



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

July 29, 2022

Mutual Aid

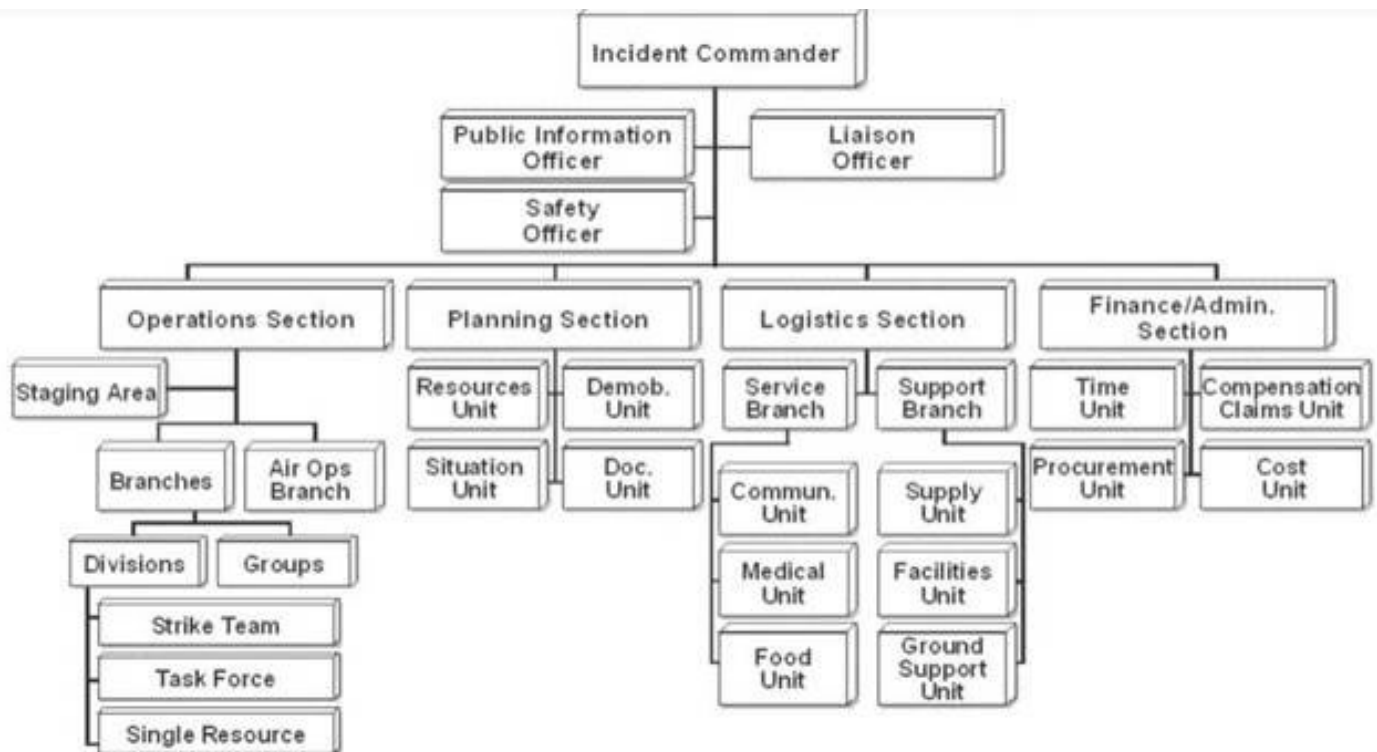
As part of the California Master Mutual Aid System, Merced Firefighters responded to assist at the Oak Fire in Mariposa County. The Merced Fire Department has nine personnel assigned to the incident. Six personnel are assigned to engines, two strike team leaders, and one division supervisor. As of July 28th, the fire was 19,156 acres and 39% contained. Cal Fire is has reported 77 single-residence structures destroyed. The Incident Command Post (ICP) has been established at the Merced Fairgrounds and supports more than 3,750 personnel.



