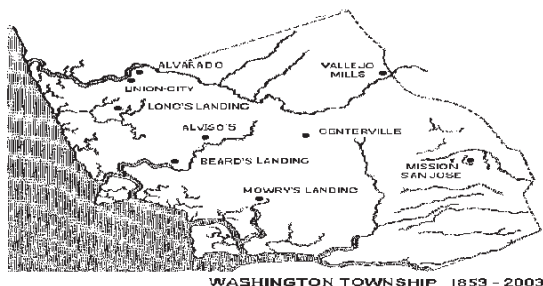


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**MEETING DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021, 7:00 PM**  
**LIVE ON ZOOM, <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76473734687>**

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## **John Weed, President of Washington Township Historical Society,**

John tells us that even though Covid 19 is restricting all public meetings, that development projects are still going on. These meetings are held on ZOOM, and if you want to make comments you have to send comments in before the meeting. Staff will then read those comments to the commission, board or council. John also told your editor about a new commission but the application deadline is before this newsletter is being mailed. Anyone can go to the City of Fremont website and sign up to get agendas of any meeting you are interested in attending via ZOOM. Your editor does not know of any arrangements similar to this in either Newark or Union City. John also sent information about a website; "Shape Our Fremont" ([www.shapeourfremont.com](http://www.shapeourfremont.com)). This is a website that lists most development projects in Fremont and their status. Projects that involve buildings over 50 years of age should be reviewed by the Historical Architectural Review Board

(HARB), however sometimes staff determines that the building has been modified so much that it is no longer eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. If staff makes this determination then it might not come before HARB. All development projects come before the Fremont Planning Commission, and some of them get approved at this level without ever going to City Council. Your editor has included a list of proposed developments in Fremont with a small amount of information about each, generally only the name, the developer, the staff person, and the location. There is more information on the Shape Our Fremont website.

Governor Gavin Newsom has said that the Covid 19 vaccine can now be given to anyone 65 years or age and older. At this time however there is not enough vaccine to give everyone a shot at this time. There are a couple of ways that you can register to get the vaccine when it is available. There is no cost to the person getting the vaccine. If you have health insurance they may be billed.

## **Our January Speaker will be introduced by Paul Sethy**

The San Jose Light Tower (1881-1915) was one of the most prominent structures of its era in the San Francisco Bay Area. The tower was possibly the world's tallest free-standing iron structure at the time it was built (237 feet). And, its light was visible as far away as San Francisco. Farmers and orchardists in Washington Township would have been very familiar with this central fixture since large quantities of local fruits and vegetables were transported to the canning and packing houses in the surrounding downtown San Jose area.

Paul Sethy will make an introductory presentation on the history of the San Jose Light Tower, followed by a one-hour showing of a 2019 documentary "The Light Between Two Towers" which examines the circumstantial evidence directly linking the San Jose Light Tower to the design of the Eiffel Tower (dedicated 1889) and the Statue of Liberty (dedicated 1886; whose interior framework was also designed by Gustave Eiffel). Tom Wohlmuth, the producer, writer and director of the film will join us afterward to discuss the nine years of research he conducted in the U.S. and Europe that resulted in this provocative story. He will also talk about the international design competition to develop a new landmark replacement monument in San Jose and take questions and answers. Tom and his wife were long time Union City residents until they recently retired to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Tom will be joining us via Zoom from near Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, where he is currently working on a new documentary.

MISCELLANEOUS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

VILLA ELLSWORTH (PLN2020-00170)

43341 Mission Blvd in the Mission San Jose Community Plan Area.

Application's Staff Team Lead: Mark Hungerford mhungerford@fremont.gov

This is the land between Ellsworth St. and Mission Blvd. behind and including the now-closed McIvor's Hardware store at 43350 Ellsworth St. The hardware store would be demolished. The two buildings and plaza on Mission Blvd. would remain.

This property is within the Mission San Jose Town Center, which allows mixed-use developments with both residential and commercial spaces. It is also within the Mission San Jose Historic Overlay District and would be subject to H.A.R.B. approval.

