



**CHICO**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.**  
MUNICIPAL CENTER – 421 MAIN STREET – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

# Chico

## PLANNING COMMISSION

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**Posted:** May 15, 2020  
**Prior to:** 5:00 p.m.

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### Public Participation:

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Please step up to the podium microphone when addressing the Commission.

Each speaker will be asked to voluntarily state his/her name before speaking, and after speaking to voluntarily write his/her name on a record to be maintained by the City Staff.

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### Time Limit:

Presentations should be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes, unless otherwise determined by the Chair.

A speaker may not defer his/her time to other speakers.

Groups or organizations are encouraged to select a spokesperson to speak on their behalf. Each subsequent speaker is encouraged to submit new information, rather than repeating comments made by prior speakers.

### Written Material:

The Planning Commission may not have sufficient time to fully review written materials presented at the public hearing. Interested parties are encouraged to provide written materials at least eight (8) days prior to the public hearing to allow distribution with the Planning Commission's agenda packet to provide adequate time for review by the Planning Commission. Written materials submitted in advance of the public hearing must be submitted to the City of Chico, Community Development Department, 411 Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, or by mail to: P. O. Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927. Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Planning Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the Community Development Department at 411 Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chico, CA 95928 during normal business hours.

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Special presentations which include slides, films, etc. during the course of a meeting will only be allowed with **prior** approval of the Planning Commission.

### Business from the floor:

The Chair will invite anyone in the audience wishing to speak to the

Planning Commission to identify themselves and the matter

they wish to discuss which would involve matters not already on the posted agenda.

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### Agenda Items:

The agenda items will be considered in the order listed unless the Commission requests a change. In order that all items may be considered, any item may be continued to another meeting if it appears there will be insufficient time for full consideration of the item.

### Items Not Appearing on Posted Agenda:

This agenda was posted on the Council Chamber bulletin board at least 72 hours in advance of this meeting. For each item not appearing on the posted agenda, upon which the Planning Commission wishes to take action, the Commission must make one of the following determinations:

1. Determine by a majority vote that an emergency exists as defined in Government Code Sec. 54956.5.
2. Determine by a two-thirds vote, or by a unanimous vote if less than two-thirds of the Planning Commission is present, that need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the City subsequent to the agenda being posted.

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**CITY OF CHICO**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020**  
Municipal Center - 421 Main Street - Council Chambers - 6:00 pm

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** This meeting is being conducted in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20. The public may view the meeting on Comcast Channel 11 or [http://chico-ca.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=2](http://chico-ca.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2), with remote public participation allowed by submitting email with the subject line PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM, sent to [Zoning@chicoca.gov](mailto:Zoning@chicoca.gov) during the meeting, prior to the close of public comment on an item. The public is encouraged not to send more than one email per item and not to comment on numerous items in one email.

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Link: <https://tinyurl.com/y8xp2fb3>

Event (Meeting) Number: 965 061 910

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Event Password: 2020

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

1.2. Roll Call

**2. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

*All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a member of the Planning Commission. A member of the public may request that an item be removed, provided the item does not relate to a noticed hearing which has been closed to further public comment. **Items removed from the Consent Agenda will be considered immediately following the approval of the Consent Agenda.***

**3.1. Approval of Minutes**

March 5, 2020

#### **4. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

*Members of the public may address the Commission at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda, with comments being limited to three minutes. The Commission cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.*

#### **5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

##### *Public Hearing Guidelines*

- 1. Announcement of Ex Parte Communications*
- 2. Staff report (up to 15 Minutes)*
- 3. Commission discussion and/or questions of staff (10 minutes)*
- 4. Open hearing for public input (generally no longer than 60 minutes, but as determined by the Commission):*
  - Appellant/Applicant – 10 minutes*
  - Additional Speakers – 45 minutes*
  - Appellant/Applicant Rebuttal – 3 minutes, if granted*
- 5. Close the hearing to the public*
- 6. Commission discussion, motion and vote (20 minutes, or as determined by Commission)*