Oak Fire Incident Command Post (ICP)

An Incident Command Post (ICP) is established at nearly every incident. The size and complexity of the ICP vary greatly depending on the need of the incident. The Oak Fire is classified as a Type I incident, meaning it has the highest level of complexity according to National Incident Management System Complexity Guide. The ICP includes all essential functions that support the incident needs.

The Incident Commander (IC) is ultimately responsible for the four main sections of the Incident Command System (ICS), operations, planning, logistics, and finance/administration. Within each area, there is support for various incident needs such as food, showers, sleep trailers, supplies, communications, medical, mechanical, timekeeping, and cost. Personnel assigned to suppression of the fire typically work 12 or 24-hour shifts. Upon completion of the change, personnel will report to ICP for supplies, subsistence, rest, and briefings in preparation for the following shift.



Fire Crews Respond to Accidents

Truck 51 B Shift (T51B) responded to a vehicle accident. (Picture to the right). The occupant was trapped inside. The crew cut off the door and removed the patient for proper medical treatment. Having the correct tools on the crew's equipment is critical.



This downed utility pole (pictures below) resulted from a vehicle accident where multiple power poles were damaged. The vehicle fled the scene, so crews were unaware of injuries, and power was out in areas of the city for a couple of hours.



H.I.T.S

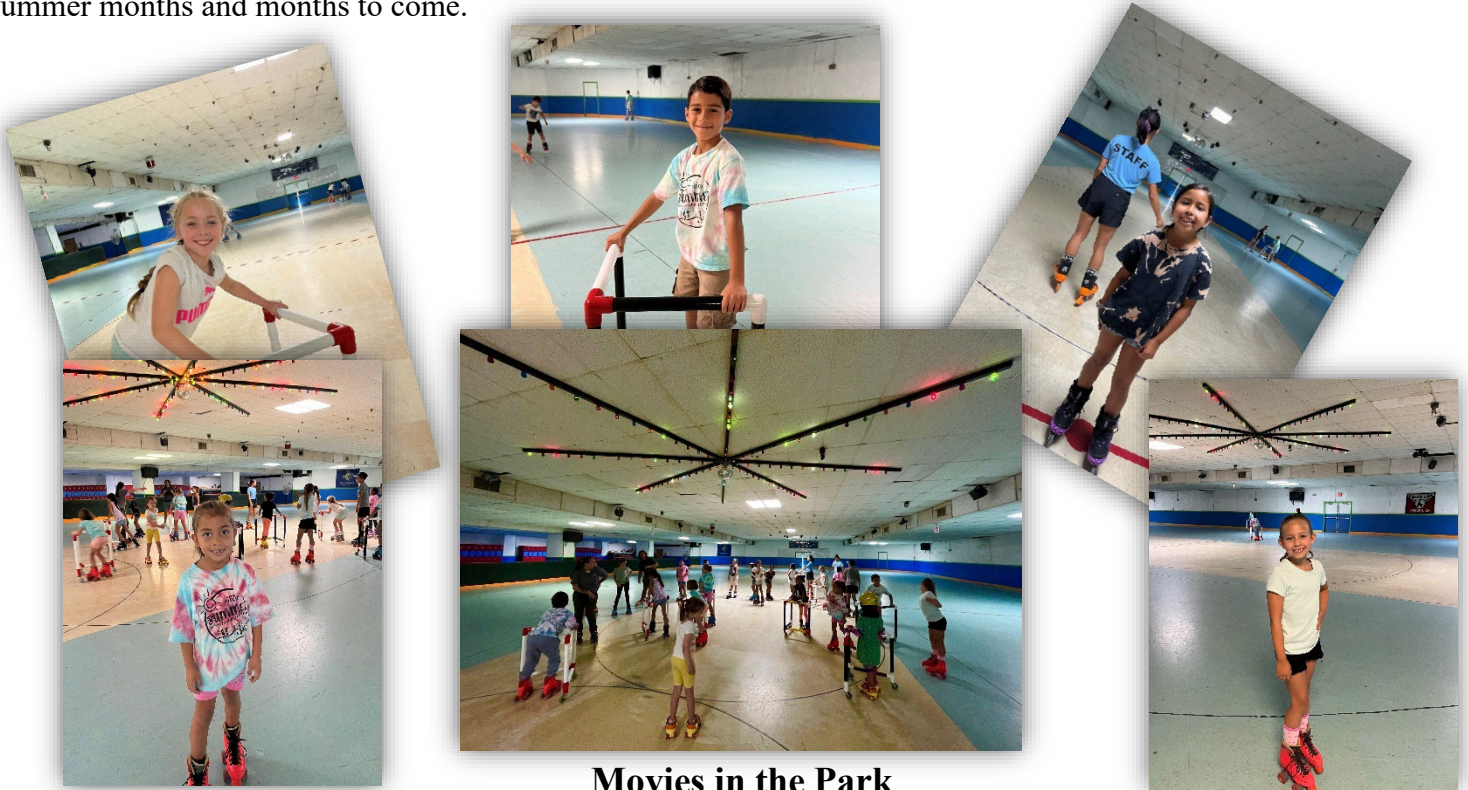
The Parks & Recreation Tennis H.I.T.S. program ended its final session of the summer on Thursday, July 28th. The program concluded with a fun celebration with participants from all sessions.

