



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

December 2, 2022

Aircraft Rescue Firefighting

The City of Merced Fire Department provides the Merced Yosemite Regional Airport with fire protection. Station 52 covers the Airport and houses the Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Apparatus or ARFF rig. This is a specialty piece of equipment set up to support airport and aircraft emergencies. All Merced City Crews train monthly on basic tasks and several times annually on scenario-based emergencies. Trainings include cargo hazards, evacuation principles, airport emergency plans, and aircraft familiarization.



Junior Warriors Basketball League Parent Orientation and Coaches Clinic

More than 50 families recently attended an orientation session to kick off the Junior Warriors Basketball League season. With total registration at 324, 34 teams will participate in league play.

In addition to the family orientation, ten volunteer coaches participated in a pre-season coaches' clinic. During the clinic, coaches received program information and participated in skills assessments, which included a friendly shooting competition. Finally, all coaches participated in a basketball clinic for an introduction and refresher to the essentials of basketball.

The season-opening games start in late January and will run through March. All teams will practice and play at least once a week. This includes coed Tiny Tot and Pee Wee teams. The Girls' JV and varsity teams will play games once a week. The boys' JV and varsity teams will play games twice a week.

Teams still need coaches. Getting involved with youth sports is great mentally and physically for kids. Coaches can help set the foundation for good habits like staying active, warming up and stretching, drinking water, and taking appropriate safety measures. In addition, coaches who help young people build skills safely, celebrate their successes, and help them bounce back and learn from failure can help to create confident and resilient kids.

Participants age ranges from youth in kindergarten to 8th grade. Games will be played at Rivera Middle School or the Boys and Girls Club - McCombs Youth Center.

For more information about coaching, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department.



Public Works in Action

The City's Annual Leaf Collection program kicked off on November 14th. Residents should sweep leaves into rows at least four feet from the curb for collection during scheduled days. Leaf Collection flyers, including a map of scheduled service areas and dates, were previously mailed and are also available on the City's website at: <https://www.cityofmerced.org/departments/public-works/refuse-trash-services/leaf-collection-program>



Parks crews added sand to the playground area at Charles Richard Drew Park at 8th and N Streets.

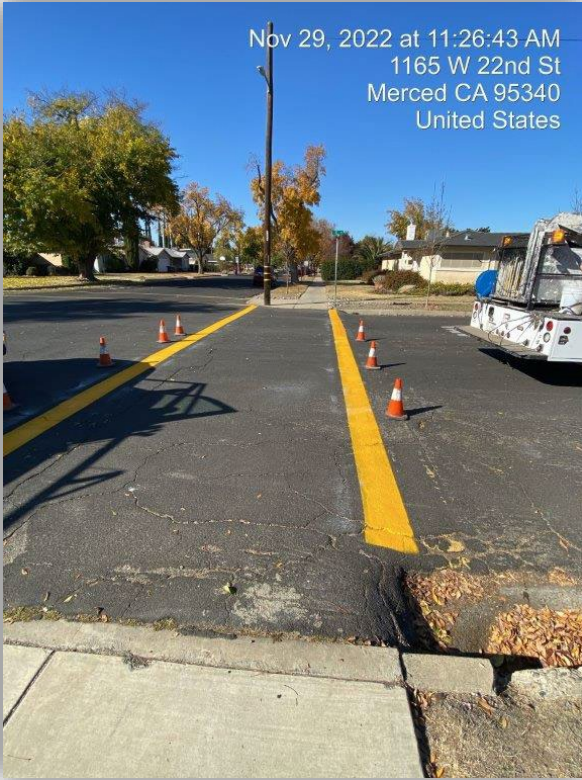


Nov 30, 2022 at 12:25:06 PM
800-848 N St
Merced CA 95341
United States
Charles Richard Drew Park



Nov 30, 2022 at 12:24:34 PM
667-699 W Eighth St
Merced CA 95341
United States
Charles Richard Drew Park

