



City of Santa Barbara

DE LA GUERRA PLAZA REVITALIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA NOVEMBER 8, 2021

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

This meeting will be conducted electronically as described below.
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

City Council

Kristen Sneddon, Chair
Meagan Harmon

Planning Commission

Lesley Wiscomb, Vice Chair
Barrett Reed

Historic Landmarks Commission

Michael Drury
Steve Hausz

Parks and Recreation Commission

Beebe Longstreet
Roger Perry

Santa Barbara Certified Farmers' Market

Sam Edelman

Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

Anne Petersen, Ph.D.

ALTERNATE MEMBERS:

None

STAFF:

Brad Hess, Principal Project Manager
Sara Iza, Senior Planner
Joslyn Fritz, Engineering Technician

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sneddon opened the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Kristen Sneddon, Lesley Wiscomb, Meagan Harmon, Steve Hausz, Barret Reed, Michael Drury, Beebe Longstreet, and Anne Petersen, Ph.D.

Absent: Roger Perry and Sam Edelman

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Announcements

Mr. Hess stated that Roger Perry moved out of the City of Santa Barbara and is no longer on the Parks & Recreation Commission, and therefore no longer on that Committee. A replacement will be appointed at the next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

B. Agenda Review/Changes

III. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Present and discuss themes, ideas, and feedback from the public input questionnaire.

- B. Present and discuss summary of a parking and traffic study conducted by Associated Transportation Engineering in July of 2021.
- C. Present and discuss the revised concept plan for the Plaza.

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments from members of the community pertaining to items not on the agenda or on any subject within the jurisdiction of the advisory committee.

No public comments were made.

V. **AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. Mr. Hess presented on the public input questionnaire and summarized the results for the Committee.

Public Comment: No one from the public made a comment for this item.

- B. Mr. McKay, from RRM Designs presented the Parking and traffic study from July of 2021, providing the background and need for this additional study. Mr. McKay summarized the results of the study of regarding traffic volume, destinations of those parking in the Plaza, and parking structure occupancies of Parking Lots 2, 9, and 10.
 - Mr. Reed asked if the parking levels will stay the same, and suggested the assumption should be to use the higher numbers for projections.
 - Mr. Reed stated that a 30-unit development was recently approved using Lot 10 as the parking offset, asked if this development, as well as potentially others, was considered in the traffic study. Mr. Reed also asked what happens if someone pulls in off of Anacapa Street and the short-term parking is full.
 - Ms. Sneddon asked about the pedestrian flow, and traffic patterns and circulation, and how State Street could be used for deliveries.
 - Ms. Wiscomb asked about bike parking locations and asked if it would be sufficient.
 - Mr. Drury asked about the location of the parking spaces adjacent to City Hall.
 - Chair Sneddon asked if the accessibility committee would run this plan.

Public Comment: No one from the public made a comment for this item.

- C. Chair Sneddon asked Committee members to weigh in as to whether this project is ready to proceed to the Historic Landmarks Commission. The majority of Committee members voiced support of moving forward to the Historic Land Commission Concept Hearing and cancelling the December 17, 2021, Advisory Committee meeting.

Mr. McKay presented the revised concept plans for the Plaza, highlighting the Arcade, the landscaping plan in front of City Hall, and the public restrooms. Mr. Hess stated that there are items that need guidance from the Historic Landmarks Committee, and if there are items this Committee feels need refining prior to going to the Historic Landmarks Commission to please let the design team know.

- Commissioners Drury, Wiscomb and Reed spoke in support of it moving forward to the Historic Landmarks Commission. Mr. Reed asked about turning around in the parking area if all spaces are full; this will be studied and resolved.
- Mr. Hausz asked about the future plans for the Aloe plant on the corner of De La Guerra Street and Anacapa Street.
 - Mr. Hess stated this is a topic the design team would like to work with the Historic Landmarks Commission on as there are multiple options for resolving this issue.
- Chair Sneddon voiced support for the plan going to the Historic Landmarks Commission and expressed her reservations about the Arcade and the need for it.
- Commissioner Longstreet asked that the comments made by the Historic Landmarks Commission be brought back to the Advisory Committee for review and discussion.
 - Mr. Hess agreed that would happen and requested the Advisory Committee members please attend the Historic Landmarks Commission meeting to participate.

Public Comment:

Ms. Mary Louise Days asked a question regarding the historic plaque in the center of the plaza and the future location; Ms. Days also stated she has misgivings about the Arcade. Mr. Hess stated the plans for the plaques in the Plaza will be addressed through the Historic Landmarks Commission for location and appropriateness of tribute.

No other Public Comments

Chair Sneddon stated the reminder to honor the Chumash. Mr. Hess stated the art and cultural representation plan has not been completed.

VI. NEXT STEPS

Schedule Historic Landmarks Commission Concept Hearing.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sneddon adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.