

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
PLANNING COMMISSION
September 8, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
Teleconference Only via
www.san-clemente.org/live or Cox Channel 854**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Crandell called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of San Clemente to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was offered via teleconference only due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and available to the public via live stream from the City's YouTube Channel or live on Cox Channel 854.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner McKhann led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: M. Steven Camp, Cameron Cosgrove, Gary P. McCaughan M.D., Karen Prescott-Loeffler; Chair pro tem Scott McKhann, Vice Chair Hannah M. Tyler, Chair Barton Crandell. (All Planning Commissioners participated via teleconference)

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: *Adam Atamian, Deputy Community Development Director
*Saeedeh Farivar, Senior Civil Engineer-Traffic
*Zachary Ponsen, Senior Civil Engineer
*Matthew Richardson, Assistant City Attorney
*Eileen White, Recording Secretary

*Participated in meeting via teleconference

4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

None

5. MINUTES

A. Minutes from the Planning Commission Study Session of August 18, 2021

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PRESCOTT-LOEFFLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCCAUGHAN AND CARRIED 6-0-1, WITH VICE CHAIR TYLER ABSTAINING, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION OF AUGUST 18, 2021, as submitted.

B. Minutes from the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of August 18, 2021

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MCCAUGHAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCKHANN, AND CARRIED 6-0-1, WITH VICE CHAIR TYLER ABSTAINING, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2021, as submitted.

6. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Adam Atamian, Deputy Community Development Director, read aloud a letter from Marc, no surname or city of residence given, endorsing installation of a pump track adjacent to the City's skate park.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Proposed Parking Prohibitions on Camino Capistrano at Del Gado (Farivar)

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission forward to the City Council a recommendation to approve parking prohibitions on the north side of Camino Capistrano, from the northeast curb return of Del Gado southerly forty (40) feet.

B. Conversion of Parking Prohibition to Restriction on Camino La Pedriza South of Talega Park (Farivar)

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission forward to the City Council a recommendation to convert the existing parking prohibition on the west side of Camino La Pedriza, from Corte Cristianitos southerly for a distance of 445 feet to Avenida Pico, to a 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. parking restriction.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER COSGROVE, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR TYLER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF.

[ACTION SUBJECT TO CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL.]

8. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Camino La Pedriza Striping (Farivar)

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission forward to the City Council a recommendation to approve restriping Camino La Pedriza to install bicycle lanes where feasible and with minor revisions as needed to conform with the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Chair Crandell opened the public hearing.

Deputy Director Atamian read aloud communication from the public regarding this agenda item as follows:

Anonymous, no City of residence given, opposed to the proposed bike lane for safety reasons; suggested painting yellow stripes that appear to be speed bumps in the alternative.

Jackie Friedrich, resident, opposed bike lanes as the street is too narrow and busy to allow safe biking.

Matt Wilson, resident, supported the bike lanes proposed to allow children to ride safely on the street instead of the sidewalks, which will also increase the safety of pedestrians within the sidewalks.

David Anderson, resident, supported the bike lanes to allow safe bicycling to the shopping areas, encourage bicycling, and decrease current vehicle speeds.

James Buck, resident, opposed the addition of a Class 2 Bike Lanes and parking lanes on Camino La Pedriza as the revisions are unnecessary.

Coral Tiberi, resident, opposed the bike lanes due to existing vehicle speeds and narrow road width; suggested addition of bike lanes would decrease safety.

Chuck Rooney, resident, opposed installing bike lanes; suggested enforcement of existing speed limits for both vehicles and bikes.

Don Glasgow, resident, supported installation of bike lanes to increase safety for cyclists.

Tom and Maureen Echolds, residents, supported the restriping; suggested reduction to a single lane on Camino La Pedriza from the intersection of Avenida Vista Hermosa and Camino La Pedriza would help to increase safety as cars would not have to race each other while merging into one lane and also reduce noise pollution created from the accelerating cars; supported installation of an electronic speed control sign.

Chair Crandell closed the public hearing.

Saeedeh Farivar, Senior Civil Engineer-Traffic, narrated a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "Camino La Pedriza Striping and Bike Lanes, Planning Commission Meeting, dated September 8, 2021" A copy of the Presentation is on file in Planning Division. In response to the Commissioners' comments, she noted standard practice is to perform the speed survey again once the improvements are installed to determine effectiveness, and based on those results, consider permanent speed signs and/or additional traffic calming techniques.

Zachary Ponsen, Senior Civil Engineer, advised that the City's standard practice to reduce width of streets to the minimum to increase vehicular safety and accommodate different modes of transportation has been successful to date.

During the ensuing discussion, the Commissioners, either individually or in agreement, provided the following commentary:

- Suggested addition of striping may make the resulting travel lane too narrow/not meet standard widths for delivery trucks, buses, emergency vehicles, etc., for safe travel.
- Commented that speed, especially downhill, is an ongoing safety concern and suggested posting of electronic speed signs may help decrease it.
- Suggested inclusion of a buffer between the bike lanes and the street in areas where it can be accommodated.
- Confirmed with staff that the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) and Engineering staff will provide input regarding the adequacy of the lanes to accommodate large vehicles before the new striping is installed.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER COSGROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CAMP, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO FORWARD TO CITY COUNCIL A RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE RESTRIPIING CAMINO LA PEDRIZA AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHMENTS AND WITH MINOR REVISIONS AS NEEDED TO CONFORM WITH CALIFORNIA MANUAL OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, with the following recommendations:

- 1) Installation of electronic speed signs, in both downhill directions, to address existing speeding concerns.
- 2) Addition of a safety buffer between the bike and vehicle lanes where permissible.

[ACTION SUBJECT TO CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL.]

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. OLD BUSINESS

None

11. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

A. Tentative Future Agenda

- B. Zoning Administrator Minutes of August 19, 2021
- C. Staff Waiver Memo and Reports

In response to a request for clarification, Deputy Director Atamian advised that although not all Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) can be installed on zero lot lines, the project recently considered by this Commission had that option. He anticipates staff providing an overview of the ADU regulations for the Commission at their November 3, 2021, Regular Study Session, or earlier if hearings related to ADUs are scheduled. Additionally, he noted staff will include as much information as available on SB 9 and SB 10.

Commissioner McKhann stated for the record that comments/accusations made by a public speaker at the recent City Council meeting regarding his occupation/attendance at public meetings are false.

12. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PRESCOTT-LOEFFLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COSGROVE, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN AT 8:21 P.M. TO THE REGULAR MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2021, AT 6:00 P.M. VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY AND AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC VIA LIVE STREAM FROM THE CITY'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL OR LIVE ON COX CHANNEL 854.

Respectfully submitted,



Barton Crandell, Chairman

Attest:



Adam Atamian, Deputy Community Development Director