



City of Sonoma Planning Commission **AGENDA**

Regular Meeting of April 10, 2014 -- 6:30 PM
Community Meeting Room, 177 First Street West
Sonoma, CA 95476

Meeting Length: No new items will be heard by the Planning Commission after 10:30 PM, unless the Commission, by majority vote, specifically decides to continue reviewing items. If an item is not heard due to the length of the meeting, the Commission will attempt to schedule a special meeting for the following week. If a special meeting is necessary, potential dates will be established at the close of this meeting, and a date set as soon as possible thereafter.

CALL TO ORDER – Chair, Chip Roberson

Commissioners: Gary Edwards
Robert Felder
Mark Heneveld
Matt Howarth
Mathew Tippell
Bill Willers
James Cribb (Alternate)

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Presentations by audience members on items not appearing on the agenda.

MINUTES: Minutes from the meeting of March 13, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM #1 – PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST:

Consideration of an Exception to the fence height standards for an entry trellis and gate.

Applicant/Property Owner:

Sidney and Ellen Hoover

Staff: Rob Gjestland

Project Location:

663 Second Street East

General Plan Designation:

Low Density Residential (LR)

Zoning:

Planning Area: Central-East Area

Base: Low Density Residential (R-L)

Overlay: Historic (/H)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve with conditions.

CEQA Status:

Categorically Exempt

ITEM #2 – PUBLIC HEARING

ISSUE:

Consideration of amendments to Title 19 of the Sonoma Municipal Code that would establish definitions and regulations pertaining to wine tasting facilities and wine bars/taprooms.

Staff: David Goodison

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review and provide recommendation to City Council.

CEQA Status:

Not applicable.

ITEM #3 – STUDY SESSION

ISSUE:

Update of the Housing Element and the Circulation Element of the General Plan.

Staff: David Goodison

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss and provide direction.

CEQA Status:

Not applicable

ITEM #4 – PUBLIC HEARING

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ISSUE:

Consideration of amendments to Title 19 of the Sonoma Municipal Code to: 1) clarify provisions related to density bonuses and inclusionary housing; 2) modify provisions pertaining to use permit requirements for emergency shelters in the “P” zoning district; 3) establish a definition for “Agricultural Employee Housing”; and, 4) allow for residential care facilities in the Mixed Use zone.

Review and provide recommendation to City Council.

CEQA Status:

Not applicable

Staff: David Goodison

ITEM #5 – STUDY SESSION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ISSUE:

Consideration of standards and procedures related to fence heights, including potential amendments to the Development Code.

Provide direction to staff.

CEQA Status:

Not applicable

Staff: David Goodison

ISSUES UPDATE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

ADJOURNMENT

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CRISTINA MORRIS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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