



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

March 18, 2022

In Recognition of Women's History Month Meet Officer Naomi Martinez

Officer Martinez has served the City of Merced as a police officer for six and a half years. Currently, she is the School Resource Officer (SRO) at Merced High School.

Born and raised in South Merced, Naomi recalls catching the bus to school in front of the Merced Police Department's South Station. "I had really good contact with police officers from a young age," she said. "I have strong ties to our South Merced Community. I learned how to swim at McNamara Community Pool, participated in a youth police program (how can anyone not appreciate or remember McGruff the Crime Dog), and I was a student-athlete in youth wrestling programs for more than seven years.

Naomi attributes her drive to her father. "My dad inspired and taught me to have the strength to create opportunities where I could make a difference. He encouraged and motivated me to make the same difference and impact in a child's life as I experienced," she said.

Prior to her current SRO role, Officer Martinez worked patrol in South Merced and served as a Field Training Officer working with the department's newly hired officers in training. Additionally, Martinez is an Arrest and Control Instructor on the Arrest and Control Team and is a SWAT Team member.

Officer Martinez enjoys building relationships with youth in our community. As a school resource officer, she can connect with teens to create mentoring relationships. "Being able to connect with kids going through challenges and just talking with them as human beings is motivating for me. I want kids in our community to know how important they are and that they have opportunities."

When not at work, Naomi loves the time she is able to spend with her daughter. As a single parent, Naomi says she's learned to prioritize what's most important to her, which is her family. "I want my daughter to know that she can do anything she wants to as long as she sets her mind to it and doesn't give up. I have my dad to thank for that!"



Thank you, Officer Naomi Martinez for making a difference in our community.

To continue with our tribute to Women's History Month, tune into 1480kyos.com this Saturday morning, March 19th between 7 to 10 a.m. to hear **Officer Jennifer Shaw** as she gives an update on her assignment supporting the Downtown Merced Business Community.



Jr. Warriors Youth Basketball League Completes a Successful Season

Last week, the City of Merced Jr. Warriors Youth Basketball league completed another successful season. The Boys JV and Varsity teams had 100 players compete. The Coed Pee Wee League hosted 80 players, and the Tiny Tots League had 120 young athletes playing this season. The return of the Girls League saw nearly 50 players grades 5th – 8th participate in the inaugural season. This year, the basketball program was so extensive another gym was added to accommodate the Tiny Tots and Girls Leagues. Tiny Tots and Girls leagues played at the Rivera Middle School gym. Other league games were played at the McCombs Youth Center at the Boys and Girls Club of Merced County.

PEE WEE (3RD & 4TH Grades)



TINY TOTS (Kinder – 2ND Grades)



VARSITY
(7TH & 8TH Grades)



JV (5TH & 6TH Grades)



GIRLS LEAGUE



Merced Youth Council Park Cleanup

The Merced Youth Council recently gathered with city residents. As a result, it gave "The Love Veasley" Park, located at W. 6th & Canal St., a facelift, adding vibrant colors as community residents walked by in "Awe." This recent clean-up was the Council's 2nd time painting the park since 2018. The Council's last park clean-up will be April 30th, at Carol Gabriault Park, located at 1875 Willowbrook Park.

Merced
Community Clean Up Day
SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH | 8 - 11 AM



Joe Herb Park
Golden Valley Area
BRING GARBAGE BAGS, GLOVES, TRUCKS AND TRASH GRABBERS

Meet at 274 Parsons Ave, Merced at 8 AM, April 9th.
Lunch at 11 AM



Save the date for our next community park clean up at Joe Herb Park.



Spring 2022 Adult Softball in Full Swing

The Spring Adult Softball League (formerly Adult Summer Softball) began on March 15th. Spring league teams are returning to the diamond for the first time since March 2020, when Covid-19 shut down the program.

Nearly 50 teams have registered to play in this season’s league.

League divisions include Coed, Men’s, Open (Industrial), and Women’s. Players must be over 18 and out of high school to participate. The league will run from March through May and include two weeks of playoffs.

Community Events at the Merced Senior Center

The Merced Senior Center and Senior Community offer a variety of classes for Seniors in the City of Merced. All programming is designed for seniors and run by senior volunteers. The Center welcomes volunteers. The Merced Senior Community hosts a live band dance every fourth Sunday of the month, located at the Merced Senior Community Center at 755 W. 15th street, in Merced, from 2 -5 pm.



