

CITY OF BUELLTON

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 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 6:02 p.m. via Zoom

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Liggett led the Pledge of Allegiance via Zoom

ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Planning Director Andrea Keefer (via Zoom), Assistant Planner
Cara Meche (via Zoom), 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 September 17, 2020

MOTION:

Commissioner Blokdyk moved and Commissioner Heedy seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of September 17, 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. Conceptual Review of La Lata Court Residential Project; 264 La Lata Drive (APN 099-450-012)

STAFF REPORT:

Assistant Planner Cara Meche presented the staff report with a PowerPoint presentation.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Erik Vasquez, Applicant, introduced himself and clarified that the proposed density is less than allowable under the density bonus.

The following residents submitted written comment for the record opposing the project due to the proposed density, increased traffic and parking issues:

- Raiza Giorgi, Buellton
- Marna Palsgaard, Buellton
- Robert Hendershot, Buellton
- Diana Paul, Buellton
- Jay Kitley, Buellton
- Chris Copass, Buellton

The Commission provided input to the Applicant regarding the following issues:

- The project is too dense for the site
- Increased traffic concerns and concerns regarding parking overflowing into the surrounding areas
- Sidewalks should be provided as part of the development
- Eliminate the cul-de-sac and make the street public, not private

The Commission thanked the Applicant and look forward to the next submittal.

3. Preliminary Review of “California Tacos Restaurant, Bar and Small Batch Distillery” Project 20-CUP-02

STAFF REPORT:

Planning Director Andrea Keefer presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Neil Miller, Architect, Ten Over Studio, clarified that the 10 distillery seats are actually restaurant seats and that the restaurant is the main component with the distillery being secondary.

Public Works Director Hess, clarified that the Industrial Discharge and FOG permits would be required during the building permit phase.

Alex Uribe, Applicant, updated the Commission on the history of California Tacos, a family owned business since 2012. He stated that the bar and distillery would complement the restaurant.

Kathy Vreeland, Buellton Chamber of Commerce, submitted written comment for the record in support of the project.

The Commission spoke in favor of the project and look forward to the Public Hearing.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

Planning Director Keefer updated the Commission on upcoming events including the Planning Commission and City Council LUCE study session on 10/21/20, the public tour of the Willemsen property on 10/24/20 and informed the Commission that the City Council will review the Creekside Village Project on 10/22/20.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hammel adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2020 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.