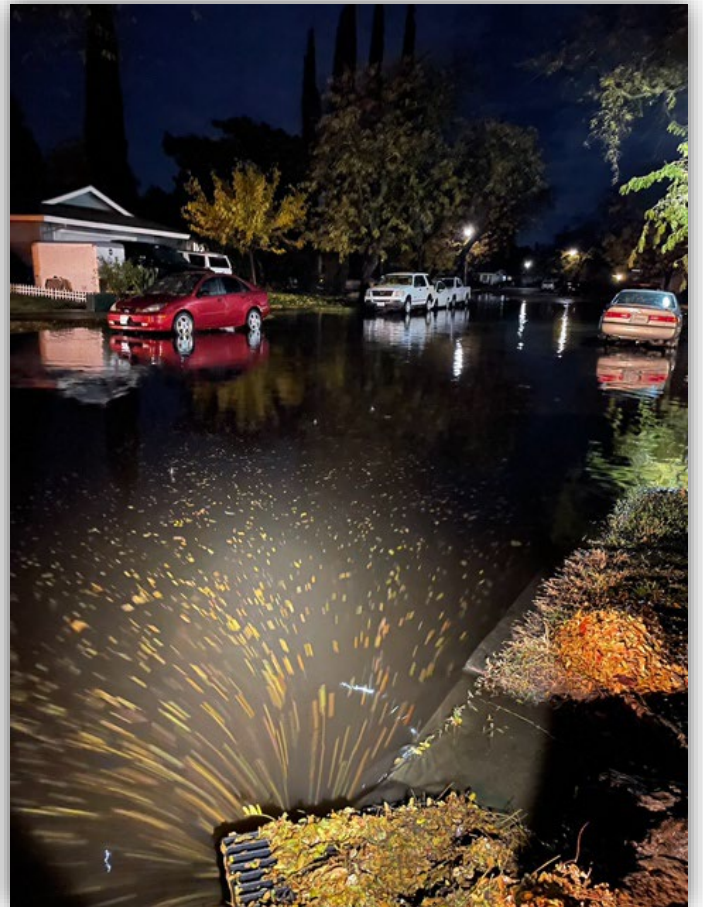
Street Crews painted school crosswalks at 20th & S Street and 22nd & S Street.



The slide at the Applegate Park playground is damaged and temporarily boarded off. A replacement slide has been ordered.



This past Thursday evening, Storm Crews were called out for flooding at various locations.



Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for November 14 - 27, 2022

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **40**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **142**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **3**

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.
- 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.
- Homekey Project located at 1213 V St.; conversion of 4 existing 2 story hotel buildings into 96 studio apartments, including both affordable and accessible housing.
(no change since last report)

MFD permits issued:

- There were 0 MFD permits issued during this period.
(no change since last report)

Commercial & Industrial permits issued:

- There were 0 new construction commercial permits issued during this period.
- There were 2 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for a 1,985 SF market located at 2933 G St., and one for a 1650 SF Kabab City located at 125 E. Yosemite Ave. Ste D.

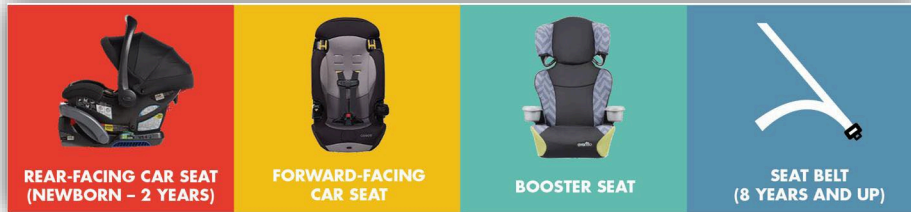
Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There were 0 new construction commercial permits submitted during this period.
- There were 0 new tenant improvement permits submitted during this period.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

- There was 1 commercial and industrial CofO issued for this period; for a 9,216 SF tenant improvement for Patients First medical offices located at 394 E. Yosemite Ave. #200.

