



PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR AGENDA

DATE: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Council Chamber
525 Henrietta Street,
Martinez, CA 94553
and, via Zoom

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CALL TO ORDER - Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL - Commissioners Courtney Ayers, Helena Culik-Caro, Rob Parolek, Paul Sonnikson, Sara Torrelko, Bill Wood (Alternate); Vice Chair Rochelle Johnson; and Chair Joseph Evans

CIVILITY STATEMENT - As your appointed Governing Board, we will treat each other and the public with patience, civility, and courtesy as a model of the same behavior we wish to reflect in Martinez for the conduct of all City business and community participation. This includes respect for everyone's First Amendment Right to voice their opinion on matters within the City's subject matter jurisdiction, even if that opinion is different from our own. The decisions made tonight will be for the benefit of the Martinez community and not for personal gain.

PUBLIC COMMENT - For items not on the agenda. Non-agenda public comment is limited to matters which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission, and which are not action items listed elsewhere on the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Bay Area SunShares Program

Recommendation: Receive presentation on the Bay Area SunShares Program.

[Presentation - Bay Area SunShares Program](#)

2. Interactive Zoning and Land Use Map

Recommendation: Receive presentation on the City's updated interactive zoning and land use map.

CONSENT

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3. 0 Saint Mary's Street - Design Review and Minor Exception

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 26-10, approving a request for Design Review, a Minor Exception, and a Tree Permit to construct a new 3,712 square-foot single-family dwelling, to increase the maximum permitted height to 29 feet where 25 feet is permitted, and to remove two protected trees, located on a vacant and unaddressed parcel on Saint Mary's Street in the Residential 6.0 ("R-6.0") zoning district, Assessor's Parcel No. 370-110-039-2, subject to conditions of approval.

[Staff Report - 0 Saint Mary's Street](#)

[Attachment A - Draft Planning Commission Resolution No. 26-10](#)

[Attachment B - City Council Resolution No. 61-78](#)

[Attachment C - City Council Resolution No. 005-08](#)

[Attachment D - Arborist Report](#)

[Attachment E - Geotechnical and Geological Investigation Report](#)

4. 103 Escobar Street - Appeal of Variance and Minor Exception

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and adopt a Resolution, denying the appeal and upholding the Zoning Administrator's decision to approve Planning Application 2026PLN-0029 approving a request to consider: 1) a Variance to: a) reduce the required rear yard setback from 25 feet to 20 feet; b) reduce the required side yard setback from five feet to three feet; c) reduce the required front yard setback from 20 feet to five feet; d) increase the maximum lot coverage from 40 percent to 45 percent, ; and e) increase the maximum Floor Area Ratio from 0.5 to 0.58; and 2) a Minor Exception to increase the building height to 27 feet and seven inches where 25 feet is permitted, to construct a 1,782-square-foot addition to the existing single-family dwelling, for a total of 3,037 square feet, located at 103 Escobar Street in the Residential 6.0 ("R-6.0") zoning district, Assessor's Parcel No. 372-072-010-5, subject to conditions of approval.

[Staff Report - 103 Escobar Street](#)

[Attachment A - Draft Planning Commission Resolution No. 26-11](#)

[Attachment B - Public Comment](#)

[Attachment C - Appellant Presentation](#)

[Attachment D - Historical Resource Evaluation](#)

COMMISSION ITEMS

ACTING DIRECTOR UPDATES

COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT - Adjourn to a Planning Commission Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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