

# CITY OF BUELLTON

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246  
Buellton, California

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hammel called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. via Zoom

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Heedy led the Pledge of Allegiance via Zoom

### ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Planning Director Andrea Keefer (via Zoom), Contract City  
Planner Irma Tucker (via Zoom), Public Works Director Rose  
Hess, Assistant Planner Cara Meche via Zoom 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 May 21, 2020

##### MOTION:

Commissioner Heedy moved and Vice Chair Sarquilla seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of May 21, 2020

##### VOTE:

Motion passed with a 5-0 roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

None

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**2. Preliminary Review – Smartlink/AT&T Wireless Communications Facility (20-CUP-01)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Planning Commission provide direction to the Applicant and staff on the proposed project plans.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Assistant Planner Cara Meche presented the staff report.

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

**SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:**

The Commission discussed the different types of cell towers. Dino Romero, Applicant, introduced himself and stated his is available for questions.

**DIRECTION:**

The Commission requested that the Applicant bring back renderings showing the option of a broad leaf faux tree.

**3. Avenue of Flags – Median 3 Concept Designs; Cal Poly Landscape Architect Design Studio**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Planning Commission provide comments on the Median 3 Concept Designs presented by Cal Poly Urban Design Studio students. The Concept Designs along with the Commissions comments will be presented to the City Council at a future meeting, tentatively scheduled for July 9, 2020.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Contract Planner Irma Tucker presented the staff report.

**DOCUMENTS:**

Staff report with attachments as listed on the staff report.

**SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:**

The Commission viewed the 5 top videos submitted by the Cal Poly Landscape Architect Design Studio students. Cal Poly Professors David Watts and Cesar Torres Bustamante introduced themselves and stated they are available for questions.

Favorable amenities included:

- Traffic calming measures
- Widening of the median
- Lights
- History booth/visitors center
- Smaller bioswales/detention ponds scattered throughout
- Large amphitheater space
- Restrooms on both ends of the median
- Food truck and kiosk spaces
- Lots of seating areas
- Permeable paving
- Base form of “Patriotic Wave”
- Patriotic themes (but not too overdone)
- Meandering paths
- Like the car emblem/diamond shape in the center of “A Civic Junction”
- Naming the areas like “Buell” and “Zaca”
- Kinetic sculptures that celebrate the wind

The Commission was not in favor of the following features:

- Standard playgrounds (maybe interactive sculptures instead)
- Water features – too much wind for this, want to conserve water
- Large bioswales/detention ponds - don't want ponds to become a safety hazard/nuisance
- Additional space for flags
- Separating the median with buildings, want a big open space
- Rigid/too linear of paths or design
- Swinging benches

Chair Hammel read into the record comment letters from Peggy Brierton and the Buellton Chamber of Commerce.

**DIRECTION:**

The Commission thanked the professors and students for their work on the project and look forward to seeing more designs in the future.

**PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

**PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT**

Planning Director Keefer updated the Commission on recent City Council decisions regarding the re-branded landscape rebate program now titled “Buellton Beautiful” and the approval of a community clean up program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hammel adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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Chair Patty Hammel

ATTEST:

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Clare Barcelona, Planning Commission Secretary

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