Many participants from last year's H.I.T.S program returned because of their interest in learning more about the sport and using their skills during match play with others. Everyone finished the program with new and improved skills and knowledge of techniques, including forehand, backhand, serves, and volleys, and excitement for next summer's H.I.T.S program, which will continue to focus on fun and the fundamentals of Honesty, Inspiration, Teamwork, Sportsmanship, H.I.T.S.



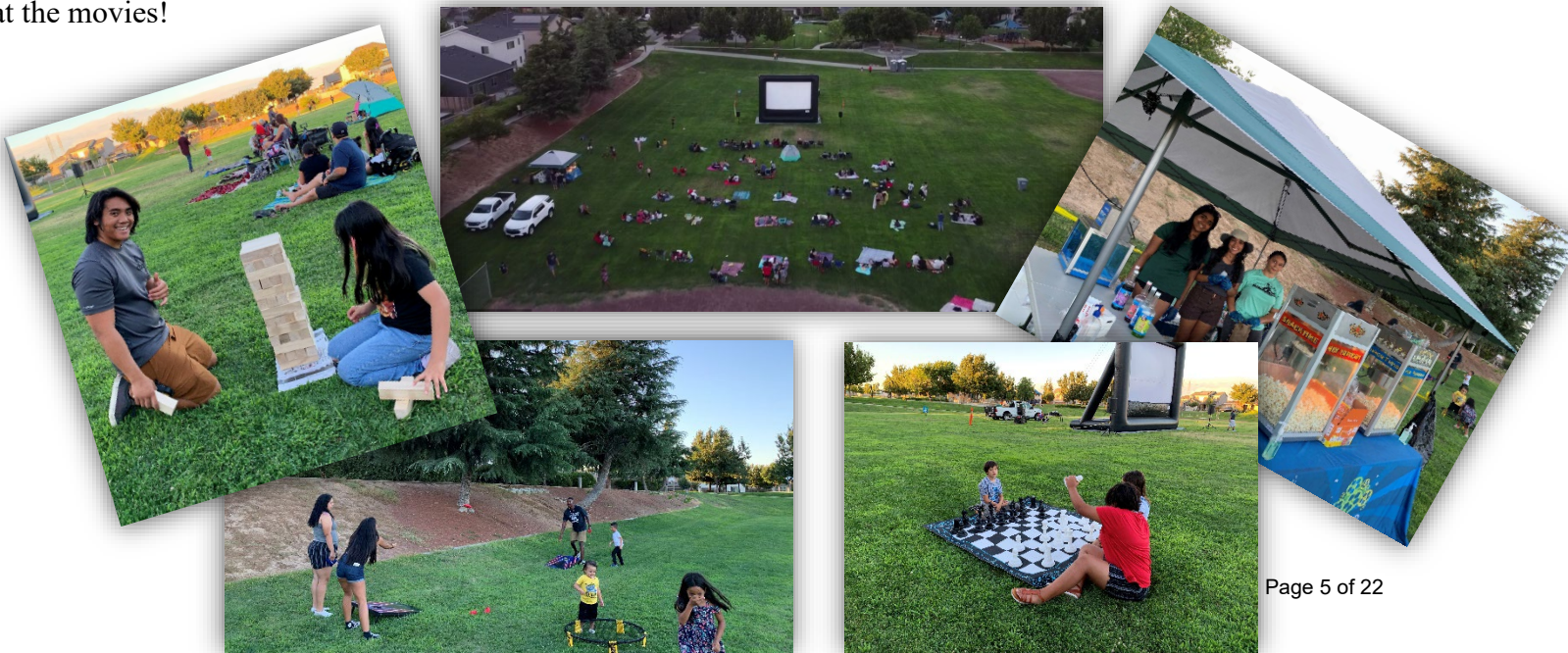
Another Successful Parks and Recreation Summer Playground Program