Merced Senior Community Center

755 w 15th street

\$8 entry fee

2pm - 5pm

(doors open at 1:15pm)

January 23

February 27

March 27

April 24

May 22

June 26

July 24

August 28

September 25

October 23

December 11 (Holiday Dance)

for more information call:
(209)723-0839 or (209) 628-0863

Crews completed five repairs at 18th and P St. and Cameron Lane and Bear Creek Dr.



Bellevue Ranch Landscape Improvements

The City hired contractor, Elite Landscape, continues with work in the Bellevue Ranch area. This week crews spread mulch throughout the planted areas.



Confined Space/ SSO (Sanitary Sewer Overflow) volume estimation training at the WWTP



Public Works in Action
Tree crews stump grinding at Applegate Park.



Sewer/Storm crews have started the annual discing of City lots.



Streets crews repairing a damaged signal at Bellevue and Barclay.



#120044 – B Street Improvements Childs Ave. to E. 15th St.

Rolfe Construction, Inc. electricians installing conduit for new street lights.

This project is approximately 25% complete.



#121034 - McNamara Park Playground
Miracle Playsystems, Inc. demoing out old playground equipment.

This project is approximately 5% completed.



Construction Projects

1. 117039 - G Street Improvements Childs Ave. to 13th St.
2. 119042 – CMAQ (048) John Muir Sidewalks
3. 119070 - CMAQ (052) Sidewalks 7th St., 8th St. and Linda Ln.
4. 120044 – B St. Improvements – Childs Ave. to E. 15th St.
5. 121034 - McNamara Park Playground
6. 122012 – Fahrens Park Playground
7. 122049 – Dog Park

Projects in Design

1. 113002 - R Street - 16th to 18th Street (90%)
2. 114049 - Highway 59 and 16th Street Signal and Channelization (95%)
3. 119025 - Orchard Avenue Sewer (95%)
4. 119043 - CMAQ (049) Motel Drive (95%)
5. 119069 - CMAQ (050) Sidewalks R St., S St., and Stuart Dr. (10%)
6. 120043 - CMAQ (051) Sidewalks Olive Ave., Parsons Ave. and Alexander Ave. (90%)
7. 121044 - CMAQ (055) Nottingham Sidewalks (95%)
8. 121045 - CMAQ (057) Merced North Transit Hub (95%)
9. 120003 – 18th St. – R St. to V St. (20%)
10. 120009 - Yosemite Ave. - Parsons to Mansionette (10%)
11. 120064/120065 - Highway 59 Widening & Black Rascal Creek Bridge (24%)
12. 122033 – Bel Air Sewer Line (30%)
13. 122050 - R St. – Olive Ave. to Northwood Dr. (15%)
14. 122013 – Regional Park Restrooms (70%)

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

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CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

7:00 PM

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

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Pursuant to Assembly Bill No. 361, there may be Commission Members participating virtually for this meeting. Members of the public may participate in-person. Should any Commission Member attend virtually, all votes for this meeting will be taken via rollcall.

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 [planning web.org](mailto:planning@web.org) and should be limited to 300 words or less. Please specify which portion of the agenda you are commenting on, for example, 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 [22-219](#) **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of March 9, 2022

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of March 9, 2022

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of March 9, 2022

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 [22-200](#) **SUBJECT:** General Plan Amendment #22-02 and Zone Change #430, initiated by Visionary Homes on behalf of Evan R. Rahilly and Marlea Massey, Trustees, property owners, for approximately 4.59 acres of land generally located on the east side of Parsons Avenue, approximately 300 feet south of Yosemite Parkway. The General Plan Amendment would change the General Plan land use designation from Thoroughfare Commercial (CT) to High-Medium Density (HMD) Residential. The Zone Change would change the Zoning designation from Thoroughfare Commercial (C-T) to Medium Density Residential (R-3-1.5). These changes would allow the construction of a 108-unit apartment complex, including a community building for the tenants, and associated parking. ****PUBLIC HEARING****

ACTION:

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Recommendation to City Council

- 1) Environmental Review #22-14 (*Mitigated Negative Declaration*)
- 2) General Plan Amendment #22-02
- 3) Zone Change #430

CITY COUNCIL:

Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #22-14 (*Mitigated Negative*)

Declaration)

2) General Plan Amendment #22-02

3) Zone Change #430

SUMMARY

This is a request to amend the General Plan land use designation from Thoroughfare Commercial (CT) to High-Medium Density (HMD) Residential and to change the Zoning designation from Thoroughfare Commercial (C-T) to Medium Density Residential (R-3-1.5) for a parcel generally located on the east side of Parsons Avenue, south of Yosemite Parkway (Hwy 140). These changes would allow the construction of a 108-unit affordable housing project within a gated community.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend approval to the City Council of Environmental Review #22-14 (*Mitigated Negative Declaration*) and General Plan Amendment #22-02 and Zone Change #430 (including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A) subject to the conditions in Exhibit A, the findings/considerations in Exhibit B, and the Mitigation Measures in Exhibit C, of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A.

