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Planning Commission Meeting

Location: Novato City Hall, 901 Sherman Avenue

June 6, 2016

Present: Peter Tiernan, Chair
Susan Wernick, Vice Chair
Dan Dawson
Justin Derby
Curtis Havel
Robert Jordan
Jay Strauss

Absent:

Staff Present: Bob Brown, Community Development Director
Steve Marshall, Planning Manager

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA: M/s: Strauss/Jordan; Passed 7-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF PC MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2016
(DD,JD,CH,RJ,JS,SW)

M/s: Wernick/Dawson; Passed 6-0-1; Tiernan abstained.

2. APPROVAL OF PC MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2016
(DD,JD,CH,RJ,JS,PT,SW)

M/s: Strauss/Derby; Passed 7-0-0

3. APPROVAL OF PC MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2016
(DD,JD,CH,PT,SW)

M/s: Wernick/Derby; Passed 5-0-2; Jordan and Strauss abstained.

CONTINUED ITEMS: None.

NEW ITEMS:

4. GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY FOR FY 16-17 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (SM)

Consider providing a report to the City Council regarding whether Novato's Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2016/17 is consistent with the Novato General Plan, including whether the new structures/facilities contained therein are consistent with the Novato General Plan relating to the location, purpose, and extent.

No CEQA is required. The Planning Commission's report to the City Council does not constitute a project recommendation. Therefore, the Planning Commission is not required to provide a recommendation regarding an environmental determination for the proposed CIP projects.

Planning Manager Marshall presented the CIP projects subject to consideration by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission asked questions about the various projects proposed in the CIP.

M/s: Dawson/Derby to find the CIP for FY 2016/17 consistent with the Novato General Plan.

Passed 6-1-0; Strauss voting nay, noting all are good projects, but disagreed with Planning Commission not having a role in recommending project priorities.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

5. STATE HOUSING LEGISLATION UPDATE (BB)

Community Development Director Brown will provide an update regarding housing and planning legislation currently being considered by the state legislature.

Community Development Director Brown reviewed proposed legislation being considered by the state.

The Planning Commission asked questions and commented on Governor Brown's budget trailer proposing to eliminate local control of multi-family housing projects featuring inclusionary affordable units, by making such housing a "by right" form of development.

M/s: Strauss/Wernick - Recommend the City Council oppose the Governor's proposed "by right" housing law. If passed, look to the draft General Plan to ameliorate the consequences of the law. Passed 7-0-0.

UPCOMING AGENDAS AND QUORUMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned by the Chair at 8:10 PM.