



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.**

**AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS JR. COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1424 MISSION STREET, SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030**

**South Pasadena Planning Commission Statement of Civility**

*As your appointed governing board we will treat each other, members of the public, and city employees with patience, civility and courtesy as a model of the same behavior we wish to reflect in South Pasadena for the conduct of all city business and community participation. The decisions made tonight will be for the benefit of the South Pasadena community and not for personal gain.*

**NOTICE ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & ACCESSIBILITY**

The South Pasadena Planning Commission Meeting will be conducted in-person from the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr. Council Chambers, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030.

The Meeting will be available:

- In Person – Council Chambers, 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena
- Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83530439651> **Meeting ID: 8353 043 9651**

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- Go to the Zoom website, <https://Zoom.us/join> and enter the Zoom meeting information; or
- Click on the following unique Zoom meeting link:  
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<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b>	Chair	Laura Dahl
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Chair	Laura Dahl
	Vice-Chair	Lisa Padilla
	Commissioner	Amitabh Barthakur
	Commissioner	John Lesak
	Commissioner	Arnold Swanborn
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	Mayor	Jon Primuth

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Majority vote of the Commission to proceed with Commission business.

**DISCLOSURE OF SITE VISITS AND EX-PARTE CONTACTS**

Disclosure by Commissioners of site visits and ex-parte contact for items on the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES** (Public Comments are limited to 3 minutes)

The Planning Commission welcomes public input. If you would like to comment on an agenda item, members of the public may participate by one of the following options:

Option 1:

Participate in-person at the Council Chambers, 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena.

Option 2:

Participants will be able to “raise their hand” using the Zoom icon during the meeting, and they will have their microphone un-muted during comment portions of the agenda to speak for up to 3 minutes per item.

Option 3:

Email public comment(s) to [PlanningComments@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:PlanningComments@southpasadenaca.gov). Public Comments received in writing will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be part of the meeting record. Written public comments will be uploaded online for public viewing under Additional Documents. There is no word limit on emailed Public Comment(s). Please make sure to indicate:

- 1) Name (optional), and
- 2) Agenda item you are submitting public comment on, and
- 3) Submit by no later than 12:00 p.m., on the day of the Planning Commission meeting.

NOTE: Pursuant to State law, the Planning Commission may not discuss or take action on issues not on the meeting agenda, except that members of the Planning Commission or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising public testimony rights (Government Code Section 54954.2). Staff may be asked to follow up on such items.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. **Public Comment – General (Non-Agenda Items)**

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

2. **Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2020**
3. **Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2020**
4. **Minutes from the Special Meeting of November 17, 2020**
5. **Minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2021**
6. **Minutes from the Special Meeting of January 26, 2021**
7. **Minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2021**
8. **Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2021**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

9. **Project No. 2563-CUP** – A request for a Conditional Use Permit for the on-site sale and consumption of beer and wine (Type 41 ABC license) for an existing bona fide restaurant (Silverlake Ramen) located at 1105 Fair Oaks Avenue (APN: 5315-004-066). In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under Section 15301, Class 1 (Existing Facilities).

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt a Resolution taking the following actions:

1. Finding the project exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis based on State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1 – Existing Facilities.
2. Approve Project No. 2563-CUP, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

- 10. Project No. 2435-HDP/DRX/VAR** – A request for a Hillside Development Permit (HDP) and Design Review Permit (DRX) to add a 343-square-foot, first-story addition and a 585-square-foot, second-story addition to an existing 1,134-square-foot, one-story single-family dwelling, with an existing 350-square-foot basement located at 1808 Hanscom Drive (APN: 5308-018-025). The project also includes two Variance (VAR) requests: 1) To allow for a retaining wall that will exceed six (6) feet in height with the highest portion of the retaining wall being twelve (12) feet in height; and, 2) To allow for a deck that will exceed six (6) feet in height, the proposed deck is eight (8) feet and two (2) inches in height, as measured from grade to the top of the landing. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under Section 15301, Class 1 (Existing Facilities).

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt a Resolution taking the following actions:

1. Finding the project exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis based on State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1 – Existing Facilities.
2. Approve Project No. 2435-HDP/DRX/VAR, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**11. Comments from City Council Liaison**

**12. Comments from Planning Commissioners**

**13. Comments from Staff**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**14. Adjourn to the Regular Planning Commission meeting scheduled for October 10, 2023.**

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**



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*I declare under penalty of perjury that I posted this notice of agenda on the bulletin board in the courtyard of City Hall at 1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030, and on the City's website as required by law.*

*Matt Chang*

9/7/2023

Date

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Matt Chang, Planning Manager