Merced Parks and Recreation Summer Playground Program successfully concluded this week with activities at Roller Land and Kiwanis Kiddieland at Applegate Park. Parks and Recreation Staff made sure all participants enjoyed fun and engaging activities like dodge ball, flag tag, painting with a local artist, basketball, zoo visits, and much more. Thank you to all Parks and Recreation staff for mentoring and supporting our community's youth throughout these summer months and months to come.



Movies in the Park

On Friday, July 22nd, Merced Parks and Recreation hosted Movies in the Park at Richard Bernasconi Park. More than 200 community members enjoyed an evening with family while watching Disney's Jungle Cruise. The evening weather was mild, and community members enjoyed yard games, dancing to the music before the movie, and popcorn and snowcones during the show. Get ready for the movie Luca on Friday, August 5th, at McNamara Park. The park is located at 1040 Canal Street. By the way, McNamara Pool is open for community swim Thursdays through Fridays from 1-6 pm. See you at the movies!



Go Giants!

The Merced Parks and Recreation Junior Giants Program wrapped up another successful eight-week season. There were 330 youth participants. Coaches, players, team parents, and spectators endured summer heat that didn't take away from a fun filled program. The program ended with a BBQ where everyone enjoyed grilled hotdogs and ice cream. The Parks and Recreation team is thankful for the program's Giants Community Fund Ambassadors and Vista Ambassador, Fritzi Martinez, Susie Lopez, and Commissioner Irene Segura.

The team also recognizes Willie Mac Award winners Sonia Zaragoza and Michael George. These lucky community members will have dinner at Oracle Arena, meet Hall of Fame players, receive an engraved baseball bat, and participate in a field walk-on event.

Recipients of the Willie Mac award earn the honor by meeting the program's four bases: Honesty, Integrity, Teamwork, and Leadership. For example, Coach Zaragoza went above and beyond by volunteering to coach and mentor two teams. She also helped with outreach and recruited additional volunteers and players. In addition, our youth winner showed good sportsmanship and a positive attitude for the game and his teammates.



More Summer Youth Programming Fun



South Merced Station Open House

On Saturday, July 23rd, Merced PD hosted a successful open house at the department's south Station. Many community members met officers, toured the facility, and asked questions while enjoying a few grilled hotdogs. Merced PD thanks everyone who participated in the event. The South Station is located at:

470 W. 11th Street
Merced, CA 95340
(209) 385-6912



Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for July 11th, 2022 through July 24th, 2022

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **0**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **125**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **18**

Multi-Family Dwelling (MFD) permits in review:

- Gateway Terrace Apartments located at 405 W 12th St; one office/lounge and six two-story apartments: two buildings have 16 units, three buildings have 30 units, and one building has four units for a total of 126 units.
- Compass Pointe phase II: 112 units in 12, 8-plex buildings, plus a clubhouse.
- A fire damage repair is also adding an ADU located at 1740 Shirley St.
- Gateway Commons Apartments located at 3130 E. Gerard Ave.; one community building, five buildings with 16 units, and five buildings with 24 units for 200 units, plus 31 garage structures.

