



City of Hercules

Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission

111 Civic Drive
Hercules, CA 94547

Kenneth Morrison, Chair
Dion Bailey, Vice Chair
Irina Galieva, Commissioner
Hector Rubio, Commissioner
Susan Tolley, Commissioner

Monday, December 18, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Chair Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present 5 - Chair Kenneth Morrison, Vice Chair Dion Bailey, Commissioner Irina Galieva, Commissioner Hector Rubio, Commissioner Susan Tolley

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Called upon by Chair Morrison.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

None.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **17-512 Citywide Comprehensive Circulation Element Update to the City's General Plan**

After a yearlong effort of community reports and with community meetings in July, October, and December, taking into account the existing EIR, existing reports, and existing infrastructure the presentation will describe the project in more detail.

Planning Director Smyth introduces consultants including Josh Pilachowski and Erin Vaca from DKS, Victor Carniglia (project manager), Robert Reber (Assistant Planner), and Dan Doporto.

Recommended Changes from Q&A:

- Question 4: Open Space/Conservation needs to be amended to add Refugio Valley Road as Scenic road.
- Question 8: Reword Policy 1.F.2. on Truck Routes to allow better separation between bike/pedestrian and trucks.
- Modify policy 5.A.1 that City would “help direct employers to agencies and websites that can help increase their ridesharing and similar TDMs”
- Remove palm between Willow and Sycamore as Truck Routes.

- Table 5-1 add References to Figures 3-12 and 3-13 where appropriate.
- Goal 6 to improve congestion in school areas.
- On Figure 3-15 Emergency Access Routes, add "Goat Road" at Refugio Valley Road which is a fire road that connects to Alhambra Valley Rd.
- Add Policy 3.B.7 – "Entryway Signage should be added to key points of entry in the City."
- Clarify Policy 1.A.3 that VMT "in addition to LOS" would be used to determine a project's air quality impacts.

Planning Commission responds with comments and questions, answered by staff and consultants.

Recommendation: Conduct a Public Hearing and upon conclusion, either 1) adopt Resolution No. 17-09 recommending the City Council's adoption of the Updated Circulation Element and the adequacy of the Negative Declaration with direction on specific changes included, if needed or 2) provide direction to staff on changes/modifications to be made to the Circulation Element and continue the Public Hearing to the Planning Commission meeting of January 16, 2018.

Motion: Continue Public Hearing to January 16, 2018 meeting for the Hercules Circulation Element.

VI. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

None.

VII. PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning Director Smyth reported on upcoming events and the status of current projects.

VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of the Planning Commission provided reports and comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Morrison adjourned the meeting at 10:22 p.m.

Irina Galieva, Chair

Attest:

Holly Smyth, Planning Secretary / Planning Director