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**CITY OF SIERRA MADRE  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting of  
Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chair Hutt called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Vice Chair Hutt, Commissioners Catalano, Denison, Desai, Frierman-Hunt  
**Absent:** Chair Spears, Commissioner Pevsner  
**Staff:** Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation  
Jennifer Peterson, Administrative Analyst  
Theresa Highsmith, City Attorney

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Catalano moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Denison seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2018**

Commissioner Denison moved to approve, Commissioner Catalano seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Barry Gold  
Ramona Ave.

Mr. Gold spoke on behalf of Preserve Sierra Madre. He expressed their gratitude to the Commission for their work. He stated that we currently have the best City Council ever. Mr. Gold encouraged voting to reelect the incumbent candidates.

**DISCUSSION**

1. REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 17.36 – “C”  
COMMERCIAL ZONE OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE AND RELATED  
ZONING PROVISIONS.

44 Acting Chair Hutt suggested format of review and taking comments. He also provided a  
45 synopsis of the methodology utilized by the subcommittee in the review and revision of  
46 the Commercial code.

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48 The Commission reviewed the draft revisions to the zoning code proposed by the  
49 subcommittee.

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51 Ramone Navarro  
52 Java Madre

53 Mr. Navarro spoke about his business and challenges in operating in the Commercial  
54 Zone. He expressed his desire to open his business in Sierra Madre. He also spoke of  
55 the potential of locating his business on E. Montecito.

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57 Barbara Leigh Kline  
58 Ms. Kline encouraged the Commission to take measures to safeguard sidewalk diners.  
59 She also reminded the commission to be mindful of CLIMB and to consider their special  
60 needs. Ms. Kline also inquired about laws regarding subterranean parking, and  
61 encouraged the Commission to provide for additional disabled parking.

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63 **ORAL COMMUNICATION**

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65 None.

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67 **Planning Commission**

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69 Commissioner Frierman-Hunt reminded the Commission to complete their form 700.

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71 Acting Chair Hutt stated that the Nonconforming Ordinance had been approved by City  
72 Council.

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74 **Staff**

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76 Director Gonzalez stated that staff is working on cases for both meetings in April.  
77 He also stated that the Commercial zone revisions could possibly be ready for  
78 consideration on April 19<sup>th</sup>, but most likely in May.

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80 Director Gonzalez also stated that the first meeting in June will most likely be cancelled,  
81 due to staffing constraints. He stated the second meeting in June will need to be  
82 determined.

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84 Acting Chair Hutt adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 10:25 p.m.

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88 Secretary to the Planning Commission  
89 Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning & Community Preservation