

# CITY OF BUELLTON

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246  
Buellton, California

### CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Mercado called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Blokdyk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bob Blokdyk, Aaron Liggett, Marcilo Sarquilla  
and Vice Chair Art Mercado

Chair Patty Hammel

Staff: City Contact Planner Irma Tucker, Public Works Director Rose  
Hess and Staff Assistant/Planning Technician Clare Barcelona

### REORDERING OF AGENDA

None

### PRESENTATIONS

None

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. Minutes of the regular Planning Commission meeting of April 7, 2022

##### MOTION:

Commissioner Mercado moved and Commissioner Blokdyk seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of April 7, 2022.

##### VOTE:

Motion passed with a 4-0 voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

None

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 2. **Resolution No. 22-03 - “A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Buellton, California, Approving a One-Year Time Extension (22-TE-01) Request for Final Development Plan (16-FDP-05), Conditional Use Permit (16-CUP-02), and Sign Ordinance Exemption (17-EXP-01) for the Commons Project, Located at 610 McMurray Road on Assessor’s Parcel Number 137-170-068, and Making Findings in Support Thereof”**

**STAFF REPORT**

Staff Assistant/Planning Technician Clare Barcelona presented the staff report.

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments.

**SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:**

Mark Herthel, Applicant, introduced himself to the Commission and stated that he only recently acquired the property and that the time extension will give him time to move forward.

Vice Chair Mercado opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

There being no speakers Vice Chair Mercado closed the public hearing at 6:11 p.m.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Blokdyk moved and Commissioner Liggett seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-03 - “A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Buellton, California, Approving a One-Year Time Extension (22-TE-01) Request for Final Development Plan (16-FDP-05), Conditional Use Permit (16-CUP-02), and Sign Ordinance Exemption (17-EXP-01) for the Commons Project, Located at 610 McMurray Road on Assessor’s Parcel Number 137-170-068, and Making Findings in Support Thereof”

**VOTE:**

Motion passed with a 4-0 roll call vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Blokdyk questioned the status of the dead, diseased Cypress trees located on the west side of Meadow Ridge Road.

Public Works Director Hess stated that the City is aware of the diseased trees and is working with Valley Gardener to have them removed.

**PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT**

Contract City Planner Irma Tucker updated the Commission on pending projects including a Garden Art Center proposed on Avenue of Flags. She reminded the Commission of the upcoming Peddlers Faire to be held April 30<sup>th</sup> at River Park and also the Buellton Brew Fest to be held at River View Park on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Mercado adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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Vice Chair Art Mercado

ATTEST:

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Clare Barcelona, Planning Commission Secretary

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