



## ACTION MINUTES

### Planning Commission

**Planning Commissioners:**

Gail Donaldson	Chair
Linda Barrera	Vice Chair
D. Miguel Guerrero	Commissioner
Steven Keller	Commissioner
Christine Scott Thomson	Commissioner
Jonathan Hidalgo	Commissioner
C. Tito Young	Commissioner

### REGULAR MEETING

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Thursday, August 23, 2018

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Gail Donaldson.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: (7) Chair, Gail Donaldson  
Vice Chair, Linda Barrera  
Planning Commissioner, D. Miguel Guerrero  
Planning Commissioner, Jonathan Hidalgo  
Planning Commissioner, Steven Keller  
Planning Commissioner, Christine Scott Thomson  
Planning Commissioner, C. Tito Young

**3. COMMISSION MATTERS**

**3.1 SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONERS JONATHAN HIDALGO AND C. TITO YOUNG**

The City Clerk swore in the new Planning Commissioners Jonathan Hidalgo and C. Tito Young.

**3.2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chair Donaldson nominated Vice Chair Barrera for Chair; the nomination was seconded by Commissioner Thomson. There were no other nominations.

**Moved:** Donaldson

**Seconded:** Thomson

**Ayes:** (7) Guerrero, Hidalgo, Keller, Thomson, Young, Barrera, Donaldson

**Noes:** (0)

**Abstain:** (0)

**Absent:** (0)

Commissioner Donaldson nominated Commissioner Guerrero for Vice Chair; the nomination was seconded by Commissioner Keller. There were no other nominations.

**Moved:** Donaldson  
**Seconded:** Keller  
**Ayes:** (7) Donaldson, Guerrero, Hidalgo, Keller, Thomson, Young, Barrera  
**Noes:** (0)  
**Abstain:** (0)  
**Absent:** (0)

Chair Barrera presided over the remainder of the meeting.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2018

A motion was made to approve the Action Minutes.

**Moved:** Keller  
**Seconded:** Guerrero  
**Ayes:** (4) Donaldson, Keller, Guerrero, Barrera  
**Noes:** (0)  
**Abstain:** (3) Hidalgo, Thomson, Young  
**Absent:** ( )

#### 6. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Bryant reported on recent City Council actions. He noted that there was a community meeting the previous evening on the 40<sup>th</sup> and San Pablo Bus Hub, and announced upcoming events including the annual Coastal Cleanup on September 15, Public Safety Open House and Emergency Preparedness Fair on September 29, and Christie Park Grand Opening, also on September 29. He gave the Commission an update on several large development projects, including the Nady Site at 6701 Shellmound Street, Novartis, Public Market Parcel B, 5850 Shellmound Way, and the Gateway Site. He also announced that the City Council had selected Christine Daniel as the new City Manager; she is currently Assistant City Administrator of Oakland and was formerly City Manager of Berkeley. He said that he would invite her to the October 25 meeting to be introduced to the Commission.

#### 7. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Keller reported that he had met with representatives of the Onni Group about the Gateway site.

#### 8. STUDY SESSION

**8.1 40<sup>th</sup> and San Pablo Bus Hub Draft Concept Options (STUDY18-001)** – A study session to comment on draft concept options for a re-design of 40<sup>th</sup> Street and part of San Pablo Avenue to improve conditions for bus riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians, while accommodating motor vehicles. CEQA Status: To be determined. General Plan Designations: Vicinity of 40<sup>th</sup> Street and San Pablo Avenue – Major Transit Hub; San Pablo Avenue – Transit Street; 40<sup>th</sup> Street – Transit Street and Class II & III Bikeway.

Diana Keena, Associate Planner, presented and responded to the Commission's questions.

Deepak Sohane, Project Urban Designer with Community Design + Architecture, presented and responded to the Commission's questions.

Kathryn Vo, Transportation Planner with AC Transit, responded to Commissioner questions.

Public comment was opened; there was no one wishing to speak; public comment was closed.

The Commission discussed the various draft concept options. For the bus hub area between San Pablo Avenue and Adeline Street, in the short term, Commissioners generally thought a bike through-and-turn lane on 40<sup>th</sup> Street at San Pablo Avenue, in front of a bus stop, did not look safe. In the long term, the Commissioners generally supported an option that includes a median, bike lanes between boarding islands and sidewalk, a new right turn lane onto San Pablo Avenue, and no left turn onto San Pablo Avenue. For 40<sup>th</sup> Street west of San Pablo Avenue, all of the Commissioners supported eliminating parking to create bus lanes, and agreed that if parking is kept, the bike lane on the north side of 40<sup>th</sup> Street should be between the parking and the travel lane, rather than between the parking and the curb. Five Commissioners supported two bus-only lanes – one added lane eastbound and one mixed-flow travel lane converted to a bus-only lane westbound, but one Commissioner opposed the westbound converted bus-only lane. Three Commissioners supported a raised cycle track with sidewalk extension and relocated trees on the north side of 40<sup>th</sup> Street. Four Commissioners opposed a two-way cycle track on the north side of 40<sup>th</sup> Street, preferring to keep one-way bicycle facilities on both sides of the street.

## **9. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioners Hidalgo and Young expressed their appreciation for the Commission's work and said they looked forward to being on the Commission.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

**THE NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1333 PARK AVENUE, EMERYVILLE, CA 94608.**