

**Land Use Committee
December 15, 2020**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by chair Eileen Delaney at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom. Those present were: Jerry Kalman, Roy Moosa, Bill O'Connor, Steve Brown, Mark Mervich, Stuart Ross, Mick Kubota. Excused were Jim Loge, Jackie Heyneman, and Jeff Merchand.

Visitors were: Ross Pike, Jacqui Kaiser, Ashley Smith and Denise Russell

1. Open Forum. Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Land Use Committee on any subject matter within the committee's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. **Three-minute limitation. Non-voting item. Eileen Delaney advised the group that Jackie Heyneman had been in an automobile accident and is recuperating from her injuries.**
2. Approval of the minutes for the last meeting. No minutes of previous meeting were available.
3. Review of new County ordinances prohibiting certain activities including living and storage in drainage and flood control channels and other county maintained facilities; fire prevention issues; activities that may either interfere with the function of that property or threaten safety on that property. County planner Lauren.Moreno@sdcountry.ca.gov. **Land Use Committee. Community Input. Voting Item (11/30) Lauren was not in attendance. Review of item # 3 moved out of order pending Lauren's attendance.**
4. Ashley Smith, County PDS narrated a power point presentation on the February 12, 2020, Board of Supervisors (Board) approved implementation of 14 options to streamline the discretionary review process, grouped into seven categories, to reduce the time and cost of discretionary permit processing and further the goal of providing affordable housing in the County. Three of the 14 options, CEQA Submittal Requirements, Final Engineering Flexibility, and Expanding Exemption Checklists require ordinance revisions that the County seeks committee feedback on. The County is reaching out for Planning & Development Services (PDS) staff to present information regarding these efforts at our December meetings:
 - a. **CEQA Submittal Requirements** – The CEQA streamlining opportunities during discretionary review include an option for a schematic design, or early phase of project design, for both storm water and flood. Essentially, final-design detail would not be required until the site design or grading stages. Staff is currently working on this effort by updating the Guidelines for Determining Significance for Hydrology and Water Quality and is expected to be circulated for public disclosure in December 2020.
 - b. **Final Engineering Flexibility** – Discretionary permits require a subsequent discretionary permitting process when changes are made to the project. Through this effort, we aim to provide increased flexibility to modify projects when changes are required to comply with changes in Federal and State requirements. As part of this effort, staff has proposed changes to the County Zoning, Subdivision and Grading Ordinances.
 - c. **Denise Russell, County PDS, narrated a power point presentation of the third item: Expanding Exemption Checklists** – This effort includes increasing the use and availability of

Site Plan waivers and checklist exemptions, shifting certain discretionary permits to ministerial processes, and creating a checklist process for Time Extensions of Tentative Parcel Maps and Tentative Maps.

County Planner Ashley Smith, ashley.smith@sdcounty.ca.gov, 858-495-5375. **Land Use and Design Review committees. Community input. Non-voting item. (12/1)**

Item 3. was brought up for consideration. Lauren Moreno was not present. Roy Moosa moved to continue the item to the full Planning Group meeting of December 21 without action by the Land Use Committee. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Other Business: Bill O'Connor announced that this would be his last meeting. The committee expressed their appreciation for his past service.

Respectfully submitted

Steve Brown

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