



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date: 04/26/2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: [Zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) – ID# 951 2198 7504

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19, EMERGENCY ADVISORY NOTICE

On March 19, 2020, the Governor ordered a statewide stay-at-home order calling on all individuals living in the State of California to stay at home or at their place of residence to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, the Governor has temporarily suspended certain requirements of the Brown Act. For the duration of the shelter in place order, the following public meeting protocols will apply.

Teleconference meeting: All members of the Planning Commission, city staff, applicants, and members of the public will be participating by teleconference. To promote social distancing while allowing essential governmental functions to continue, the Governor has temporarily waived portions of the open meetings act and rules pertaining to teleconference meetings. This meeting is conducted in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20 issued March 12, 2020, and supplemental Executive Order N-29-20 issued March 17, 2020.

- How to participate in the meeting
 - Submit a written comment online up to 1-hour before the meeting start time: menlopark.org/planningpubliccomment *
 - Access the meeting real-time online at: zoom.us/join – Meeting ID# 951 2198 7504
 - Access the meeting real-time via telephone (listen only mode) at: (669) 900-6833
Regular Meeting ID # 951 2198 7504
Press *9 to raise hand to speak

*Written and recorded public comments and call-back requests are accepted up to 1 hour before the meeting start time. Written and recorded messages are provided to the Planning Commission at the appropriate time in their meeting. Recorded messages may be transcribed using a voice-to-text tool.

- Watch the meeting
 - Online: menlopark.org/streaming

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A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

C. Reports and Announcements

D. Public Comment

Under “Public Comment,” the public may address the Commission on any subject not listed on the agenda, and items listed under Consent Calendar. Each speaker may address the Commission once under Public Comment for a limit of three minutes. Please clearly state your name and address or political jurisdiction in which you live. The Commission cannot act on items not listed on the agenda and, therefore, the Commission cannot respond to non-agenda issues brought up under Public Comment other than to provide general information.

E. Consent Calendar

- E1. Approval of court reporter and minutes from the March 22, 2021, Planning Commission meeting. ([Attachment](#))

F. Public Hearing

- F1. Use Permit, Architectural Control, Below Market Rate (BMR) Housing Agreement, and Environmental Review/SP Menlo LLC/111 Independence Drive:
Request for a use permit, architectural control, BMR housing agreement, community amenities agreement, environmental review (certification of the final environmental impact report “Final EIR”, adoption of CEQA findings, and adoption of a mitigation monitoring and reporting program “MMRP”) to redevelop the site with approximately 105 multi-family dwelling units and an approximately 746 square foot commercial space in one building with an above grade multi-story parking garage integrated into the proposed eight-story building, located in the R-MU-B (Residential Mixed Use, Bonus) zoning district. The project site currently contains an approximately 15,000 square foot single-story office building that would be demolished. The proposed building would contain approximately 96,055 square feet of total gross floor area. The project would have a floor area ratio (FAR) of 237.5 percent for residential uses and two percent (2%) for commercial uses. The proposal includes a request for a use permit to modify certain R-MU design standards and a request for an increase in height, density, and FAR under the bonus level development allowance in exchange for community amenities. The proposed project would include a BMR housing agreement that requires a minimum of 15 percent (or 14 units of the 92 maximum units allowed by the Zoning Ordinance before accounting the 13 bonus units) be affordable. The applicant is proposing to incorporate 13 additional dwelling units (which are included in the total 105 units), per the density bonus provisions in the BMR Housing Program (Chapter 16.96.040), which allows density and FAR bonuses, and exceptions to the City's Zoning Ordinance requirements when BMR units are incorporated into the project. The Final EIR for the proposed project does not identify any significant and unavoidable environmental impacts that would result from the implementation of the proposed project. The Final EIR identifies potentially significant environmental impacts that can be mitigated to a less than significant level (LTS/M) in the following categories: Air Quality and Noise. The Final EIR identifies

less than significant (LTS) environmental impacts in the following categories: Population and Housing, Transportation, and Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The City previously prepared an initial study for the proposed project that determined the following topic areas would have no impacts, less-than-significant impacts, or less than-significant impacts with mitigation measures (including applicable mitigation measures from the ConnectMenlo EIR): Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise (construction-period, groundborne vibration, and aircraft-related noise), Public Services, Recreation, Utilities and Service Systems, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Wildfire. The Draft EIR was circulated for an extended 60-day public review from December 4, 2020 through February 2, 2021 and the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Draft EIR at its meeting on January 11, 2021. The Final EIR includes responses to all substantive comments received on the Draft EIR. The project location does not contain a toxic site pursuant to Section 6596.2 of the Government Code. ([Staff Report #21-022-PC](#))

H. Informational Items

- H1. Future Planning Commission Meeting Schedule – The upcoming Planning Commission meetings are listed here, for reference. No action will be taken on the meeting schedule, although individual Commissioners may notify staff of planned absences.
- Regular Meeting: May 10, 2021
 - Regular Meeting: May 24, 2021

I. Adjournment

At every regular meeting of the Planning Commission, in addition to the public comment period where the public shall have the right to address the Planning Commission on any matters of public interest not listed on the agenda, members of the public have the right to directly address the Planning Commission on any item listed on the agenda at a time designated by the chair, either before or during the Planning Commission's consideration of the item.

At every special meeting of the Planning Commission, members of the public have the right to directly address the Planning Commission on any item listed on the agenda at a time designated by the chair, either before or during consideration of the item. For appeal hearings, appellant and applicant shall each have 10 minutes for presentations.

If you challenge any of the items listed on this agenda in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Menlo Park at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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