MFD permits issued:

- A 2,324 SF duplex that was destroyed by a fire is being rebuilt at 3240 Nashville Ct.

Commercial & Industrial permits issued:

- There were 0 new construction commercial permits issued during this period.
- There were 4 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for an expansion at Mix Bakery located at 1112 W. 16th St., one for a remodel at Village Liquors located at 2939 G St., one for a 3,332 office remodel located at 3185 M St., and one for a 2,200 SF Starbucks located at 856 S Coffee St.

Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There was 1 new construction commercial permit submitted during this period; for a 6,500 SF convenience store shell with a 5,400 SF fuel dispenser canopy.
- There was 1 new tenant improvement permit submitted during this period; for a 9,216 SF medical office remodel at Patients First located at 394 E. Yosemite Ave. Ste 200.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

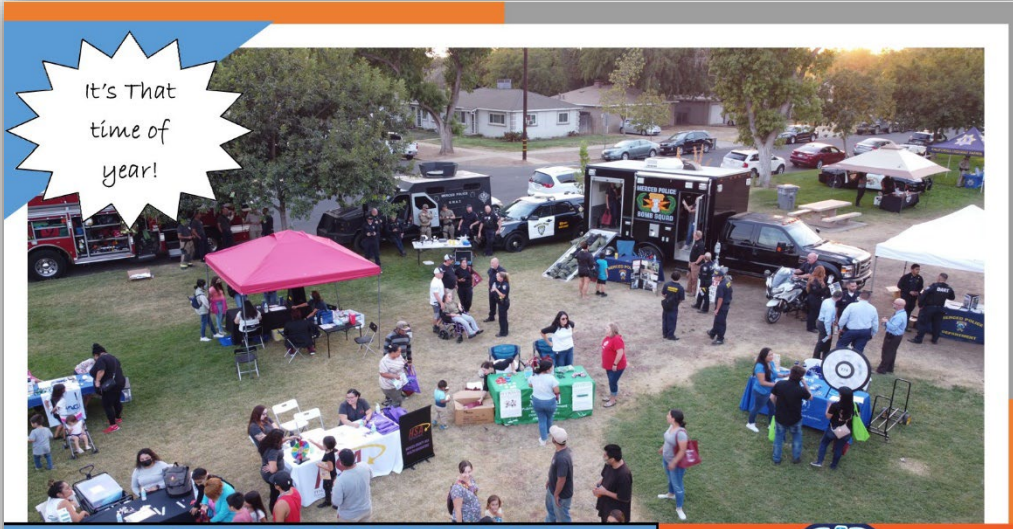
- There were 6 commercial and industrial CofOs issued for this period; one for 4 nut dryers and silos located at 168 Hawk Dr., one for a 6,588 SF law office remodel located at 548 W 21st St., one for a gas station fuel equipment modification located at 1625 Highway 140, one for a tenant improvement for Mr. Pho located at 3360 N Hwy 59 Ste D, one for a new 4,218 SF McDonald's located at 3140 Campus Pkwy, and one for a new 3,114 SF Habit Burger located at 3680 G St.

Partnerships to Support Community Outreach Services

The Merced Police Department and the Merced County Adult and Aging Services have partnered to deliver services to the community.

Beginning August 1, 2022, Social Worker Stephanie Cone, Adult Protective Services (APS), will join the MPD Disruptive Area Response Team (DART) as part of a one-year pilot project for Enhanced Case Management. Social Worker Cone is from Merced and knows the community's needs. Cone has six years of experience in Adult and Aging Services and eight years of experience as a case manager and Team Leader in a psychiatric care facility.

The pilot project will allow for streamlined interdisciplinary service coordination for the homeless population. Ms. Cone will quickly develop rapport by meeting the individual at first contact and coordinating services addressing the negative impacts of the social determinants of health, past traumas, and abuse or neglect. The primary goals of this pilot are to increase the positive outcomes for individuals by decreasing law enforcement contacts or hospitalizations, growing connections with primary care providers or behavioral health supports, and transitioning individuals into permanent housing.



