

CITY OF UNION CITY
AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 17, 2005, 7:00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
34009 ALVARADO-NILES ROAD, UNION CITY, CALIFORNIA

- I. ROLL CALL: Commissioners Lew, Savage, Sweeney and Chairperson Anderson**
ABSENT: Commissioner Sison

STAFF PRESENT: Joan Malloy (Planning Manager); Aki Honda (Associate Planner); Glenn Kirby (Neighborhood Preservation Coordinator); Carlos Jocson (City Engineer); Michael Riback (City Attorney); Kris Fitzgerald (Administrative Assistant).

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of January 20, 2004 were approved with corrections.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Joan Malloy, Planning Manager, introduced the new Director of Public Works, Mintze Cheng.

- IV. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. CONTINUED HEARINGS:** None.

B. NEW HEARINGS:

- 1. CITY OF UNION CITY, TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT, SECTION C, PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLES AND TRAILS, General Plan Amendment AG-01-05;** The City is proposing to amend the General Plan to revise and expand the *Transportation Element, Section C, Pedestrians, Bicycles and Trails*. Proposed amendments would include six new goals and associated policies to address institutional framework; bicycle, pedestrian and trail networks; Safe Routes to School, and funding considerations. Two new figures, known as *Figure TR-5, Existing and Proposed Bicycle Network* and *Figure TR-6, Existing and Proposed Pedestrian Network* are proposed to replace the existing figure for bicycle, pedestrian and trail networks. The project is considered to be exempt from CEQA by Section 15061(b)(3) because there would be no specific project proposed or approved as part of the planning process.

Joan Malloy, Planning Manager, presented the staff report.

Commissioner Lew asked what improvements would be made around Mission Gateway site.

Ms. Malloy stated that there would be new sidewalks and a small median on Whipple Road to prevent left hand turns.

Carlos Jocson, City Engineer, stated that the City will be starting the new sidewalks on Whipple Road near the Mission Gateway project.

Commissioner Lew asked if the improvements will be only one side or on both sides.

Mr. Jocson stated that Mission Boulevard is already improved on the east side, and that Mission Gateway will improve their frontage. Sidewalk improvements on Whipple Road will be only on one side.

Commissioner Lew asked if a bike lane will be included.

Mr. Jocson stated not at this time but there is a long term plan to widen Whipple Road to 4 lanes which would include a bike lane.

Commissioner Lew asked why the 2002 Goal for secure bike storage is located next to new goal TR-C.2.6.

Ms. Malloy stated that it is an editing error and should be shifted down slightly so that it is next to TR-C.2.7.

Commissioner Lew asked why CD-A.1.2 is in the list on page 6.

Ms. Malloy stated that it is just a list of proposed amendments.

Commissioner Lew asked to include a new goal "The City shall develop safety education programs aimed at motor vehicle drivers to improve awareness of the needs and rights of bicyclists and pedestrians."

Chairperson Anderson opened the public hearing.

Chairperson Anderson closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Lew made a motion to continue General Plan Amendment AG-01-05 to March 3, 2005.

Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion.

AYES	4 (Anderson, Lew, Savage, Sweeney)
NOES	0
ABSENT	1 (Sison)
ABSTAIN	0

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL STAFF REPORTS:

A. CONTINUED REPORTS: None.

B. NEW REPORTS: None.

VII. COMMISSION MATTERS:

A. WORKSESSION: Comprehensive update to Title 18 Zoning; Review of proposed modifications to Title 18 from Chapter 18.36 through Chapter 18.105

In general, the Commission had several recommended updates to the code. The Commissioners' discussion focused on two major elements:

1. To update the Industrial Districts Performance Standards and Required Conditions so that there is consistency among the districts.

2. To simplify and standardize all the project approval processes to the extent possible .

The Commission requested an opportunity to review the project review process in detail at a future meeting. The Commission also agreed not to modify the Planning Commission responsibilities regarding Variance and Use Permit approvals.

- B. Follow-up on Planning Commission referrals to the City Council.
- C. Upcoming applications for the Regular Planning Commission meeting of March 3, 2005.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Ms. Malloy asked if any of the Planning Commissioners were interested in attending the Planners Institute in April.

Chairperson Anderson stated that he would like to attend.

Commissioner Sweeney stated that if Commissioner Sison is not able to attend the she would be like to go.

Commissioner Lew stated that she received an email from Adam Tennant of Summerhill homes, who wanted to meet with her before the March 3 meeting. Commissioner Lew was unable to meet with him.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 9:40

APPROVED:

TIKISA ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

MARK LEONARD, SECRETARY