

Public Comments
Agenda Item 7 – Rescission of Vista Mar
Development Project

Written Comments Received After 12pm on 04/10/2023



April 10, 2023
City Council Meeting

From: James Kremer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:13 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Comment for CC April 10, 2023

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For Monday CC, April 10, 2023

Commend re: Consent Ag #7 Vista Mar.

“This is Jim Kremer. I live in Sharp Park.

“#7. I appreciate the city reversing the decisions in the Vista Mar project. Of course we must be attentive to all relevant regulations, but somehow for me, safety and environmental laws deserve special diligence.

“I feel we should actually “err on the side of caution,” not that we plan to err(!), but because so often these issues have un-knowable potential consequences.

“In risk analysis, we favor the so called “Precautionary Principle.” I taught this as: Would you eat a burger at a joint where there was – **only** – a 25% probability you would die of ptomaine? vs. get an overcooked burger?

“The idea is that **Prudence** demands a higher standard when consequences are serious. Landslides, fires, and CEQA compliance are more serious for me than, say, traffic or neighborhood character.

“Finally, when the City gets a legal correction, I really hope the City will strive to generalize and take guidance for the future, as these issues will keep popping up.”

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Agenda Item 10 – Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Commissions/Committees

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From: Esteban A Guerrero [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 6:45 PM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Boles, Christine
Subject: 4/10/23, 7pm in person and virtual, City Council meeting -- Item 10, p304

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Dear City Clerk,

The below was forwarded to me, but I was unable to attend the meeting. I would like to hear more about what the City has in mind for this new "Climate/Sustainability Committee". I would be happy to help. Whom can I speak to? Happy to provide information about my background as needed as well.

Thanks and regards,

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Esteban A Guerrero J

[REDACTED]

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"I am inspired by the Urgency of Doing. Knowing is not enough, we Must Act on it. Being Willing is not enough, we Must Do." Leonardo da Vinci

Hi Esteban,
Wondered if you might consider serving on the climate sustainability committee? (See below)
-Jane

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christine Boles [REDACTED]
Date: April 9, 2023 at 9:09:14 PM PDT
To: "Boles, Christine" <cboles@pacifica.gov>
Subject: April City Council Updates

Hello fellow Pacificans,

Happy Easter! Chag Pesach sameach! Ramadan Mubarak! However you celebrate and reflect on this incredible time of year, may you find joy in your day!

There's a lot coming up this month and I wanted to give you a quick heads up so you can participate in the items of interest to you. Remember that there is always time for public comments at each meeting on each item, as well as a time for the public to comment on anything not on the agenda. Written public comments can also be submitted to publiccomment@pacifica.gov. Make sure to note the meeting day and agenda item number and try to get them in before noon on the day of the meeting.

Upcoming meetings:

A. 4/10/23, 7pm in person and virtual, City Council meeting [agenda](#)

- Consent agenda item 7, p. 188. The Council will consider rescinding the approvals for the **Vista Mar Project** on Monterey Road. The judge ruled in our favor that the project requires a full EIR. As part of the General Plan update, this steep parcel with a history of landslides has also been rezoned to a much lower density. Because I have a conflict of interest, I cannot speak nor vote on the item, but you can speak and show gratitude for our legal system that protects public safety and the environment!
- Consent agenda item 8, **Sharp Park Pedestrian improvements**, p 280. It looks like we have a good shot at a grant to fix sidewalks, install curbs and gutters and provide ADA and bike access along Paloma, Carmel and Santa Maria from Beach Boulevard to Francisco! Stay tuned!
- Item 9 **Budget Planning and Financial Forecast**, p294. There are a lot of challenges here and this is the start of several meetings as we work to finalize priorities and budgeting for next year. Bring your ideas to save money and bring more resources to the city!
- Item 10, p304 **Committee and Commission charters**. It has been suggested that we form a **new Climate/Sustainability Committee and a Youth Advisory Committee**. *Please speak up if you think these are good ideas and/or if you might like to serve. Work on a long awaited update to our Climate Action Plan will be starting soon and a new Committee could be very helpful to city staff.*

