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**PLANNING COMMISSION
AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL - DE LA GUERRA PLAZA
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2007
** 3:00 P.M. ****

Please note different start time

Website: www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov

I. NOTICES:

- A. This regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be broadcast live and rebroadcast in its entirety on Friday at 6:00 p.m. and again on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on Channel 18.
- B. **AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Administrator's Office at (805) 564-5305. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements.
- C. This agenda schedule is subject to change. It is recommended that applicants and interested persons plan to arrive at 1:00 P.M. However, for longer agendas, all parties are encouraged to monitor Channel 18 and, when the item prior to the application of interest begins, come to the Commission hearing.
- D. The scope of a project may be modified as it proceeds through the planning process. If you have any questions, wish to review the plans, or wish to be placed on a mailing list for future agendas for an item, please contact City Planning staff at (805) 564-5470 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- E. **AGENDAS, MINUTES and REPORTS:** Copies of all documents relating to agenda items are available for review at 630 Garden St. and posted online at www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov. Please note that online Staff Reports may not include some exhibits.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

- A. Requests for continuances, withdrawals, postponements, or addition of ex-agenda items.
- B. Announcements and appeals.
- C. Comments from members of the public pertaining to items not on this agenda. [Due to time constraints, each person is limited to two (2) minutes.]

III. RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL

Upper State Street Study Report

The Upper State Street Study is a focused study of the commercial corridor to identify near-term improvements to benefit urban design and traffic circulation.

The *Upper State Street Study Report* discusses existing conditions and public comment received, and provides recommended amendments to development standards and design guidelines and circulation network improvements that could be done within the context of existing City land use and circulation policy. Urban Design topics addressed are area character, public streetscape, scenic views, open space, creeks, building setbacks, and building sizes. Transportation issues are intersection traffic levels, mid-block congestion and safety, pedestrian/bicycle, transit, and parking facilities. The *Study Report* also identifies longer-term future improvements to consider.

The Study Area includes properties fronting along both sides of a 1 ½ mile stretch of State Street within the 3100-3900 blocks, located between Highway 101/Calle Real on the west and De la Vina Street and Calle Laureles on the east.

Following a City staff presentation, the Planning Commission will take public comment, and provide Planning Commission recommendations to City Council on the Upper State Street Study.

Planners: John Ledbetter, Rob Dayton, Barbara Shelton, Beatriz Ramirez
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VII. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:

- A. Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Review of the decisions of the Staff Hearing Officer in accordance with SBMC §28.92.080.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING PROCEDURES

NOTE: State legislation requires persons who contributed \$250 or more to appointed members of boards or commissions within the past twelve (12) months to so inform the Chairman prior to speaking.

The public is invited to speak on any item on the Planning Commission Agenda. After receiving recognition from the Chairman, please approach the podium and speak into the microphone. State your name and purpose for appearing. Your name and comments will be entered into the public record.

The order of presentation after the Chairman introduces the item is as follows:

1. Presentation by Staff (15 minutes)*.
2. Presentation by Applicant (15 minutes)*.
3. Public Hearing*.
4. Additional response by Applicant/Staff (5 minutes each)*.
5. Questions and comments by the commission.
6. Commission consideration of Findings and Conditions of Approval.
7. Motion, discussion of motion, decision, and vote by the Commission.

***Time may be extended or limited by the Chair of the Planning Commission.**

Items that generate a large amount of citizen interest may be taken out of their scheduled order on the agenda as a courtesy to the public in attendance. Where there are a large number of people wishing to speak on an item, the Chairman may limit time allotted to each speaker.

Written testimony is invited and will be entered into the public record. Written information can be submitted prior to the meeting to the Planning Division Office, 630 Garden Street. Only one copy is required. Longer written statements must be submitted as early as possible to allow the Commission time to adequately consider the information. The preferred submittal time for written statements is Monday at noon for the Thursday meeting. Written statements submitted at the meeting are limited to two (2) pages and ten (10) copies are required.

It is not possible to determine the precise time an item will be heard. The Planning Commission sessions are broadcast live on the Government Access Television Channel 18. Monitoring will assist in determining when the item will come up. Any continued items are announced at the beginning of the meeting and repeated throughout the meeting by the Chairman.

Many of the items before the Commission may be appealed to the City Council. For further information on appeals, contact the Planning Division Staff or the City Clerk's Office. Any further information on the Planning Commission meeting procedures or agenda items may be obtained by calling the Planning Division at Phone 564-5470.

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