PD Receives Grant Funding for Three Community Education Programs



Recently, the Merced Police Department received three grants from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the National Highway Safety Administration. This grant funding will support child safety seat education, bicycle and pedestrian safety education, and safe driving behavior education programs.

Child Safety Seat Education Program: A \$25,000 grant will support programs to educate parents and caregivers on the proper installation and use of child safety seats. In addition, funds will be used for community outreach events, and distribution of child safety seats. Sergeant Nathaniel McKinnon said, “The goal of this program is to significantly reduce death and injury to children riding in cars and trucks. Additionally, eliminating the financial burden for low-income families helps every child in our community ride safely.”

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program: A \$40,000 grant will support activities that emphasize the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians. “OTS Director, Barbara Rooney stated, “Every bicyclist and pedestrian should feel safe on the road. Education is one of many important tools that collectively work to make sure everyone, regardless of how they travel, reaches their destination safely.”

Ongoing Traffic Safety Programs: A \$100,000 grant will support programs that deter unsafe driving behaviors and increase safety on streets. According to Sergeant Nathaniel McKinnon, “This grant funding allows us to support our ongoing traffic safety efforts in the community. Additionally, our intent is to stop the most unlawful and dangerous behaviors that put people at risk and create an environment where everyone feels safe traveling.”

Funding for these programs runs through September 2023.

Use Reflective Gear
You'll be more visible at night. You can wear reflective gear and/or add it to your bike.

An infographic with a teal background. On the left, a dark grey box contains the text 'Use Reflective Gear' and 'You'll be more visible at night. You can wear reflective gear and/or add it to your bike.' To the right is a silhouette of a person wearing a yellow reflective vest.

Ride on the Right Side
When riding on the road, ride following traffic. Stay in the bike lane when available and follow all traffic laws. Remember, bike riders have the same requirements as any slow moving vehicle.

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Plan a Route
Before you take off, become familiar with the area. Check local laws before you ride and if there are bike lanes or routes specifically for bikes.

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Cops and Fire for Kids

A big thank you to everyone who helped fill the toy collection boxes at JNT Auto and Merced School Employees Federal Credit Union.