B. 4/11/23, 6pm City Council Strategic Planning Workshop, part 2, in person only, at Community Center [agenda](#)

C. 4/18/23 Manor Overcrossing meeting [project website](#) I recently learned that this meeting is only happening live at the council chambers with no remote option. I'm trying to change that moving forward and will bring it up at the 4/11 meeting. If anyone would like to volunteer to record the meeting, we can post it afterwards. This project is very important to District 2 so please help get the word out so community and local business voices and ideas are heard.

D. 4/22/23 Earth Day with Pacific Beach Coalition, 9-11 Cleanups at all beaches plus a celebration at Linda Mar Beach starting at 10:30 with several dignitaries present including the new (and first female!) Executive Director of the Coastal Commission, Kate Hucklebridge! This year the PBC will be celebrating all the amazing volunteers that keep our beaches clean, work on habitat restoration, and also mentor and teach our youth. I am excited to be speaking at the event on behalf of our city! Thank you Lynn Adams and all of PBC for all your hard work and dedication!

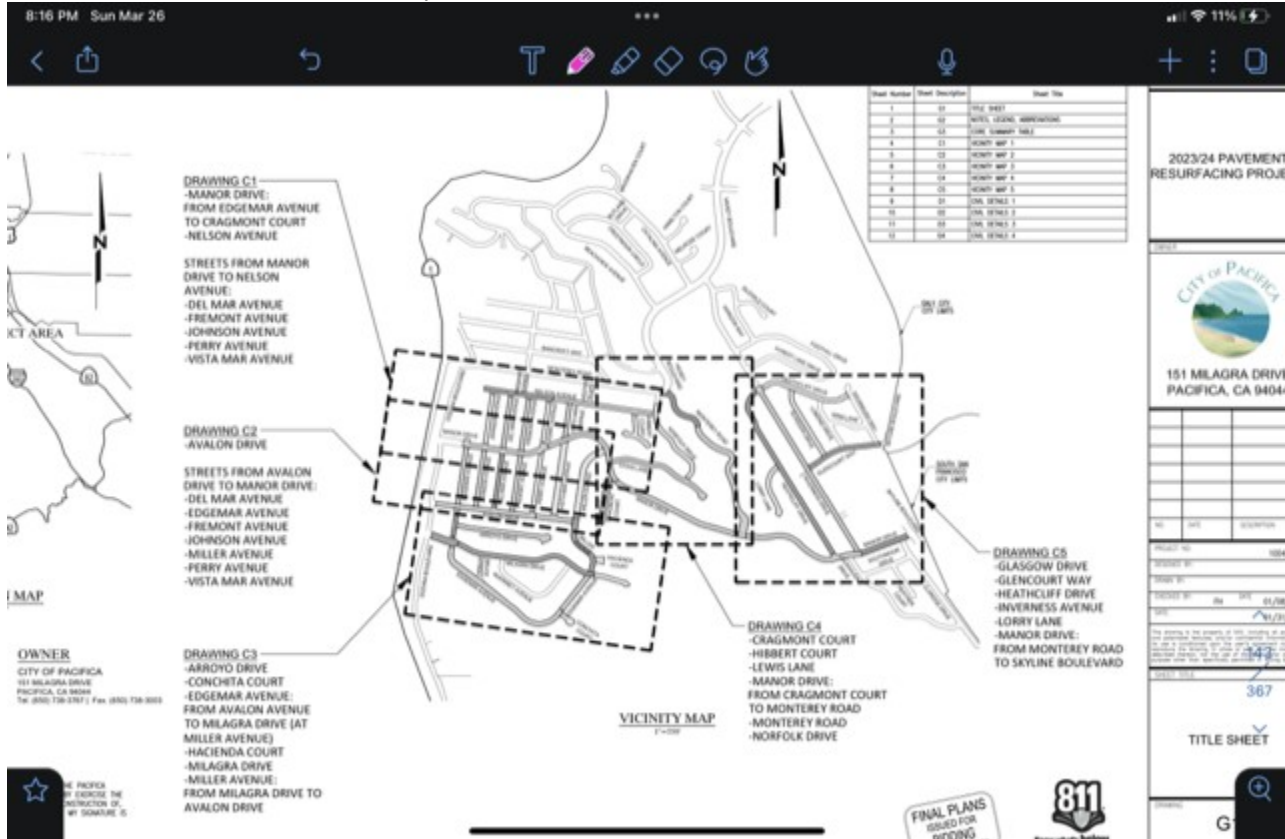
Other updates:

Housing Element - we had our first study session with the Planning Commission last month and have asked for a second session to delve into the details for each site. There was a lot of concern about the Sea Bowl and Oceana High School sites for example. I've attached a document from City Manager Kevin Woodhouse about the Sea Bowl. The site has already been sold. There will be more public meetings before the Housing Element is approved. I will keep you posted.

Airplane Noise - the flight paths and noise have definitely been worse since the beginning of the year, partly because of storms/wind patterns that change direct paths towards us. They will continue to be worse until the end of May as the airport has a [runway closed](#) so more departing flights go over Pacifica. Hold tight for a Noise 101 seminar and a follow up zoom meeting I am organizing where we can ask questions to understand what changes we can make to reduce noise.

Manor Area Repaving and Sidewalk Work

Work was approved last month in these areas and should be starting soon. See [agenda](#) page 143 and following with more detailed information street by street.



Climate Action Plan

Should be discussed at the next City Council Meeting on 4/24.

Electrification and Grid Reliability

We had so many power outages over the last few months and so I asked some questions of Peninsula Clean Energy Staff, see answers below.

1. **Extreme weather is driving outages.** The principal drivers of outages have been extreme heat, fire, and high winds. Fires and heat are being fueled by climate change and even the extreme rain is something forecasted by climate researchers (concentration of precipitation in shorter timeframes). Reducing climate pollution will help minimize the extreme weather events triggering outages.
2. **Is there "enough power"?** Sometimes this question comes up. The short answer is yes. Building electrification adds very small new energy requirements because the equipment is extremely efficient. Looking ahead in the next 5 years it's about a 1% increase. Additional responses to related questions can be found on [our FAQ](#).

3. **Can most homes “handle it”?** There is a perception that most or all homes will need panel upgrades. This is incorrect. Quantitative analysis of homes’ actual energy use indicates the majority of homes can electrify within standard 100 amp panels and PCE recently published [guidelines and resources](#). Newer technologies (such as 120V water heaters) and methods are important to keep costs down. Note these guidelines and resources are intended primarily for contractors and DIY’ers.
4. **How will people be supported in the transition?** This is a major focus for PCE, we are currently working on a major expansion of our buildings program for next year to include turnkey services, a “one-stop shop”, and technical assistance as well as a substantially expanded low-income program. Our goal is to eliminate undue burdens. That said, there are still challenging scenarios and we are working aggressively to address them.

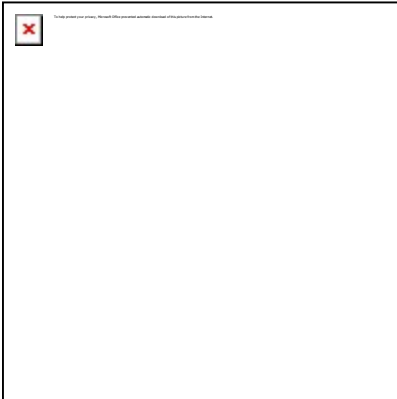
Quarry Mine Reclamation Plan - TBD...

Thanks for reading and hope to see you soon!

Christine Boles, Architect

Pacifica City Councilmember, District 2

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