SAVE THE DATE!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND 2022

TIME: 5:30-8PM

LOCATION: APPLGATE PARK

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

MPD COMMUNITY LIAISON: ROSA ALCARAZ

AT (209) 385-6297 OR EMAIL: ALCARAZR@CITYOFMERCED.ORG



SAVE THE DATE

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 2nd, from 5:30 to
8 p.m.

Applegate Park.

A family-friendly, fun event for
everyone!

Contact Community Liaison Rosa
Alcaraz (209) 385-6297 or
Email Alcarazr@cityofmerced.org.

See you at the park!



Tune into 1480kyos.com this Saturday morning, July 30th, between 7 to 10 a.m. to hear **Police Lieutenant Joseph Perez** provide an update on the City's Graffiti Abatement and Code Enforcement programs.

Reports and Correspondence

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del año!



GUARDAR LA FECHA

MARTES, AGUSTO 2ND 2022

HORARIO: 5:30-8PM

LOCATION: APPLGATE PARK

PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN, PÓNGASE EN CONTACTO CON:

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF MERCED COUNTY**

SAVE THE DATE

Great futures begin here
28th Annual Dinner Gala

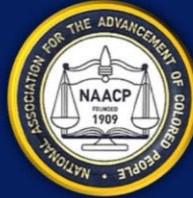


Friday, September 30th, 2022

6:00 | 9:00 PM

615 West 15th Street
Merced, CA 95340

MERCED COUNTY NAACP BRANCH #1047
P.O. Box 1107, Merced CA 95341 (209) 354-6168
62nd ANNUAL FREEDOM FUND BANQUET



DINNER PROGRAM / ADVERTISEMENT

Please check and initial next to advertisement choice. All artwork must be photo-ready.
 Deadline for Program Advertisement: September 1, 2022
 We agree to participate in the October 1, 2022 Freedom Fund Banquet with the following

Full-Page Advertisement	Cost: \$500.00	_____
Half-Page Advertisement	Cost: \$250.00	_____
Quarter Page Advertisement	Cost: \$125.00	_____
Patron/Business Card	Cost: \$ 50.00	_____

Tables for 8

Elite: \$1,000

1. 30 Second Commercial on NAACP Website
2. Full Page Ad
3. Personal Server
4. Wine on Table
5. Live Auction Paddle

Deluxe: \$650.00

1. Half Page Ad
2. Logo on NAACP Website
3. Live Auction Paddle

General \$75.00

1. Dinner
2. Live Auction Paddle

Contact Name: _____

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Telephone: _____

Contact Signature: _____

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 Ad Form Received by (Enter FFB Committee Member Name Receiving Form):

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**NEXT SESSION
BEGINS:
AUGUST 24TH
2022**



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exercises!**

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- Schedule is 6pm to 9pm on Wednesdays for 10 weeks and one Saturday.

Class Meets



**Hiring Process
Community
Engagement
Training Standards
Field Operations
Investigations and
more!**

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**For more Information
Contact:
Sgt. Jose Barajas**

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CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, August 3, 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.

Material may be emailed to planningweb.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 one (1) minute. 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 [22-613](#) **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of July 6, 2022

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of July 6, 2022

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of July 6, 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 [22-432](#) **SUBJECT:** Commercial Cannabis Business Permit #21-05, initiated by Oktay Senvardarli (Oak Senvar) for Moak, Inc., on behalf of Moak, Inc., property owner. This application is to permit the construction and operation of a facility for indoor cultivation of medicinal cannabis and medicinal cannabis-based products on a 43,045 square-foot-vacant lot at 847 Beechcraft Ave. The property is zoned Light Industrial (I-L), with a General Plan designation of Manufacturing Industrial (IND).
PUBLIC HEARING

ACTION: Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #21-31 (*Categorical Exemption*)
- 2) Commercial Cannabis Business Permit #21-05

SUMMARY

This application is for a permit to utilize the property at 847 Beechcraft Avenue, for cannabis-related business activities. The permit seeks to allow Moak, Inc. to operate an indoor cultivation facility for medicinal cannabis and medicinal cannabis-related products. The project proposes to construct a new facility on an existing vacant lot. Staff is recommending approval with conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #21-31 (*Categorical Exemption*), and Commercial Cannabis Business Permit (CCBP) #21-05, subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A.