E.2 [22-204](#)

SUBJECT: Density Bonus #22-01, initiated by Visionary Homes of California, LLC, on behalf Evan R. Rahilly and Marlea Massey, Trustees, property owners. This application involves a request to consider concessions and waivers to certain Design Standards for Multi-family Dwellings. The concessions and waivers would allow the construction of a 108-unit affordable apartment complex on approximately 4.59 acres of land generally located on the east side of Parsons Avenue, approximately 300 feet south of Yosemite Parkway (Hwy 140).

ACTION:

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Recommendation to City Council

1) Environmental Review #22-17 (Categorical Exemption)

2) Density Bonus Application #22-01

CITY COUNCIL:

Approve/Disapprove/Modify

1) Environmental Review #22-17 (Categorical Exemption)

2) Density Bonus Application #22-01

SUMMARY

This is a request to consider Density Bonus #22-01 which approves concessions and waivers to certain Design Standards for Multi-family Dwellings to allow the construction of a 108-unit affordable apartment complex with five three-story buildings and a single-story community/office building on approximately 4.59 acres of land generally located on the east side of Parsons Avenue, approximately 300 feet south of Yosemite Parkway (Hwy. 140). Staff is recommending the Planning Commission recommend approval to the City Council. No public hearing is required per state statues or local ordinances.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend approval to the City Council of Environmental Review #22-17 (Categorical Exemption) and Density Bonus #22-01 (including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A) subject to the findings/considerations in Exhibit A of the Draft Resolution.

E.3 [22-188](#)

SUBJECT: Commercial Cannabis Business Permits #21-01, and #21-06, initiated by Quality Yield Cultivation, LLC. on behalf of Hyway 59 Properties, LP, property owner. These applications are to permit indoor cultivation, and distribution of cannabis and cannabis-based products at 2777 N. Highway 59, Bldg. D, using an existing building on approximately 22.4 acres. The property is zoned Heavy Industrial (I-H), with a General Plan designation of Manufacturing Industrial (IND). **PUBLIC HEARING**

ACTION: Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #21-15 (*Categorical Exemption*)
- 2) Commercial Cannabis Business Permit #21-01
- 3) Commercial Cannabis Business Permit #21-06

SUMMARY

This application is for two permits to utilize the property at 2777 N. Hwy 59, Bldg. D, for cannabis-related business activities. Because these permits are both sought by the same business for the same property, they are both summarized in this report. The permits seek to allow Quality Yield Cultivation, LLC. to operate indoor-cultivation and distribution facilities for cannabis and cannabis-related products. The project proposes to use and modify an existing building, which has access to utilities. Staff is recommending approval.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #21-15 (*Categorical Exemption*), and Commercial Cannabis Business Permits (CCBP) #21-01 and CCBP #21-06, subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1 [22-218](#) **SUBJECT: Report by Planning Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items**

ACTION

Information only.

F.2 [22-220](#) **SUBJECT: Calendar of Meetings/Events**

- March 21 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- April 4 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 6 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m.
- May 2 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 4 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT



MERCED SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

755 W. 15TH STREET

(209) 385-8803

Monday - Thursday

9am - 1pm

MEETINGS

- SENIOR INC. BOARD
- SOUTH MERCED
COMMUNITY
- SENIOR SOCIAL

DANCE CLASSES

- LINE DANCING
*BEGINNER
*INTERMEDIATE
- PARTNER DANCE

ACTIVITIES

- MAT YOGA
- CHAIR YOGA
- PINOCHLE
- BRIDGE
- LINE DANCING
- WRITERS CLUB
- OH HELL/ TRAIN
- CANASTA
- TAI CHI
- BINGO

The Merced Senior Community Center
provides various activities and services
throughout the year.

*AARP TAX AIDE PREPARATION
February - April
(Wed. & Fri. Only)

Newsletter

www.bgcmerced.org
615 W. 15th St. Merced, CA 95340
(209) 722-9922



Susan Walsh, community member, with the YDP staff. She dropped off a copy of her book, "Benny, The Librarian, & The Dog That Needed A Home." Thanks so much for visiting us!



PSSSST, DID YOU KNOW?
In the month of February we had 33 new enrollments, whoo hoo!

