



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF SANTA MARIA**  
**Planning Commission**  
**Regular Meeting, January 18, 2023**  
**6:30 PM**



**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Robert Dickerson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Commissioner Seifert

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Esau Blanco  
Planning Commissioner Tom Lopez  
Planning Commissioner Tim Seifert  
Planning Commissioner Robert Dickerson

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Planning Division Manager Dana Eady  
Recording Secretary Kathleen Wilson  
Principal Planner Frank Albro  
Assistant City Attorney Heather Whitham  
Principal Civil Engineer Mark Mueller

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of Planning Commission minutes of December 7, 2022

**Action:** Approval of Planning Commission minutes of December 7, 2022

**VOTE: 4-0-0.** AYES: Commissioner Blanco, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Seifert, and Chair Dickerson; NOES: None; ABSTAINED: None. ABSENT: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES)**

No one present wished to speak.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. CONTINUED ITEM: OAKLEY COURT APARTMENTS PERMIT AMENDMENT AT THE 800 BLOCK OF SOUTH OAKLEY COURT.** Reconsideration of a Planned Development Permit (PD2019-0002) for the purpose of approving a Permit Amendment (A2022-0010) to extend the expiration date for the Oakley Court Apartments project to allow for the construction of 30 residential apartments on a 2.1-acre site in the PD/R-3 (Planning Development/High-Density Residential) district. Environmental review for this project was completed pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162 (previously adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration).

**STAFF: Mason Denning, (805) 925-0951, ext. 2418**  
[mdenning@cityofsantamaria.org](mailto:mdenning@cityofsantamaria.org)

**Action:** That the Planning Commission, by motion, approve Permit Amendment A2022-0010.

**VOTE: 4-0-0.** AYES: Commissioner Blanco, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Seifert, and Chair Dickerson; NOES: None; ABSTAINED: None. ABSENT: None.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **2. SMITH MEP, INC PERMIT AMENDMENT AT 1340 WEST BETTERAVIA ROAD.**

Consideration of a Planned Development Permit (PD2007-0026) Amendment (A2022-0012) for Smith MEP, Inc. to expand office space uses within an existing 22,600-square-foot building on a 2.8-acre site in a PD/CM (Planned Development/Commercial Manufacturing) district. This project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities).

**STAFF:** Mason Denning, 805-925-0951, ext. 2418

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**Action:** That the Planning Commission, by motion, approve Permit Amendment A2022-0012, as amended.

**VOTE: 4-0-0.** AYES: Commissioner Blanco, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Seifert, and Chair Dickerson; NOES: None; ABSTAINED: None. ABSENT: None.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** Election of Planning Commission officers for the 2023 calendar year.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Planning Commission elect members for the following positions:

1. Chairperson -- Tim Seifert
2. Vice-Chair -- Robert Dickerson

**APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES.** Appointment of Planning Commissioners to committees for the 2023 calendar year.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Planning Commission appoint one member to serve on each of the following committees:

1. Subdivision Review Committee -- Tim Seifert
2. Downtown Revitalization Committee -- Esau Blanco

Oral Reports from Planning Commission and staff

## **ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. to a study session on January 19, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Respectfully submitted,

DANA EADY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY