

City of Fresno

*City Hall Council Chambers
2600 Fresno Street*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

6:00 PM

Special Meeting

**In Person and/or Electronic
City Hall Council Chambers**

Planning Commission

Chairperson – Peter Vang

Vice Chair – Brad Hardie

Commissioner – David Criner

Commissioner – Haley M Wagner

Commissioner – Kathy Bray

Commissioner – Monica Diaz

Commissioner – Jacqueline Lyday

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I. ROLL CALL

Chair Vang called meeting to order at 6:00pm

Present 5 - Chairperson Peter Vang, Vice Chair Brad Hardie, Commissioner David Criner , Commissioner Kathy Bray, and Commissioner Monica Diaz

Absent 2 - Commissioner Haley M. Wagner, and Commissioner Jacqueline G. Lyday

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6:00pm

III. PROCEDURES - PROCEDIMIENTOS - KEV SAB LAJ

6:00pm

Chair Vang read procedures aloud

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

IV-A [ID 23-911](#) Notice of Special Meeting - Signed

6:01pm

Trejo reported no changes to the agenda by staff

On motion of Commissioner Bray, seconded by Commissioner Criner , that the AGENDA be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Vang, Vice Chair Hardie, Commissioner Criner , Commissioner Bray, and Commissioner Diaz

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Wagner, and Commissioner Lyday

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

VI. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS

N/A

VII. CONTINUED MATTERS

N/A

VIII. NEW MATTERS

VIII-A [ID 23-350](#)

Public hearing to consider the adoption of the Central Southeast Area Specific Plan and related Environmental Assessment, State Clearinghouse (SCH No. 2023020138). The following applications have been filed by the Fresno City Council and pertain to approximately 2,000 acres in the Established Neighborhoods South of Shaw Area of the Fresno General Plan:

1. **RECOMMEND ADOPTION** (to the City Council), of a finding set forth in Environmental Assessment No. P22-00400 dated February 1, 2023, of a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(d) (see Exhibit I).

2. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** (to the City Council) of Plan Amendment Application P22-00400 which proposes to:
 - a. **Repeal** the Roosevelt Community Plan, pertaining to approximately 15,721 acres, and the Butler/Willow Specific Plan, pertaining to approximately 563 acres (see Exhibit B).
 - b. **Adopt** the Central Southeast Area Specific Plan and accompanying Planned Land Use Map (see Exhibits A, C and G).
 - c. **Amend** the Planned Land Use Map (Figure LU-1) of the Fresno General Plan to incorporate the land use changes proposed in the Central Southeast Area Specific Plan (see Exhibit D).
 - d. **Rezone** approximately 136 acres of property within the Central Southeast Area Specific Plan area to be consistent with the planned land uses proposed in the Plan (see Exhibit E).

6:02pm

Drew Wilson, Program Manager, made a presentation on the overview of the Plan, environmental analysis, public comment & outreach, and staff recommendations.

Public Comment:

3 spoke in favor and 1 opposed, citing displeasure with limited noticing, concern for small businesses, and confusion of intent.

Wilson addressed the land use and zoning of the busy corridor and objectives referenced from public.

Vang asked for clarification on a parcel that was referenced in public comment portion, to which Director Clark explained why it cannot return to this Plan area and why it is currently included in another area.

After voting, Clark noted that the Commission's recommendation will be taken to the City Council, scheduled for June 15, 2023 at or after 10am.

On motion of Commissioner Bray, seconded by Commissioner Criner, that the above Action Item be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Vang, Vice Chair Hardie, Commissioner Criner, Commissioner Bray, and Commissioner Diaz

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Wagner, and Commissioner Lyday

IX. REPORT BY SECRETARY

6:33pm

Clark thanked the Historic Preservation Commission for successful events in the month of May and stated they are looking forward to more events in future Historic Preservation months.

X. SCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

XI. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Vang adjourned meeting at 6:35pm