

**MEETING AGENDA  
CITY OF PLEASANT HILL PLANNING COMMISSION  
MARCH 27, 2012  
7:30 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**STAFF INTRODUCTIONS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public is welcome at this time to address the Planning Commission on any item, with the exception of items scheduled for Public Hearing at this meeting. Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. Any public comments made regarding an item pending before the Commission do not go into the public record of that item.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO EMERGENCY SHELTER FACILITIES, CITYWIDE (Continued from February 28, 2012, 60 Minutes)

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This continued public hearing will be conducted as a study session to consider proposed ordinance amendments pertaining to emergency shelter uses (the following Zoning Ordinance Chapters would be affected: Chapter 18.15, 18.20, 18.25, 18.55). *Emergency shelters* are defined by State law (Health & Safety Code Section 5081(e)) as: “housing with minimal supportive services for homeless persons that is limited to occupancy of six months or less by a homeless person...” The proposed ordinance amendment is to comply with State law (Section 65583 of the Government Code – SB2) that requires all jurisdictions to identify at least one zoning district where *emergency shelters* may be established by-right, subject to specific development standards. The amendment would also implement Housing Element Program 4.4 which requires the City to implement land use regulations for *emergency shelters* in compliance with State law. The proposed amendment would: a) designate *emergency shelters* as a use permitted by-right within the *LI-Limited Industrial* zoning district (note: *emergency shelters* are currently a conditionally allowed use within the *LI-Limited Industrial* zoning district); b) establish appropriate findings and development standards related to *emergency shelter* uses to ensure community compatibility; and c) incorporate various related amendments into corresponding sections of the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission will also consider the suitability of alternative zone districts where “by-right” approval of *emergency shelters* could be allowed and provide further direction to staff regarding the proposed ordinance amendment. No action on the proposed ordinance amendment will be taken at this study session. A future public hearing date will be set by the Planning Commission at the conclusion of the study session for further consideration of the proposed ordinance.

CEQA Determination: Exempt, Section 15061(b).3. The proposed activity is exempt from environmental review as there is no possibility for causing significant effects on the environment.

Project Planner: Greg Fuz, 925-671-5218, [gfuz@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](mailto:gfuz@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us)

2. PLN 11-0117, CONTRA COSTA INTERFAITH HOUSING – SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FACILITY, USE PERMIT AND REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION REQUEST, 2387 LISA LANE (45 Minutes)

[Staff Report](#)  
[Attachments A-B](#)  
[Attachments C-L](#)

Public hearing for a proposed use permit for conversion of the existing transitional housing facility to a supportive housing facility. The proposed project also includes expansion of the existing community building from 1,200 square feet to 3,938 square feet and adding a caretakers residence, thus, adding an additional dwelling unit for potential residents (for a total of 29 dwelling units). The applicant is also requesting reasonable accommodations from the following City requirements pursuant to PHMC Chapter 18.112 and State and Federal fair housing laws:

- Reduction in the rear yard setback requirement (from 15 feet to six feet and nine inches, see Section 18.20.030).
- Reduction in the required width of an interior yard planting areas (from 7.5 feet to six feet and nine inches, see Section 18.20.040.G).

The project site is located in the *MRH – Multiple Family- High Density Residential*. Assessor's Parcel Number 148-010-029.

CEQA Determination: Categorically Exempt, Class 1 (minor alterations to existing facilities) and Class 32 (infill project).

Project Planner: Troy Fujimoto, 925-671-5224, [tfujimoto@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](mailto:tfujimoto@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us)

3. PLN 11-0280, GOFORTH FENCE - MINOR VARIANCE REQUEST, 1912 GEARY ROAD (25 Minutes)

[Staff Report](#)  
[Attachments](#)

Public hearing for a proposed minor variance to allow a six-foot tall fence within the required 20-foot front yard setback at an approximate distance of three feet from the front yard property line. Section 18.20.040H of the Zoning Ordinance requires fences, located within the minimum 20-foot front yard setback, to be no more than three feet in height. The project site is located in the *R-10 – Single Family Residential, 10,000 square foot lots*. Assessor's Parcel Number 170-242-001.

CEQA Determination: Categorically Exempt, Class 3 (new accessory structure).

Project Planner: Jeff Olsen, 925-671-5206, [jolsen@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](mailto:jolsen@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us)

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. REVIEW OF PENDING PLANNING DIVISION APPLICATIONS

Staff will provide the Commission with a brief status report on active pending applications. At their discretion, Commissioners may ask questions and receive an update from staff regarding the status of any pending application.

2. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 10, 2012

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be on April 10, 2012. A draft agenda for this meeting, listing the scheduled agenda items, hearings, and discussion items, was included in the agenda packet for Commissioners to review. At their discretion, Commissioners may ask questions and receive a brief description from staff regarding the agenda.

3. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Staff may provide the Commission with a brief update on matters of general interest and/or suggest topics for consideration on future agendas.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. REPORTS from Commissioners on Meetings or Conferences Attended at City Expense.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS and comments from Commissioners.

Adjourn to a regular meeting of the Planning Commission on April 10, 2012, at 7:30 P.M., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 100 Gregory Lane.