
Assistant/Planning Technician Clare Barcelona

Chair Hammel and the Commissioners congratulated Art Mercado on his appointment to
the Planning Commission.

REORDERING OF AGENDA

None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion by Commissioner Blokdyk and seconded by Vice Chair Sarquilla to nominate
Patty Hammel to serve as Planning Commission Chairman for calendar year 2021.

Motion passed with a 5-0 roll call vote.

Motion by Vice Chair Sarquilla and seconded by Commissioner Liggett to nominate Bob
Blokdyk to serve as Planning Commission Vice Chair for calendar year 2021.

Motion passed with a 5-0 roll call vote.

The election of officers becomes effective at the next Planning Commission meeting.

2. Appointments to Green Team Committee

The Planning Commission unanimously appointed the following Commissioners to the Green Team for 2021:

- Aaron Liggett
- Marcilo Sarquilla

PRESENTATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Minutes of the regular Planning Commission meeting of December 3, 2020

MOTION:

Commissioner Blokdyk moved and Vice Chair Sarquilla seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of December 3, 2020

VOTE:

Motion passed with a 4-0 roll call vote with abstention from Commissioner Mercado due to his absence from the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

None

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Resolution No. 21-02 - “A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Buellton, California, Approving a One-Year Time Extension (20-TE-03) Request for Final Development Plan (15-FDP-01) for the Chumash Mixed Use Project, Located at 560 Avenue of Flags on Assessor’s Parcel Number 137-170-011, and Making Findings in Support Thereof”

STAFF REPORT:

Planning Director Keefer presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Chair Hammel stated that this project was approved prior to the adoption of the Avenue of Flags Specific Plan. She asked if the project would be required to comply with the Specific Plan approved architectural style.

Sam Cohen, Applicant, stated that the Chumash Tribe cannot commit to the Art Deco style at this time. He stated that at present there are no plans to move forward on the project this year and that they will probably request a 2nd time extension.

Planning Director Keefer stated that the Commission could impose a condition requiring that the project comply with the Specific Plan architectural style and that is up to the Commission's discretion.

Chair Hammel opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. There being no public or written comments the public hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m.

MOTION:

Commissioner Mercado moved and Vice Chair Sarquilla seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-02 - "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Buellton, California, Approving a One-Year Time Extension (20-TE-03) Request for Final Development Plan (15-FDP-01) for the Chumash Mixed Use Project, Located at 560 Avenue of Flags on Assessor's Parcel Number 137-170-011, and Making Findings in Support Thereof"

VOTE:

Motion passed with a 5-0 roll call vote.

5. **Resolution No. 21-01 - "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Buellton, California, Approving a One-Year Time Extension (20-TE-02) Request for Final Development Plan (14-FDP-05) for the Summerland Wine Annex Storage Facility Project, Located at 30 Industrial Way on Assessor's Parcel Number 099-690-053, and Making Findings in Support Thereof"**

STAFF REPORT:

Planning Director Keefer presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Mercado asked the Applicant if they are comfortable moving forward with the project in light of the management changes.

The Applicant, Paul Griswold, stated that the reason for the delay was the change of ownership and re-organization and that they are now looking at a reset in their commitment to the project.

Commissioner Liggett questioned if the project moved forward would the number of employees or the amount of production be affected?

Mr. Griswold stated that they have not furloughed any employees and expect the production to remain constant.

Chair Hammel opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. There being no public or written comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION:

Commissioner Blokdyk moved and Commissioner Liggett seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-01 - “A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Buellton, California, Approving a One-Year Time Extension (20-TE-02) Request for Final Development Plan (14-FDP-05) for the Summerland Wine Annex Storage Facility Project, Located at 30 Industrial Way on Assessor’s Parcel Number 099-690-053, and Making Findings in Support Thereof”

VOTE:

Motion passed with a 5-0 roll call vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Project Status Update

Planning Director Keefer updated the Commission on the various projects in process.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Mercado congratulated Chair Hammel on her re-appointment to the Commission and stated he is looking forward to working on the Planning Commission once again.

PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hammel adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Patty Hammel

ATTEST:

Clare Barcelona, Planning Commission Secretary

An audio CD of this Planning Commission Meeting is available upon request.