



# PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Regular Meeting  
August 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers  
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

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**CALL TO ORDER** – 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** – Bressler, Combs, Eiref (Chair), Ferrick, Kadvany, Onken (Vice Chair), Strehl

**INTRODUCTION OF STAFF** – Deanna Chow, Senior Planner; Arnold Mammarella, Contract Planner; Stephen O’Connell, Contract Planner; Thomas Rogers, Senior Planner

## **A. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Under “Reports and Announcements,” staff and Commission members may communicate general information of interest regarding matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission. No Commission discussion or action can occur on any of the presented items.

### **A1. Update on Pending Planning Items**

- a. General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) – City Council – August 19, 2014
- b. Commonwealth Corporate Center – City Council – August 19, 2014
- c. New Planning Staff

## **B. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1 (Limited to 30 minutes)**

Under “Public Comments #1,” the public may address the Commission on any subject not listed on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Commission and items listed under Consent. When you do so, please state your name and city or political jurisdiction in which you live for the record. The Commission cannot respond to non-agendized items other than to receive testimony and/or provide general information.

## **C. CONSENT – None**

Items on the consent calendar are considered routine in nature, require no further discussion by the Planning Commission, and may be acted on in one motion unless a member of the Planning Commission or staff requests a separate discussion on an item.

- C1.** Approval of minutes from the July 21, 2014 Planning Commission meeting ([Attachment](#))

## **D. PUBLIC HEARING**

**D1. Use Permit/Chris Spaulding/957 Rose Avenue:** Request for a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single family residence and detached garage, and construct a new two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to lot width and lot area in the R-1-U (Single-Family Urban) zoning district. As part of the proposal, the following two heritage trees are proposed for removal: 17-inch raywood ash located in the front-left yard, and a 23-inch saucer magnolia in the left-rear yard. ([Attachment](#))

**D2. Public Utility Easements and Emergency Vehicle Access Easement Abandonment/Greenheart Land Co./721-881 Hamilton Avenue:** Consideration of an abandonment of multiple public utility easements (PUE) and an emergency access easement (EAE) to determine whether the proposed abandonments are consistent with the City’s General Plan. The request is associated with the development of a new 195-unit multi-family residential complex at the site. ([Attachment](#))

**E. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**E1. Architectural Control/612 College, LLC/612 College Avenue:** Request for architectural control to demolish a single-family residence and detached garage/warehouse building, and construct a total of four new residential units within two three-story structures in the SP-ECR/D (El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan) zoning district. As part of the development, the following four heritage trees are proposed for removal: two cedar trees in poor condition along College Avenue, one multi-trunk elm in poor condition along the Alto Lane frontage, and one coast live oak in good condition at the middle of the parcel. ([Attachment](#))

**F. STUDY SESSION ITEMS**

**F1. R-4-S Compliance Review/Greystar GP II, LLC/3645-3665 Haven Avenue:** Study session to review a 146-unit, multi-family residential development on a 4.89-acre site relative to the development regulations and design standards of the R-4-S (High Density Residential, Special) zoning district. The Planning Commission's review is advisory only and will be taken into consideration as part of the Community Development Director's determination of whether the proposal is in compliance with the R-4-S development regulations and design standards. ([Attachment](#))

**G. COMMISSION BUSINESS – None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Future Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting	September 8, 2014
Regular Meeting	September 23, 2014
Regular Meeting	October 6, 2014
Regular Meeting	October 27, 2014

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