



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
TOWN COUNCIL  
POLICY COMMITTEE**

MEETING DATE: 09/24/2019

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**Minutes of the Regular Town Council Policy Committee Meeting  
August 27, 2019**

The Town Council Policy Committee of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Marcia Jensen, Barbara Spector.

Staff Present: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager; Robert Schultz, Town Attorney; Arn Andrews, Assistant Town Manager; Joel Paulson, Community Development Director; Sally Zarnowitz, Planning Manager; Shelley Neis, Clerk Administrator; Michelle Radcliffe, Deputy Clerk; Jocelyn Shoopman, Associate Planner; Holly Zappala, Management Analyst.

**VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Approval of the July 23, 2019 Council Policy Committee Minutes.**

Approved with one modification.

**2. Review and Provide Direction on Proposed Modifications to the Commission Appointment Policy.**

Shelley Neis, Clerk Administrator, presented the staff report.

After discussion, the Committee agreed to forward a recommendation to the Town Council to amend the Commission Appointment Policy to allow applicants to apply for more than one Commission at a time.

**3. Discuss and Provide Direction on the Land Use Appeal Process.**

After continuing its discussion from prior meetings, the Committee asked staff to return to with revised language reflecting the following two options for the land use appeal process:

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- The Town Council may consider additional findings/information as part of the land use decision appeal; and
- The appeal is returned to the Planning Commission if the Town Council grants the appeal based on information not presented to the Planning Commission.

The Committee asked that the revised language be simple, easy to understand, and clear about the Council's full discretion to decide the matter.

The Committee also requested that staff create a brochure to provide to appellants with information about filing an appeal, including frequently asked questions, deadlines, and options for withdrawal and refunds.

The Committee remained in agreement that the land use appellant has the responsibility ("burden of proof") of providing information to support a finding and not the Town Council.

**4. Provide Direction on Potential Amendments to Chapter 29 (Zoning Regulations) of the Town Code Regarding Below Market Price Regulations and Options for the Use of Below Market Price In-Lieu Fees.**

Jocelyn Shoopman, Associate Planner, presented the staff report.

After discussion, the Committee asked staff to return to the Committee with options for potential uses of the existing Below Market Price (BMP) in-lieu fees, and alternatives to modify the BMP program consistent with the goals of increasing the number of BMPs in the Town, decreasing the number of in-lieu fees collected, and keeping BMPs on-site when possible.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the August 27, 2019 meeting as approved by the Town Council Policy Committee.

/s/Holly Zappala, Management Analyst