Presidents Week was enjoyed by club members. The highlight was our field trip to Applegate Zoo



\$720 of \$2,000 was used for Presidents Week Camp



43 registered club members



Our first Girl Scouts (information) meeting was a success! Here are a few fun facts about Leadership Outcomes. Girl Scouts are more likely than non Girl Scouts to:

- Have a strong sense of self (80% vs. 68%)
- Have positive values (75% vs. 59%)
- Seek challenges and learn from setbacks (62% vs. 42%)
- Develop and maintain healthy relationships (60% vs. 43%)
- Exhibit community problem-solving skills (57% vs. 28%)

If you would like to get your child involved please contact the club for more details
 209 722-9922
 and...IT'S COOKIE SEASON!!!!

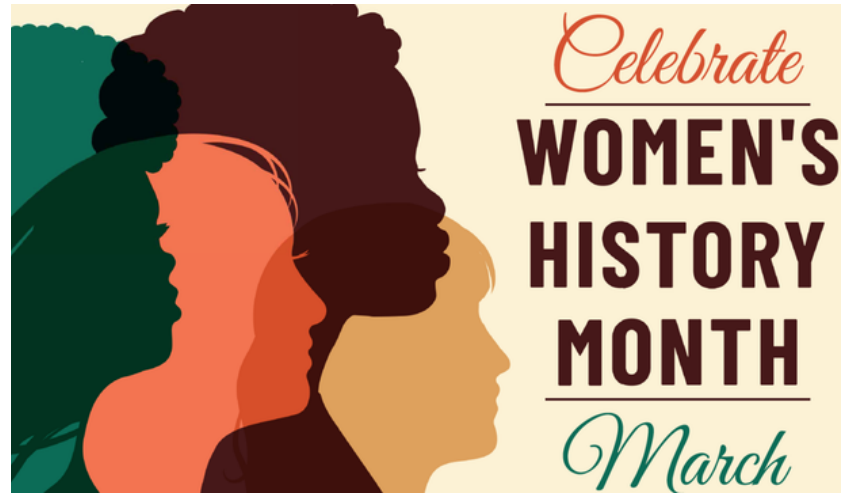


Fun fact about St. Paddy

Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick, is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick, the foremost patron saint of Ireland



Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society.



SEE-EO's CORNER



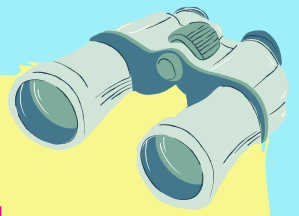
There are so many amazing things happening at the Boys and Girls Club as we "march" into March! We are kicking off Women's History month by embracing literacy and reading about the contributions made by brave, trailblazing women who have shaped our American "her"story. In our effort to continue the legacy of women's achievements, we are committed to developing the talents of our very own young girls to lead in the 21st century and have established a new partnership with Girl Scouts of Central California, whose values are aligned with ours. This partnership will enhance our existing Boys and Girls Club programs by bringing another layer of leadership development and a lifetime of a global network of sisterhood.

In addition to our focus on reading, we have partnered with our local *Bank of America* to provide a lesson on basic currency and arithmetic through financial literacy. Members will earn as they learn and will have a chance to apply their learning by purchasing items directly from our Club Store.

Whether it is by the luck of the Irish or the luck in believing we're lucky, we believe that we can make our own luck.

Park Crawl

Scavenger Hunt



Over
\$2,000 in
Raffle Prizes!



Free Food
for the first
150 Families!

Saturday, March 19
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Rossotti Ed-Zoo-Cation Center
Applegate Park Zoo
1075 W. 25th street

Use treasure map to find clues
Explore Applegate Park & Zoo
Earn candy, freebies & raffle tickets
Chances to win multiple prizes

Covid 19 Vaccine Clinic On-Site

- Parent or guardian must be present for children under 18
- bring your ID or any other form of identification
- Vaccines are eligible for adults and children ages 5 and older
- Pfizer booster vaccines are available to all eligible individuals - Please bring your vaccine cards

bit.ly/MercedPfizerClinic

For Clinic Information: 209-777-9898



Parks & Recreation
Hours: (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM)
209-385-6855



MERCED COUNTY

naeyc[®]

Week of the Young Child[®] Event 0- age 5



Free Event, Games, Community Resources, Family Fun
Free Food-First Come, First Serve, While Supplies Last

Applegate Park

1045 W 25th St, Merced, CA 95340

Saturday April 09, 2022

9:00 AM -2:00 PM



Head Start
Merced County Office of Education

MERCED
COLLEGE