MERCED POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS SPONSOR THE



Toy COLLECTION

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
COPS & FIRE FOR KIDS

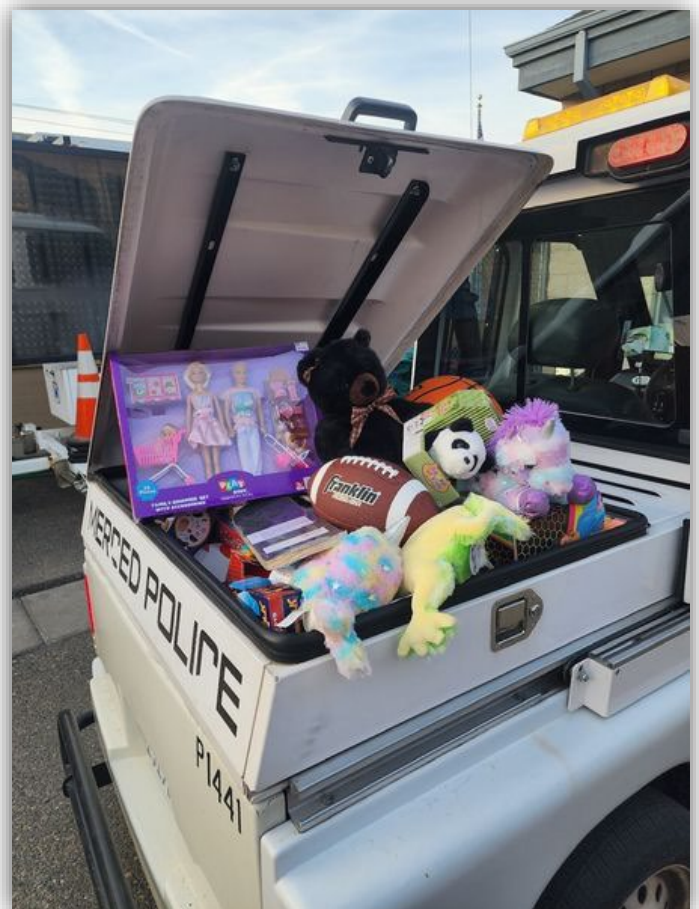


TOYS WANTED

NEW AND UNWRAPPED TOYS FOR CHILDREN (AGES NEWBORN-12YRS).

FOR CHILDREN OF ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES IN THE CITY OF MERCED.

MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
ROSA ALCARAZ (209) 385-6297 (SPANISH)
YER MCKINNON (209) 769-1416 (HMOING)



Tune into **1480kyos.com** this Saturday morning, December 3rd, between 7 to 10 a.m. Parks and Recreation Coordinator, Lam Kindavong will share details about the Department’s upcoming holiday events and programming.



REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Christmas Parade Flyer	Pg. 10
2. Cops and Fire for Kids Toy Drive Flyer	Pg. 11
3. Santa’s Workshop Flyer	Pg. 12
4. Lights Before Christmas Flyer	Pg. 13
5. Central Valley PACE Groundbreaking Ceremony Flyer	Pg. 14/15
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CITY OF MERCED
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Bring your little Helpers, ages 2-10 years old,
to build Holiday crafts with Santa

December 16, 2022
MERCED APPLGATE PARK ZOO
1045 W. 25th St.

Offering 2 Time Slots to choose from
5:00 pm & 6:15 pm

pajama
PARTY

- WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS -
- CREATE CHRISTMAS CRAFTS -
- GET PICTURES WITH SANTA -
- WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA -

*Hot
Cocoa*

Pre Registration required!

Register at:
632 W. 18th St or
call (209) 385-6235
Cost: \$10 per child



APPLEGATE PARK ZOO PRESENTS



LIGHTS



BEFORE



CHRISTMAS

JOIN US FOR:
PICTURES WITH SANTA,
AN INTERACTIVE SNOW PIT,
BEAUTIFUL LIGHTS,
& LOTS OF HOLIDAY CHEER!

ZOO ADMISSION RATES
HOT COCOA AND
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE
CASH ONLY

December 17th & 18th

5:30-8:30 PM

1045 W 25TH ST, MERCED, CA

Contact (209) 385-6855 for more details about the event



Saturday
Volunteers



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Volunteers



Volunteers welcome!



Please join us for a

Groundbreaking Ceremony

For Central Valley PACE, Merced!



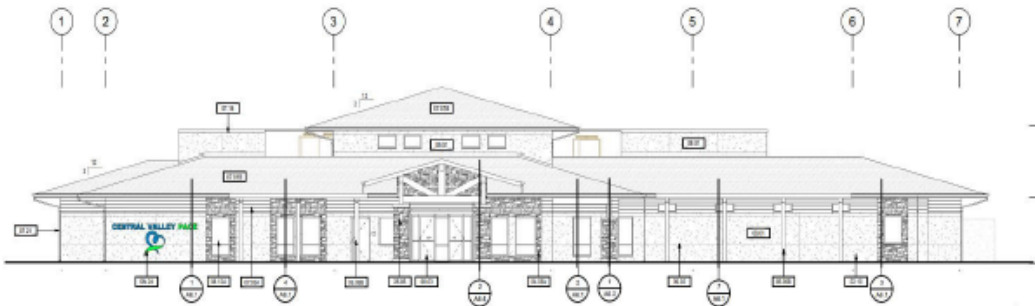
When:

1 PM Friday, December 9, 2022

Where:

Central Valley PACE
727 W. Childs Merced,
CA 95341





Acompáñanos

Ceremonia Inaugural

Para Central Valley PACE, Merced!



Cuando:

**Viernes, 9 de Diciembre
2022 a la 1pm**

Donde:

Central Valley PACE
727 W. Childs Merced,
CA 95341



**'Tis the Season to honor and celebrate our friends and co-workers at
the 2022 City of Merced Employee Service Awards**

**Please join us for lunch, Thursday, December 8th at 12:00 pm in support and
recognition of our 2022 Employee Service Award Recipients.**

The Ceremony will be held at the Merced Senior Center, 755 W 15th St.

RECIPIENTS OF 2022 EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

5 YEARS

Samuel Anderson	Myles Richter
Damion Beveridge	Michael Hren
Bertin Abarca	Gilberto Torres
Jose Lopez Castro	Danny Brown
Carlos Lopez	Irene Segura
Michael Ingraham	Chase Wilson
Daniel Torres	Nathaniel Lee
Ricardo Valencia	Carlos Gallegos
Mickey Brunelli	Micheal Machado
Makino Moua	Spencer Aguirre
Steven Strasser	Taylor Rocha
Scott McBride	Stephanie Dietz
Kristelle Choquette-Scopesi	Tanner Harkreader

Jeffrey Silva
Jamison Kraft
Keith Albrecht
Nathan Frankhauser
Alvin Ayers
Victor Olmos
Joe Padilla
Jon Kwiatkowski
Mike Schlessinger
Gabriel Gray

15 YEARS

Elizabeth Ball	Kevin Buccola
Santiago Valles	Jeff Trost
William Avery	Joel Verrinder
Faye Law	Andrew Hathaway
Lance Eber	Shawn Luce
Leone Pintabona	Michael Rogers
Richard Carmo	Michelle Reid
Jeffrey Gonzales	Monique Gama
Matthew Alley	Jamie Cruz
William Swan	Alvino Garcia

10 YEARS

Todd Johnson	Michelle Cadiente	John Pinnegar
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Mannuel Gonzales
Jose Bugarin
Aime Bernards
Raymond Mattos
Adrian Pickinpaugh
Grant Parker

Mark Walker
Bryan Akers
Joesph Perez
Thomas Martinez
Timothy Gaches
Jason Salters

Jessica Cortright
Morgan Madruga
Scott Atkins
Dewayne Young
Joseph Sanchez
Melanie Karle

25 YEARS

Corey Plagenza	Randall Honnette	Charles Rockholt
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35 YEARS

Kim Espinosa

20 YEARS



CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, December 7, 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 [22-947](#) **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of November 9, 2022

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of November 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 22-910 **SUBJECT:** Conditional Use Permit #1267, submitted by Ahmed Mosleh, on behalf of Sam and Sue Malaythong, property owners. This application involves a request for tobacco sales (for off-site consumption) at 235 W. 12th Street, Suite B, generally located on the north side of W. 12th Street, approximately 75 feet east of Martin Luther King Jr. Way, within a Zoning classification of General Commercial (C-G), with a General Plan Designation of General Commercial (CG). *PUBLIC HEARING*

ACTION: Approve/Disapprove/Modify:
 Environmental Review #22-43 (*Categorical Exemption*)
 Conditional Use Permit #1267

SUMMARY

Ahmed Mosleh is requesting approval to operate a convenience market with tobacco sales for off-site consumption at 235 W. 12th Street, Suite B. The convenience market would be located within an approximately 525-square-foot suite. A conditional use permit is required for “tobacco sales” for off-site consumption for sites within 600 feet of a “youth center” per Merced Municipal Code Section 20.44.160 - Tobacco Sales Prohibited Near Schools. The youth center located near the convenience market is Little Angels Park, a park, is located at 121 W. 11th Street. The primary use of a convenience market is principally permitted within the site’s Zoning classification of General Commercial (C-G), and General Plan designation of General Commercial (CG). However, tobacco sales requires conditional use permit approval as noted above. Staff is recommending approval of this application subject to conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #22-43 [*Categorical Exemption*] 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 22-915 **SUBJECT:** Zone Change #431 and Tentative Subdivision Map #1323, initiated by Sam Sahota, property owner. This application involves a

request for a Zone Change from an Urban Transition (U-T) Zone to a Low Density Residential (R-1-5) Zone at 385 S. Coffee Street. The applicant is also requesting to subdivide one parcel (approximately 10 acres) into 45 single-family lots ranging in size from 6,000 square feet to 8,691 square feet with an additional tot lot and basin lot. The 10-acre subject site is generally located at the west side of S. Coffee Street, 300 feet north of E. Gerard Avenue. *PUBLIC HEARING*

ACTION:

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Recommendation to City Council

Environmental Review #22-32 (*Negative Declaration*)

Zone Change #431

Approve/Disapprove/Modify:

Environmental Review #22-32 (*Negative Declaration*)

Tentative Subdivision Map #1323

(subject to City Council approval of Zone
Change #431)

CITY COUNCIL:

Approve/Disapprove/Modify:

Environmental Review #22-32 (*Negative Declaration*)

Zone Change #431

SUMMARY

The subject site is a mostly undeveloped 10-acre lot located in Southeast Merced at 385 S. Coffee Street. The subject site is generally located on the west side of Coffee Street, 300 feet north of Gerard Avenue. The applicant would like to change the site's current Zoning designation of Urban Transition (U-T) to Low Density Residential (R-1-5). The applicant would also like to subdivide the subject site into 45 independent parcels for single-family homes (with two parcels reserved for a tot lot and a basin). The residential lots would range in size from 6,000 square feet to 8,691 square feet. The proposed density of approximately 4.5 dwelling units per acre would be within the existing allowed General Plan designation of Low Density Residential (LDR) which allows between 2 to 6 dwelling units per acre. Staff is recommending approval with conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend approval of Environmental Review #22-32 [Negative Declaration] and Zone Change #431; and approve Tentative Subdivision Map #1323

(subject to City Council adopting the Zone Change) including the adoption of the Draft Resolutions at Attachments A and B of Staff Report #22-915, subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B of each attachment.

E.3 [22-939](#)

SUBJECT: General Plan Amendment #22-03, initiated by Eric Pluim on behalf of Gateway Park Development Partners, LLC, property owners, This application involves a request to change the General Plan roadway classification from Divided Arterial to Collector for a portion of Mission Avenue from Coffee Street to the east side of Pluim Drive (extended). ****PUBLIC HEARING****

ACTION: Continue the matter to the January 18, 2023, Planning Commission meeting.

SUMMARY

This is a request to amend the General Plan Circulation Element by changing the roadway classification from Divided Arterial to Collector for a portion of Mission Avenue from Coffee Street to the east side of Pluim Drive (extended). This change is requested to improve the circulation for future development in the area.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission continue this matter to the Planning Commission meeting of January 18, 2023.

E.4 [22-921](#)

SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL of the 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).

ACTION: No action required.

SUMMARY

The appellant has withdrawn the appeal to the Site Plan Review Committee's approval of a one-year extension for Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1291.

RECOMMENDATION

The appellant has withdrawn the appeal. The Planning Commission should take no action on this matter.

E.5 [22-944](#)

SUBJECT: Cancellation of January 4, 2023, Planning Commission

Meeting due to lack of items

ACTION:

Cancel the Planning Commission Meeting of January 4, 2023

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1 [22-945](#) **SUBJECT: Report by Planning Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items**

ACTION

Information only.

F.2 [22-946](#) **SUBJECT: Calendar of Meetings/Events**

- Dec. 5 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 7 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m.
- 19 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. (**Cancelled due to**
- Holiday**)
- Jan. 3 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 4 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. (**To be Cancelled**)
- 17 City Council, 6:00 p.m. (**Tuesday**)
- 18 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT