



## PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS

October 8, 2007

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

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**CALL TO ORDER** – 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** – Bims, Bressler, Deziel (Vice chair), Keith (Chair), O'Malley ([left at 10:47 p.m.](#)), Pagee, Riggs

**INTRODUCTION OF STAFF** – Deanna Chow, Senior Planner; Justin Murphy, Development Services Manager; Thomas Rogers, Associate Planner ([Not present](#))

**A. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**B. CONSENT - None**

Items on the consent calendar are considered routine in nature, require no further discussion by the Planning Commission, and may be acted on in one motion unless a member of the Planning Commission or staff requests a separate discussion on an item.

**C. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. [Zoning Ordinance Amendment /City of Menlo Park](#): Consideration of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to clarify the definition of Gross Floor Area to more specifically identify features of a building that are either included or excluded from the calculation. Gross floor area is used in calculating the floor area ratio (FAR) and parking requirements for developments in all zoning districts except for single-family and R-2 (Low Density Apartment) zoning districts. Floor area ratio equals the gross floor area of a building divided by the lot area and effectively regulates the size of a building. In addition, gross floor area is used in determining the applicability of requirements for below market rate (BMR) housing and the preparation of traffic studies. The clarifications to the definition will focus on new buildings and attempt to minimize impacts to existing buildings. The Zoning Ordinance Amendment will be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the changes are intended to have no potential to impact the environment. **COMMISSION ACTION:** M/S Keith/Riggs to make the changes to the ordinance as directed and return to the October 22, 2007, meeting with revised ordinance; 6-0-1 with O'Malley absent from the vote.

## D. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. [Selection of Planning Commission Representatives to the El Camino Real/Downtown Vision Plan Consultant Review Committee.](#) **COMMISSION ACTION:** Planning Commission unanimously agreed to the appoint Commissioners Bressler and Riggs who volunteered for the committee.

## E. COMMISSION BUSINESS, REPORTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Review of upcoming planning items on the City Council agenda.

## ADJOURNMENT 11:17 p.m.

### Future Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting	October 22, 2007
Regular Meeting	November 5, 2007
Regular Meeting	November 19, 2007
Regular Meeting	December 3, 2007
Regular Meeting	December 17, 2007

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