



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

January 14, 2022

CELEBRATING NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

January 9, 2022 National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Thank you to the women and men in law enforcement, sworn and professional staff across the country and close to home who protect and serve our community 24/7. We appreciate you!



Local Cub Scouts Earn Forensics Badges

Recently, members of the Merced Police Department Crime Scene Response Team had fun helping a group of Cub Scouts earn their forensics badges.



Public Works in Action

Fire hydrant installation at Conestoga Ct.



Crews replaced a leaking 1” copper service line at Partridge Dr.



Crews repaired an irrigation leak behind Five Guys Restaurant



**Crews tapped for a new water main crossing
G Street just north of Yosemite Ave.**



**Crews replaced a damaged fire hydrant
at Columbia Ave.**



**Crews repaired a service leak near 8th
and S Streets.**



Crews repaired an irrigation leak at 3rd and S Street.



Meter installations continue in new subdivisions.



The Fleet Department received a new tilt trailer for Parks & Recreation.



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CITY OF MERCED

Merced Civic Center
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Merced Civic
Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

WELCOME TO THE MEETING OF THE MERCED PLANNING COMMISSION

At least 72 hours prior to each regular Planning Commission meeting, a complete agenda packet is available for review on the City's website at www.cityofmerced.org or at the Planning Division Office, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. All public records relating to an open session item that are distributed to a majority of the Commission will be available for public inspection at the Planning Division Office during regular business hours. The Planning Commission also serves as the Board of Zoning Adjustment and the Design Review/Historic Preservation Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT: OBTAIN SPEAKER CARD FROM THE CLERK

Members of the audience who wish to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a speaker card available at the podium against the right-hand side of the Council Chamber. Please submit the completed card to the Clerk before the item is called, preferably before the meeting begins. Speakers will be called up, 3 to 5 at a time, in the order in which the forms are received. Please use the microphone and state your name and city of residence for the record. For permits, licenses, and other entitlements, the applicant will be allowed 15 minutes (including rebuttal), the appellant/leader of the opposition will be allowed 15 minutes (including rebuttal), and all other speakers shall have 5 minutes each, unless the number of speakers is over 3, which in that case, comments shall be limited to 3 minutes each. For all other issues, for 3 or less speakers, 5 minutes each and for over 3 speakers, 3 minutes each shall be allotted. A timer clock is located above the City Council dais illuminating the remaining time. Once the buzzer sounds, please be courteous and conclude your remarks.

For at risk individuals of those not wanting to attend an in-person meeting during the current Covid-19 pandemic, please submit your public comment to the Planning Commission electronically no later than 1PM on the day of the meeting. Comments received before the deadline will be sent to the Planning Commission and will be part of the record and mentioned as part of the Public Comment portion of the agenda.

Material may be emailed to planningweb@cityofmerced.org and should be limited to 300 words or less. Please specify which portion of the agenda you are commenting on, for example, Report item # or Oral Communications. Your comments will be presented to the Planning Commission at the appropriate time. Any correspondence received after 1 PM will be distributed to the Planning Commission and retained for the official record.

You may provide telephonic comments via voicemail by calling (209) 388-7390 by no later than 1 PM on the day of the meeting to be added to the public comment. Voicemails will be limited to a time limit of three (3) minutes. Please specify which portion of the agenda you are commenting on, for example, Item #, Consent item #, or Oral Communications. Your comments will be played during the Planning Commission meeting at the appropriate time.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Accommodation for individuals with disabilities may be arranged by contacting the Planning Division at (209) 385-6858. Assisted hearing devices are available for meetings held in the Council Chamber.

A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1. Moment of Silence

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

B. ROLL CALL

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public who wish to speak on any matter not listed on the agenda may speak during this portion of the meeting and will be allotted 5 minutes. The Chairperson may, at their discretion, reduce the time to 3 minutes if there are more than 3 speakers, in order to accommodate as many speakers as possible. State law prohibits the Planning Commission from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the public comment period. Members of the public who wish to speak on a matter that is listed on the agenda will be called upon to speak during discussion of that item. Please submit a Request to Speak card prior to the item being called.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Adoption of the Consent Calendar may be made with one motion of the Planning Commission provided that any Planning Commission member, individual, or organization may request removal of an item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. If a request for removal of an item from the Consent Calendar has been received, the item will be discussed and voted on separately. With Consent items, there is generally no staff presentation but staff is available for questions.

