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1. LEAD AGENCY: City of Palo Alto
2. LEAD AGENCY EMAIL: amy.french@cityofpaloalto.org
3. PROJECT TITLE: Amending PC 2343
4. APPLICANT NAME: RLD Land LLC (and Handa Developer's Group) PHONE: 650.571.1010
5. APPLICANT EMAIL: rrd@deweyland.com
6. APPLICANT ADDRESS: 240 Lorton Avenue 4th Floor Burlingame CA 94010
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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**PROJECT TITLE:** Amending Planned Community Ordinance 2343

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 2901-2905 Middlefield Road and 702 Ellsworth Place, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Amending Planned Community Ordinance 2343 for 2901-2905 Middlefield Road and Establishing a Separate Planned Community Zoning Designation for 702 Ellsworth Place to Enable the Development of a new Single-Story, Single-Family Residence.

**NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** City of Palo Alto City Council

**NAME OF PERSON OR GROUP CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** RLD Land LLC (2901-2905 Middlefield) and Handa Developer's Group/RRP (702 Ellsworth Pl)

**EXEMPT STATUS AND REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

**Categorical Exemptions:**

**Class 1 Existing Facilities Exemption**

15301 This exemption is used for the 2901-2905 Middlefield Road PC: There are no changes to the private structures, no expansion of the multifamily residential use (no additional uses beyond multifamily residential).



**Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**

15303 This exemption is used for the 702 Ellsworth Place PC: One single-family unit is proposed on an existing parcel with underlying land use designation of single family residential.

**Statutory Exemption:**

**Common Sense Exemption 15061(b)(3)**



This exemption is used for both PCs. The lots area already in place and zoning and underlying land use designation has reflected multifamily residential use at 2901 Middlefield Road and single-family residential use at 702 Ellsworth Place.

**PROJECT PLANNER:**

Amy French

  
Signature (Public Agency)

Chief Planning official  
Title

3/11/24  
Date



# CITY COUNCIL DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
March 4, 2024

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in the Council Chambers and by virtual teleconference at 5:30 P.M.

Present In Person: Burt, Kou, Lauing, Lythcott-Haims, Stone, Tanaka, Veenker

Present Remotely:

Absent:

## Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

## Public Comment

## Council Member Questions, Comments and Announcements

## Study Session

1. Study Session to provide early feedback about the proposed redevelopment of Buena Vista Mobile Home Park at 3980 El Camino Real.

## **NO ACTION**

## Consent Calendar

Council Member Tanaka requested to pull Agenda Item Number 2.

Council Member Tanaka registered a no vote on Agenda Item Number 2.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Lauing moved, seconded by Mayor Stone to approve Agenda Item Numbers 2-5.

# DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

**MOTION PASSED ITEM 2:** 6-1, Tanaka no

**MOTION PASSED ITEMS 3-5:** 7-0

2. Approval of a Purchase Order with Mobile Modular Management Corporation in the Amount of \$244,850, including \$222,591 for Basic Services and \$22,259 for Contingency, to Provide and Install a Modular Building at 4000 Middlefield Road to Serve as a Temporary Fire Station During Construction of the Fire Station 4 Replacement Capital Project (PE-18004); CEQA Status - Exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303
3. Approval of Office of the City Auditor FY2024 Task 4 Task Orders (CEQA Status - Not a Project)
4. Acceptance of the Office of the City Auditor's Quarterly Status Report for the Period of October - December 2023
5. Approval of Professional Services Contract Number C24189371 with Kimley Horn and Associates in an Amount Not to Exceed \$178,559 for the Quiet Zone Study Services for railroad crossings at Churchill Avenue, Meadow Drive, and Charleston Road for a term ending December 31, 2025; CEQA – not a project.

## City Manager Comments

Ed Shikada, City Manager

## Action Items

6. Adopt a Park Dedication Ordinance for the Tower Well site, 0.19 acres of land (8,437 square feet) at 201 Alma Street and approve the proposed name "Tower Well Park" as Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission. CEQA status - not a project.

**MOTION:** Council Member Veenker moved, seconded by Council Member Burt to:

1. Adopt a Park Dedication Ordinance (Attachment A) for the Tower Well site, 0.19 acres of land (8,437 square feet) at 201 Alma Street, and;
2. Approve the proposed name "Tower Well Park", and;
3. Referral to the Historic Resources Board and Parks and Recreation Commission to consider the naming of it to be Fredrick Eyerly Tower Well and to refer to the Historic Resources Board adding the site to the California and National Historic Registry.

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0

# DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

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Public Hearing: Second Reading Planned Community Ordinances for 2901 Middlefield Road and 702 Ellsworth Place. CEQA Status – Categorically Exempt

**AMENDMENT:** Mayor Stone moved, seconded by Council Member Kou to restore the sight triangle specified in the December 11, 2023 ordinance, to “extend to the southernmost corner of the property along Middlefield Road and shall”.

**AMENDMENT PASSED:** 5-2, Lythcott-Haims, Tanaka no

## **AMENDMENT INCORPORATED INTO THE MAIN MOTION**

**MOTION:** Council Member Lythcott-Haims moved, seconded by Council Member Tanaka to adopt the draft ordinances amending the Planned Community Ordinance 2343 to rezone 2901-2905 Middlefield Road and 702 Ellsworth Place as prepared for the February 5, 2024 City Council meeting with the following amendments:

1. Require maximum 3-foot-tall cable rail fence within the sight visibility triangle area that maintains visibility through the sides of the sight triangle adjacent to Ellsworth Place and Middlefield Road, and;
2. Remove signage that limits the size of delivery trucks on Ellsworth Place, and;
3. Restore the sight triangle specified in the December 11, 2023 ordinance, to “extend to the southernmost corner of the property along Middlefield Road and shall”.

**MOTION PASSED:** 6-1, Kou no

8. Approval of the 2024 City Council Priority Objectives and Finance Committee and Policy & Services Committee Workplans

**NO ACTION - ITEM CONTINUED TO MARCH 11, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 P.M.