WITHERLY ROAD HOMES (PLN2020-00037)

830, 740 and 750 Witherly Lane in the Mission San Jose Community Plan Area.

Application's Staff Team Lead: Mark Hungerford mhungerford@fremont.gov

H.A.R.B. Hearing Jan. 7th

H.A.R.B. recommended approval of the plan 3-1 but with numerous conditions that included removing the duplex completely, enlarging the Gallegos House lot, changing the circulation to maintain the original driveway to the Gallegos House, moving the bioretention further from the house, and a couple other things.

ARON TOWNHOMES (PLN2019-00364)

4170 Central Ave in the Centerville Community Plan Area.

Application's Staff Team Lead: Aki Snelling asnelling@fremont.gov

This is two lots at the corner of Central Ave. and Argyle Rd. Previously ARON TOWNHOMES PRP (PRP2019-00011)

3411 CAPITOL AVE MIXED-USE (PLN2019-00179)

3411 Capitol Ave in the Central Community Plan Area.

Application's Staff Team Lead: Aki Snelling asnelling@fremont.gov

This was the location of Schoeber's Athletic Club which is now demolished.

Previously 3411 CAPITOL AVE MIXED-USE PRP (PRP2018-00018)

CENTERVILLE PLAZA (PLN2019-00177)

37177 Fremont Blvd. in the Centerville Community Plan Area.

Application's Staff Team Lead: Joel Pullen jpullen@fremont.gov

Centerville Plaza includes the Tri-City Veterinary Clinic and is across the street from Artist Walk.

Previously CENTERVILLE PLAZA PRP (PRP2018-00026)

MISSION PARADISE MIXED USE (PLN2019-00085)

270 Washington Blvd in the Mission San Jose Community Plan Area.

Application's Staff Team Lead: Mark Hungerford mhungerford@fremont.gov

This is at the southwest corner of Washington Blvd. and Ellsworth St. This property is within the Mission San Jose Town Center, which allows mixed-use developments with both residential and commercial spaces. It is also within the Mission San Jose Historic Overlay District and will be subject to H.A.R.B. approval.

Previously MISSION PARADISE MIXED USE PRP (PRP2018-00011)

OMAHA WAY HOMES (PLN2018-00192)

Omaha Way in the Warm Springs Community Plan Area.

Application's Staff Team Lead: Mark Hungerford mhungerford@fremont.gov

Applicant Asked for Continuance (Postponement) Again on 11/12/2020

10/8/20 Planning Commission Agenda

This is three vacant parcels adjacent to Highway 680 off Omaha Way which is off Yucatan Dr. near East Warren Blvd.

Previously OMAHA WAY HOMES PRP (PLN2016-00275)

THE ARGONAUT (PLN2018-00205)

4190 Mowry Ave in the Central Community Plan Area.

Application's Staff Team Lead: Aki Snelling asnelling@fremont.gov

This is where the Union 76 gas station currently stands at the corner of Argonaut Way and Mowry Ave. at The Hub.

Previously THE ARGONAUT PRP (PLN2016-00427)

MILTONIA DEVELOPMENT (PLN2017-00241)

DESIGN REVIEW PERMIT

41223 and 41239 Roberts Ave. in the Irvington Community Plan Area.

Application's Staff Team Lead: Spencer Shafsky sshafsky@fremont.gov

This is located next to the Washington Blvd. Safeway.

Previously MILTONIA DEVELOPMENT PRP (PLN2015-00157)

JAYNES NILES MIXED-USE PROJECT (PLN2017-00222)

37753 Niles Blvd. in the Niles Community Plan Area.

Application's Staff Team Lead: Steve Kowalski skowalski@fremont.gov

This is currently a vacant property down the street from Joe's Corner in Niles.

9/18/17: According to Staff Planner Steve Kowalski, this project was withdrawn.