D.1 22-071 **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of December 8, 2021

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of December 8, 2021

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of December 8, 2021

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

Members of the public who wish to speak on public hearings listed on the agenda will be heard when the Public Hearing is opened, except on Public Hearing items previously heard and closed to public comment. After the public has commented, the item is closed to further public comment and brought to the Commission for discussion and action. Further comment will not be received unless requested by the Commission.

E.1 22-024

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit Application #1262, initiated by Merced County Office of Education for Merced County Superintendent of Schools, property owner. This application involves a request to develop a new Charter School and Pre-School at 350 W. Yosemite Avenue. The subject site is generally located on the south side of West Yosemite Avenue, approximately 100 feet east of Beals Avenue, within a Low Density Residential (R-1-6) Zone with a Low Density Residential (LD) General Plan designation. *PUBLIC HEARING*

ACTION: Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #21-40 (Categorical Exemption)
- 2) Conditional Use Permit #1262

SUMMARY

Merced County Office of Education is requesting approval to operate a new elementary Charter School (Yosemite Education Center) and Pre-School at 350 W. Yosemite Avenue. Per Merced Municipal Code Land Use Table 20.08-1 -Permitted Land Uses in the Residential Zoning Districts, schools (public or private) are allowed in the Low Density Residential (R-1-6) Zone with conditional use permit approval from the Planning Commission. The 5.5-acre subject site is located in North Merced, south of Merced College. The subject site is partially developed, operated, and owned by Merced County Office of Education. Buildings and a new driveway would be added to the site to accommodate the new educational facilities. City staff have reviewed this request and are recommending approval with conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #21-40 (Categorical Exemption), and Conditional Use Permit #1262 including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B.

E.2 22-003

SUBJECT: Amendment to Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1314 for Yosemite & G, LLC., property owners; to subdivide Approximately 21.5 Acres of Land into 14 Lots; the Property has a Neighborhood Commercial (CN) General Plan designation, is Zoned Planned Development (P-D) #72, and is Generally Located at the Northeast Corner of Yosemite Avenue and G Street **PUBLIC HEARING**

ACTION: Approve/Disapprove/Modify
 1) Environmental Review #21-44 (CEQA Section 15162 Findings)
 2) Modifications to Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1314

SUMMARY

The project site is located at the northeast corner of Yosemite Avenue and G Street. The details of the proposed mixed-use development have changed through various actions of the developer and the City since Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1314 was approved, and this action seeks to update it to reflect those changes. The site of approximately 21.5 acres of land is proposed to be subdivided into 14 lots (Attachment 3).

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #21-44 (CEQA Section 15162 Findings) and the modifications to Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1314 (Yosemite Crossing), including the adoption of the Draft Resolution, subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B of Draft Resolution #4083 at Attachment A.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1 [22-072](#) **SUBJECT:** Report by Planning Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items

ACTION
 Information only.

F.2 [22-073](#) **SUBJECT:** Calendar of Meetings/Events

- Jan. 18 City Council, 6:00 p.m. (**Tuesday**)
19 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 7 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
9 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
22 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
22 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m. (*To be Rescheduled*)
23 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- March 7 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
9 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
21 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
23 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Encuesta de necesidades y reuniones de opinión de la comunidad del plan de acción anual de HUD 2022

UBICACIÓN

Ayuntamiento de
Merced / Centro Cívico
Salon Sam Pipes (1er piso)
678 W 18th St.
Merced, CA

FECHAS Y HORARIOS

Lun, 24 de enero de 2022
@ 6:00 pm,
Jueves 27 de enero de
2022
@ 6:00 pm,
Viernes 28 de enero de
2022

O HAGA LA ENCUESTA !!

¿Incapaz de atender?
Ayúdenos completando
la encuesta en línea. Para
acceder, escanee el
código QR con su
teléfono o use esta URL
del navegador de
Internet:

tinyurl.com/46frc5u9



(la encuesta cierra el 28 de
febrero de 2022)

¡Necesitamos saber de USTED!

El propósito de estas reuniones es reunir las necesidades y prioridades de los residentes de la Ciudad de Merced en cuanto a vivienda, servicios públicos y programas de desarrollo económico, y qué tipo de proyectos deben financiarse este año con fondos federales del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de EE. UU. (HUD), en línea con nuestro Plan Estratégico de 5 años. También proporcionaremos información a posibles organizaciones asociadas sobre cómo solicitar fondos del programa y los requisitos de HUD. ¡Por favor únete a nosotros! Elija entre tres días/horarios convenientes.



Para obtener más información, visite el sitio web: www.cityofmerced.org/housing; teléfono: (209)385-6863; o correo electrónico: housing@cityofmerced.org

Hay traducción disponible para las reuniones en español y hmong. Llame o envíe un correo electrónico con anticipación para coordinar: 209-385-6863 o housing@cityofmerced.org.



THE CITY OF MERCED HOUSING DIVISION INVITES RESIDENTS TO:



HUD 2022 Annual Action Plan Community Input Meetings & Needs Survey

LOCATION

Merced City Hall/Civic
Center
Sam Pipes Room (1st Floor)
678 W 18th St.
Merced, CA

DATES & TIMES

Mon, January 24th, 2022
@ 6:00 pm,
or
Thurs, January 27th, 2022
@ 6:00 pm,
or
Fri, January 28th, 2022
@ 2:00 pm

OR TAKE THE SURVEY!!

Unable to attend?
Please help us by
completing the online
survey. To access, scan
the QR code with your
phone, or use this internet
browser URL:

tinyurl.com/46frc5u9



(survey closes February 28, 2022)

We need to hear from YOU!

The purpose of these meetings are to gather City of Merced residents' needs and priorities for housing, public service, and economic development programs, and which type of projects should be funded this year with federal funding from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in line with our 5-Year Strategic Plan. We'll also be providing information to potential partner organizations on how to apply for program funding and HUD's requirements. Please join us! Choose from three convenient days/times.



For more information — website: www.cityofmerced.org/housing;
phone: (209)385-6863; or email: housing@cityofmerced.org

Translation is available for the meetings in Spanish and Hmong. Please call or email in advance to arrange: 209-385-6863 or housing@cityofmerced.org.



THE CITY OF MERCED INVITES YOU!

On behalf of the **CIRCLE** partnership, the **City of Merced** and **Rotary Community Corps**, we invite you to a local workshop to learn about **urban forestry!**

WHEN
Saturday, January 29, 2022

WHAT TIME
8 — 11am

WHERE
Applegate Park
Ed-zoo-cation Building
1045 W 25th St
Merced, CA 95340


**BECOME A
TREE LEADER
IN YOUR CITY!**

RSVP
Register at catree.us/dn5 or
Text/Call: (714) 926-0563
if you have any questions!



investfromthegroundup.org/





THE CITY OF MERCED INVITES YOU!



TO BECOME A TREE LEADER IN YOUR CITY!

WORKSHOP

The CIRCLE partnership is offering free tree education in Merced.

WHEN: Saturday, January 29, 2022

WHAT TIME: 8 - 11am

WHERE: Applegate Park Ed-zoo-cation Building, 1045 W 25th St, Merced, CA 95340

Register at catree.us/dn5 today!

ARBOR DAY

Join us and help plant 2,000 trees across California this spring! Find out more at investfromthegroundup.org/.

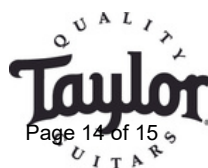
WHEN: Saturday, March 12, 2022

WHAT TIME: 9am - 12pm

WHERE: Applegate Park Zoo 1045 W 25th St, Merced, CA 95340

Questions? Contact the Grants Team!

Email: grantinfo@wcainc.com or Text/Call: (714) 926-0563





VALLEY CRISIS CENTER

A Program of Alliance for Community Transformations

SAVE THE DATE FOR
VALLEY CRISIS CENTER'S FREE

CALL TO ACTION HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS EVENT

— JANUARY 28 —

6 PM - 8 PM

Gateway Community Church
353 E. Donna Drive
Merced, CA 95340

Special Guests from the FBI, Madera
Police Department, and Stanislaus
County Sheriff's Department

Reserve your seat by calling (209)
725-7900 today!

Optional Virtual Link Available
After RVSP



Dignity Health
Mercy Medical Center