E.2 [22-544](#) **SUBJECT:** Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1321 for the Long Property Subdivision, initiated by Precision Engineering, on behalf of Long and Seng Thao, property owners. This application involves a request to subdivide 41.6 acres of land into 148 single-family lots. This property is generally located south of Cardella Road (extended), west of Fahrens Creek and has a General Plan designation of Low Density (LD Residential and a Zoning designation of Planned Development (P-D) #50. **PUBLIC HEARING**

ACTION: Continue the item to the August 17, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting

SUMMARY

The project site is located on the south side of Cardella Road (extended), west of Fahrens Creek. The proposed subdivision would subdivide 41.6 acres of land into 148 single-family lots. In order to allow more time to resolve some design issues with this tentative map, staff is recommending this item be continued to the Planning Commission meeting of August 17, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission continue this matter to the August 17, 2022, Planning Commission meeting.

E.3 [22-545](#)

SUBJECT: Appeal the Site Plan Review Committee’s approval of a one-year extension for Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map (VTSM) #1291 for Bright Development which would allow for the subdivision of approximately 39.8 acres of land into 161 single-family lots, generally located on the east side of G Street at Merrill Place (extended).
****PUBLIC HEARING****

ACTION: Grant/Deny
 1) Appeal of the one-year extension granted for VTSM #1291 (Bright Development).

SUMMARY

On June 16, 2022, the Site Plan Review Committee granted a one-year extension to Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map (VTSM) #1291, extending the expiration date to July 16, 2023. On June 22, 2022, an appeal of this decision was filed by Rick Telegan on behalf of Regency Court II, LLC.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission Deny the appeal of the Site Plan Review Committee’s approval of a one-year extension for Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1291.

E.4 [22-448](#)

SUBJECT: Density Bonus #22-02, initiated by Custom Containers 915 and Merced Rescue Mission, on behalf of the Housing Successor Agency, property owner. This application involves a request to permit an increase in density, and provides for waivers and concessions to development standards and ordinance regulations. The proposal includes the construction of 4 affordable permanent supportive housing structures, a laundry room, and manager’s unit, within two two-story duplexes and a future accessory dwelling unit on a 0.46-acre parcel

at 73 S. R Street. The subject site is generally located on the west side of R Street, approximately 225 feet south of Childs Avenue. The site has a Zoning Classification of Low Density Residential (R-1-6) with a General Plan Designation of Low Density Residential (LDR).

ACTION:**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Recommendation to City Council

- 1) Environmental Review #22-26 (Categorical Exemption)
- 2) Density Bonus Application #22-02

CITY COUNCIL:

Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #22-26 (Categorical Exemption)
- 2) Density Bonus Application #22-02

SUMMARY

This is a request to consider Density Bonus #22-02 which permits an increase in density and provides for concessions and waivers of development standards/zoning regulations to allow the construction of 4 affordable permanent supportive housing structures which shall service 21 individuals, a manager unit, a laundry room, and future accessory dwelling unit on a 0.46-acre parcel, generally located on the west side of R Street, approximately 225 feet south of Childs Avenue. The residential complex is primarily intended to house unsheltered veterans that may have extremely low incomes, around 60% of the County's Average Median Income (AMI). On-site management would be provided 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, by the Merced County Rescue Mission. Staff is recommending the Planning Commission recommend approval to the City Council. No public hearing is required per State statutes and local ordinances.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend approval to the City Council of Environmental Review #22-26 (Categorical Exemption) and Density Bonus #22-02 (including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A) subject to the findings/considerations in Exhibit A of the Draft Resolution.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1 [22-614](#) **SUBJECT:** Report by Planning Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items

ACTION

Information only.

F.2 [22-615](#) **SUBJECT:** Calendar of Meetings/Events

- Aug. 1 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 3 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 6 City Council, 6:00 p.m. (**Tuesday**)
- 7 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT