



City of Burlingame PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026 AT 7:00 PM
BURLINGAME CITY HALL
501 PRIMROSE ROAD
OR ZOOM MEETING

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

Chris Horan, Chair
Walker Shores, Vice-Chair
Sean Lowenthal
Jennifer Pfaff
John Schmid
Audrey Tse

To Attend the Meeting in Person:

Council Chambers, City Hall, 501 Primrose Road, Burlingame, California 94010

To Attend the Meeting via Zoom:

Consistent with Government Code Section 54953, this Planning Commission Meeting will be held in person and virtually via Zoom.

Please use the following link to attend the hearing virtually using Zoom:

Go to www.zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 820 3745 1718

Passcode: 191415

To access the meeting by phone:

Dial 1-669-444-9171

Meeting ID: 820 3745 1718

Passcode: 191415

Please note that the public may not make public comments via Zoom during Planning Commission meetings. The public may either attend the meeting in person to comment or send an email to publiccomment@burlingame.org (see below).

To Provide Public Comment in Person:

Members of the public wishing to speak will be asked to fill out a "Request to Speak" card located on the table by the door and then hand it to staff. The provisions of a name, address, or other identifying information is optional. Speakers are limited to three minutes each, however, the Chair may adjust the time limit in light of the number of anticipated speakers.

To Provide Public Comment via Email:

Members of the public may provide written comments by email to publiccomment@burlingame.org for an agenda item. Emailed comments should include the specific agenda item on which you are commenting, or note that your comment concerns an item that is not on the agenda or is on the Consent Calendar.

To ensure the Planning Commission receives your comment, please submit your email no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Any emails received after 4:00 p.m. will not be sent to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. REPORT OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Announcement of remote participation and basis for remote appearance by a Planning Commissioner pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8 and Government Code Section 54953.8.3.

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS, NON-AGENDA

Members of the public may speak on any item not on the agenda. Public comments for scheduled agenda items should wait until that item is heard by the Planning Commission. Speakers desiring answers to questions should direct them to the Planning Commission and, if relevant, the Commission may direct them to the appropriate staff member. The Ralph M. Brown Act (the State local agency open meeting law) prohibits the Planning Commission from acting on any matter that is not on the agenda.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the consent calendar are acted on simultaneously unless separate discussion and/or action is requested by the applicant, a member of the public or a commissioner prior to the time the Commission votes on the motion to adopt.

- a. Approval of March 9, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Draft March 9, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

7. ACTION ITEMS (PUBLIC HEARING)

- a. Major Design Review and Special Permit at 1355 De Soto Avenue (Project No. DSR25-0023)

Application for Major Design Review and Special Permit for plate height to construct a 549 square-foot first and second story addition to an existing 2,849 square-foot single-unit dwelling on a 6,000 square-foot site in the R-1 (Low Density Residential) zoning district.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Planning Commission, by resolution, approve the Major Design Review and Special Permit applications as conditioned.

CEQA Determination: This project is Categorically Exempt from review pursuant to the

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), per Section 15301 (e)(1) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Staff: Erika Lewit, Senior Planner

Applicant and Architect: Grant Takahashi Lee, GTL Architecture

Property Owner: Kearns-Ngyuen Family Trust

Attachments: [1355 De Soto Ave - Staff Report](#)
[1355 De Soto Ave - Area Map](#)
[1355 De Soto Ave - Resolution](#)
[1355 De Soto Ave - Proposed Plans](#)
[1355 De Soto Ave - Previous Plans](#)

- b. Major Design Review, Special Permit, and Variances at 1505 Drake Avenue (Project No. DSR25-0019)

Application for Major Design Review, Special Permit for a second floor balcony, and Variances for first and second floor front setbacks to construct a 2,942 square-foot, two-story single unit-dwelling on a 6,000 square-foot site in the R-1 (Low Density Residential) zoning District.

Recommendation: That the Planning Commission, by resolution, approve the Major Design Review, Variances, and Special Permit as conditioned.

CEQA Determination: This project is Categorically Exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), per Section 15303(a) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Staff: Emma Goldsmith, Associate Planner

Applicant and Designer: Tim Raduenz, Form + One Design

Property Owners: Suchi Suchitra and Tarun Desikan

Attachments: [1505 Drake Ave - Staff Report](#)
[1505 Drake Ave - Area Map](#)
[1505 Drake Ave - Arborist Report](#)
[1505 Drake Ave - Resolution](#)
[1505 Drake Ave - Renderings](#)
[1505 Drake Ave - Proposed Plans](#)
[1505 Drake Ave - Previous Plans](#)

- c. Major Design Review and Special Permit at 1431 Laguna Avenue (Project No. DSR26-0002)

Application for Major Design Review and Special Permit for garage location to construct a

3,307 square-foot single unit dwelling and a 293 square-foot detached garage on a 6,000 square-foot site in the R-1 (Low Density Residential) zoning district.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Planning Commission, by resolution, approve the Major Design Review and Special Permit applications as conditioned.

CEQA Determination: This project is Categorically Exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), per Section 15303(a) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Staff: Faiza Ali, Assistant Planner

Applicant and Property Owner: Collin Yu
Designer: Luyao Zhang

Attachments: [1431 Laguna Ave - Staff Report](#)
[1431 Laguna Ave - Area Map](#)
[1431 Laguna Ave - Resolution](#)
[1431 Laguna Ave - Renderings](#)
[1431 Laguna Ave - Proposed Plans](#)

d. Major Design Review at 218-222 Lorton Avenue (Project No. CDSR25-0003)

Application for Major Design Review for exterior facade changes and a 395 square-foot addition to an existing 6,089 square-foot commercial building on a 7,000 square-foot site in the BAC (Burlingame Avenue Commercial) zoning district.

Recommendation: That the Planning Commission, by resolution, approve the Major Design Review as conditioned.

CEQA Determination: This project is Categorically Exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), per Section 15301(e) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Staff: Emma Goldsmith, Associate Planner

Applicant and Property Owner: Robert MacPhee
Architect: Robert Medan, AIA

Attachments: [218-222 Lorton Ave - Staff Report](#)
[218-222 Lorton Ave - Area Map](#)
[218-222 Lorton Ave - Resolution](#)
[218-222 Lorton Ave - Renderings](#)
[218-222 Lorton Ave - Proposed Plans](#)
[218-222 Lorton Ave - Previous Plans](#)

8. STUDY SESSION (PUBLIC HEARING)

There are no Study Session Items.

9. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Notice: Any individuals who require special assistance or a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, or who have a disability and wish to request an alternative format for the agenda, meeting notice, agenda packet or other writings that may be distributed at the meeting, should contact the Planning Division at planningdept@burlingame.org or (650) 558-7250, by 10:00 a.m. on Monday of the meeting. Notification in advance of the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting, the materials related to it, and your ability to comment.

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Planning Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available via www.burlingame.org/planningcommission/agenda or by contacting the Planning Division at planningdept@burlingame.org or (650) 558-7250 If you are unable to obtain information via the City's website or through email.

An action by the Planning Commission is appealable to the City Council within 10 days of the Planning Commission's action on April 13, 2026. If the Planning Commission's action has not been appealed or called up for review by the Council by 5:00 p.m. on April 24, 2026, the action becomes final. In order to be effective, appeals must be in writing to the City Clerk and must be accompanied by the applicable appeal fees.