



GRASS VALLEY

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Greg Bulanti, Commissioner Ari Brouillette, Commissioner Liz Coots, Commissioner Justin Gross, Commissioner Matt Wich

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Coots led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Commissioner Liz Coots
Commissioner Justin Gross
Commissioner Jacob McDonald
Commissioner Matt Wich

ABSENT

Vice Chairman Ari Brouillette

The motion to nominate Commissioner Coots as chair for the meeting of November 19th, 2024, was made by Commissioner Gross and seconded by Commissioner McDonald.
Voting Yea: Commissioner Coots, Commissioner Gross, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner Wich

AGENDA APPROVAL

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Commissioner Gross, seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Coots, Commissioner Gross, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner Wich

ACTION MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Commissioner Gross, seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Coots, Commissioner Gross, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner Wich

1. Approval of the regular scheduled Planning Commission meeting on July 16, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

No public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

2. Extension request for approved Development Review and Use Permit of an existing ±6,200 sq. ft. hotel building remodel and new ±6,400 sq. ft. hotel with related site improvements. (22PLN-21) Location/APNs: 1012 Sutton Way/035-400-026

Environmental Status: Categorical Exemption

Recommendation: 1. That the Planning Commission approve the 12-month extension request for the approved Development Review and Use Permits, file no 22PLN-21 as presented, or as may be modified at the public hearing, which includes the following actions: a. Adopt Findings of Fact for approval of the an Extension of Time for the Tentative Map as presented in the Staff Report; and, b. Approve the Extension of

Time for the Best Western Hotel Use Permit and Development Review permit, file no. 22PLN-21 in accordance with the Conditions of Approval adopted for the project, attached to the Staff Report.

Amy Wolfson, City Planner, gave an overview of the staff report to the commission.

No public comment.

Motion made to approve the 12-month extension request for the approved Development Review and Use Permits, file no 22PLN-21 as presented, or as may be modified at the public hearing, which includes the following actions: a. Adopt Findings of Fact for approval of the an Extension of Time for the Tentative Map as presented in the Staff Report; and, b. Approve the Extension of Time for the Best Western Hotel Use Permit and Development Review permit, file no. 22PLN-21 in accordance with the Conditions of Approval adopted for the project, attached to the Staff Report by Commissioner Gross, Seconded by Commissioner McDonald. Voting Yea: Commissioner Coots, Commissioner Gross, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner Wich

3. Development Review and Variance Request for a 1,000 square foot carriage house/Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) to encroach into the Clipper Lane front setback (24PLN-40) Location/APNs:143 Conaway Avenue/008-520-024

Environmental Status: Categorical Exemption

Recommendation: 1. That the Planning Commission approve the Development Review and Variance applications for the carriage house/ADU at 143 Conaway Avenue as presented, or as may be modified at the public hearing, which includes the following actions: a. Determine the project Categorical Exempt pursuant to Section 15305, Class 5, of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, as detailed in the staff report; b. Adopt Findings of Fact for approval of the Development Review Permit as presented in the Staff Report; and, c. Approve the Development Review Permit for the proposed carriage house/ADU at 143 Conaway in accordance with the Conditions of Approval, attached to the Staff Report; and d. Approve the Variance request for encroachment of the carriage house/ADU at 143 Conaway Avenue into the front setback along Clipper Lane as presented.

Amy Wolfson, City Planner, gave the commission an overview of the staff report.

Public Comment: Christopher Houston

Motion made to approve the Development Review and Variance applications for the carriage house/ADU at 143 Conaway Avenue as presented, or as may be modified at the public hearing, which includes the following actions: a. Determine the project Categorical Exempt pursuant to Section 15305, Class 5, of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, as detailed in the staff report; b. Adopt Findings of Fact for approval of the Development Review Permit as presented in the Staff Report; and, c. Approve the Development Review Permit for the proposed carriage house/ADU at 143 Conaway in accordance with the Conditions of Approval, attached to the Staff Report; and d. Approve the Variance request for encroachment of the carriage house/ADU at 143 Conaway Avenue into the front setback along Clipper Lane as presented by Commissioner Coots, Seconded by Commissioner Gross.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Coots, Commissioner Gross, Commissioner McDonald,
Commissioner Wich

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Review of City Council Items.
5. Future Meetings, Hearings and Study Sessions

BRIEF REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Ari Brouillette, Chair

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted on: _____