

RESOLUTION NO. 6359

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENLO PARK APPROVING THE UPDATE TO THE LAND USE ELEMENT AND CIRCULATION ELEMENT OF THE MENLO PARK GENERAL PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park recently updated the Housing, Open Space and Conservation, Noise, and Safety Elements of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use and Circulation Elements of the General Plan have not been updated since 1994 and the City desires to complete the next phase in its update of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, in December 2014, the City Council accepted the guiding principles for the ConnectMenlo General Plan Update, which were crafted through a rigorous community outreach and engagement process; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the acceptance of the guiding principles, the City embarked on a multi-year process to update the Land Use and Circulation Elements of the General Plan known as ConnectMenlo; and

WHEREAS, the ConnectMenlo General Plan and M-2 Area Zoning Update included over 60 organized events including workshops and open houses, mobile tours of the City of Menlo Park and nearby communities, informational symposia, stakeholder interviews, focus groups, recommendations by a General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) composed of City commissioners, elected officials, and community members, and consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council at public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the updated Land Use Element including the General Plan Land Use Diagram and the updated Circulation Element including the Circulation Diagram, attached hereto as Exhibit A, reflect the guiding principles, and input from the community and the GPAC; and

WHEREAS, the updated Land Use Element preserves the character of the existing residential neighborhoods within the City and focuses land use changes in the M-2 Area to promote a live, work, play environment; and

WHEREAS, the updated Circulation Element describes the distinct circulation issues and opportunities that Menlo Park will face, as well as the key strategies for addressing them;

WHEREAS, the community's vision for mobility in Menlo Park includes an increasingly important focus on walking, bicycling, and public transit in an effort to provide residents and employees transportation options and reduce the dependency on private automobiles; and

WHEREAS, all required public notices and public hearings were duly given and held according to law; and

WHEREAS, an Environmental Impact Report was prepared for the project, including the Land Use and Circulation Elements, and certified by the City Council on November , 2016, in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and CEQA Guidelines. Findings and a statement of overriding considerations were adopted by the City Council on November 1, 2016 by Resolution No. 6351; and

WHEREAS, after notice having been lawfully given, a public hearing was scheduled and held before the Planning Commission of the City of Menlo Park on October 19, 2016 and October 24, 2016 whereat all persons interested therein might appear and be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Menlo Park having fully reviewed, considered and evaluated all the testimony and evidence submitted in this matter voted affirmatively to recommend to the City Council of the City of Menlo Park to approve the updated Land Use Element and Circulation Element of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, after notice having been lawfully given, a public hearing was scheduled and held before the City Council of the City of Menlo Park on November 15, 2016 and November 29, 2016 whereat all persons interested therein might appear and be heard; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Menlo Park having fully reviewed, considered and evaluated all the testimony and evidence submitted in this matter voted affirmatively to approve the updated Land Use Element and Circulation Elements of the General Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Menlo Park hereby approves the update to the Land Use Element and Circulation Element of the General Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by this reference.

I, Pamela Aguilar, City Clerk of Menlo Park, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Council Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted at a meeting by said Council on the 29th day of November, 2016, by the following votes:

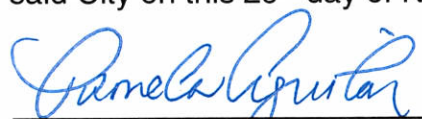
AYES: Cline, Carlton, Keith, Mueller, Ohtaki

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of said City on this 29th day of November, 2016.



Pamela Aguilar, CMC
City Clerk