Previously NILES BLVD MIXED USE PRP (PLN2016-00207)

FREMONT HABITAT (PLN2019-00048)

36551 Fremont Blvd in the Centerville Community Plan Area.

Application's Staff Team Lead: David Wage [dwage@fremont.gov](mailto:dwage@fremont.gov)

Planning Commission Approved 11/12/20

Planning Commission Agenda

This is just south of Alder Ave. This is not a Habitat for Humanity project

**DECOTO LUX HOMES (PLN2016-00338)**

3057 Decoto Rd. in the North Fremont Community Plan Area.

Application's Staff Team Lead: David Wage [dwage@fremont.gov](mailto:dwage@fremont.gov)

City Council approved 7/7/20 with condition of two separate driveways.

City Council Agenda

Revised project plans (5.8MB)

Major Revision Submitted - 11/4/19

City Council Denied Appeal of Planning Commission Denial - 11/13/18

Previously DECOTO LUX HOMES (PLN2016-00203)

**ROBERTS AVE TOWNHOMES (PLN2019-00348)**

DESIGN REVIEW PERMIT

Planning Commission Approved 6/11/20

Commission asked Planning Staff to work with developer to:

- Designate one unit as Below Market Rate (BMR\*)
- Redesign bicycle parking area
- Adding kitchenette, full bathroom and a closet to the four Accessible units

Planning Commission Agenda

Vesting Tract Map

41354 Roberts Ave in the Irvington Community Plan Area.

Application's Staff Team Lead: Mark

Hungerford [mhungerford@fremont.gov](mailto:mhungerford@fremont.gov)

This is the Mission Peak Baptist Church property on Roberts between Adams and Carol. • This is a Pan Cal Corporation project

Previously ROBERTS AVE PRP (PRP2019-00010)

\*BMR: Below Market Rate deed-restricted unit applicable to Fremont's Moderate-Income Affordable Housing allocation. Fremont's Affordable Housing ordinance requires: "On-site affordable units shall be comparable to the market rate units in terms of unit type, number of bedrooms per unit, quality of exterior appearance and overall quality of construction."

**ALLIED HOUSING - FREMONT BLVD AFFORDABLE HOUSING (PLN2019-00315)**

34320 Fremont Blvd in the North Fremont Community Plan Area.

Application's Staff Team Lead: Mark

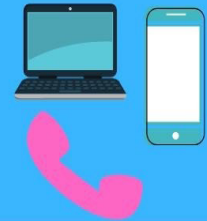
Hungerford [mhungerford@fremont.gov](mailto:mhungerford@fremont.gov)

Ministerial Design Review Permit Approved 1/6/20

This is at the intersection of Fremont Blvd. and Paseo Padre next to the Community of Christ Church. Previously ALLIED HOUSING - COMMUNITY OF CHRIST (PRP2019-00005)

# ZOOM Basics and Best Practices

Don't be intimidated by doing virtual worship or Bible study or small groups via Zoom! It probably is easier than you think!



## 1.) MULTIPLE WAYS TO ACCESS

Use your computer or your phone to join via video chat! Or, you can simply call in to the meeting without video by calling a toll-free number.

## 2.) MUTE YOURSELF

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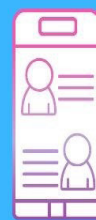
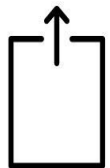


## 3.) VIEW ALL PARTICIPANTS

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## 4.) SHARE YOUR SCREEN

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## 5.) CHAT

You can chat with everyone on the call or just one person by clicking the Chat icon on the bottom of the screen. Be sure to click the name of the person you want to chat with if you are doing one-on-one chat during a call with multiple parties.

## 6.) IF YOU ARE HAVING CONNECTIVITY PROBLEMS

If you are having trouble with your Internet connection, try turning off your video. This often helps the load on the Internet so at least you can speak and hear others more clearly.



# JANUARY 25, 2021, MEETING

## Will be on Zoom starting at 7:00 P.M.:

### <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76473734687>

This meeting will start at 7:00 pm, you can log in about 15 minutes early to check your connection.

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