**5.1 Sierra Cascade (PM 20-01) 384 W. Lassen Avenue, APN 006-340-012: a proposal to use the City’s small-lot subdivision standards to divide an approximately 0.67 acre site into four parcels for residential development.** The site is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of West Lassen Avenue and Carlene Place. The site is designated Low Density Residential on the General Plan Land Use Diagram and zoned R1-AOD (Low Density Residential with Airport Overflight Zone D overlay). This project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15332 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (Infill Development Projects). **Questions regarding this project may be directed to Associate Planner Molly Marcussen at (530) 879-6808 or [molly.marcussen@chicoca.gov](mailto:molly.marcussen@chicoca.gov)**

**5.2 Subdivision 20-01 (Meriam Park North) Located generally north of Little Chico Creek, west of Bruce Road, south of Humboldt Road and east of Notre Dame Boulevard, APN 002-180-198: a request to divide approximately 73 acres of the previously approved 270 acre Meriam Park site into 238 lots.** The subdivision map would also establish a street network for this portion of the Meriam Park site north of the creek, and the parcels would subsequently be developed in compliance with the City’s form-based “Traditional Neighborhood Development” code. The site is designated Special Mixed Use on the General Plan Land Use Diagram and zoned Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND). Pursuant to Section 15162 of the California Environmental Quality Act, no subsequent environmental review is necessary, as there have been no substantial changes to the project which would require revisions of the existing Meriam Park Environmental Impact Report. **Questions regarding this project may be directed to Senior Planner Mike Sawley at (530) 879-6812, or [mike.sawley@chicoca.gov](mailto:mike.sawley@chicoca.gov)**

**5.3 Subdivision 19-04 (Meriam Park Phase EB) About 200 feet south of Little Chico Creek and about 500 feet East of Notre Dame Boulevard, APN 002-180-167: a request to divide a 3.66 acre remainder parcel from Subdivision Phase E of the previously approved 270 acre Meriam Park project.** The parcel would be divided into several Right-of-Way sections and 22 residential lots that would subsequently be developed in compliance with the City’s form-based “Traditional Neighborhood Development” code. The site is designated Special Mixed Use on the General Plan Land Use Diagram and zoned Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND). Pursuant to Section 15162 of the California Environmental Quality Act, no subsequent environmental review is necessary, as there have been no substantial changes to the project which would require revisions of the existing Meriam Park Environmental Impact Report. **Questions regarding this project may be directed to Associate Planner Dexter O’Connell at (530) 879-6810, or [dexter.oconnell@chicoca.gov](mailto:dexter.oconnell@chicoca.gov)**

**5.4 Text Amendment to the General Plan Safety Element Incorporating the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan:** On January 7, 2020, the Chico City Council adopted an updated Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), which identifies and profiles hazards, people and facilities at risk, and mitigation actions to reduce or eliminate hazards. Consistent with State legislation (Assembly Bill 2140), the City must adopt the LHMP by reference into the Safety Element of the General Plan in order to be eligible for future disaster relief funding from the State through the California Disaster Assistance Act. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed text amendment, which will be considered by Council at a subsequent noticed public hearing. The proposed General Plan text amendment is determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption).

A copy of the General Plan text amendment and all accompanying documents is available online at [http://chico.ca.us/planning\\_services/PlanningServicesHomePage.asp](http://chico.ca.us/planning_services/PlanningServicesHomePage.asp) or at the Chico Community Development Department office at 411 Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chico, California. **Questions regarding the General Plan amendment may be directed to Associate Planner Molly Marcussen at (530) 879-6808 or [molly.marcussen@chicoc.gov](mailto:molly.marcussen@chicoc.gov).**

**6. REGULAR AGENDA**

None.

**7. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

*These items are provided for the Commission's information. Although the Commission may discuss the items, no action can be taken at this meeting. Should the Commission determine that action is required, the item or items may be included for action on a subsequent posted agenda.*

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn to the Adjourned Regular Meeting of Thursday, June 4, 2020.