
Gaviota Coast Planning Advisory Committee

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES, MEETING #11

***Wednesday May 12, 2010
Brandon School Auditorium***

Meeting Called to Order: By Vice-Chair Mark Lloyd at 6:34 p.m. (Kimbell did not Chair this meeting due to illness)

1. Roll Call

GavPAC Members Present: Baer, Boise-Cossart, Bowman, Feeney, Kimbell, Lloyd, McGinnis, McKenna, McNabb, Tautrim (arrived after roll call), Van Leer

GavPAC Members Absent: None

County Staff Present:

Vicki Parker, Office of Long Range Planning Deputy Director

David Lackie, Office of Long Range Planning Supervising Planner

Brian A. Tetley, Office of Long Range Planning Senior Planner

Katie London, Office of Long Range Planning Assistant Planner

2. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda:

Mike Lunsford: Suggested the GavPAC include design guidelines for new construction as a planning issue in the planning worksheets, as he believes such guidelines are an important resource.

Deliberation: Baer asked if the Plan Area Boundary discussion had been dropped and Lloyd responded that it had not been dropped and that the GavPAC would tackle this issue sooner rather than later. Staff will work with the Chair and Vice-Chair to determine the appropriate timing for introducing this subject into the deliberative phase of the process.

3. Administrative Briefing

Public Comment: None

Deliberation: Staff suggested using some May 26th meeting time to review the California Coastal Commission (CCC) staff report on suggested modifications to the County's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC). The County Planning & Development (P&D) Department will review the suggested modifications with the County Planning Commission (PC) on June 2nd and the Montecito PC on June 17th followed by a final Board of Supervisors hearing on July 6th. P&D's staff report responding to the CCC requests should be available on May 17. Staff will forward a link to the GavPAC as soon as it is available. McGinnis stated that she has been reviewing the CCC staff report and that she could present a summary of those comments likely to affect the Gaviota Coast planning process at the next meeting.

The Agricultural Permit Streamlining Project will go before the Board of Supervisors on May 25th.

4. Meeting Minutes from Meeting #10 on April 21, 2010



Public Comment: None

Deliberations: McNabb requested that the name associated with the first public comment on Agenda Item #2 be revised to read Richard Pata.

ACTION: Baer moved, seconded by Feeney, and carried by a vote of 11-0 to approve the minutes with modification.

5. Discussion of Planning Worksheets Format

Public Comment: None

Deliberation: Staff explained the format for the planning worksheets and asked the GavPAC for any suggested changes to improve clarity and completeness. Staff also stated that the planning issues listed in the worksheets reflect public input from Workshop #1. Staff stated that the GavPAC should not be overly concerned with the wording of revisions or additions to the planning issues at this time. Lloyd remarked that this meeting will include deliberation regarding which planning issues will be included in the planning process. Feeney requested that Staff provide citations to existing policies relevant to the planning issues being discussed. Lloyd stated that planning issues will eventually be re-formatted to show their inter-connectedness between topics, and that the topic of visual resources will be considered as part of the planning process.

6. Discussion of Issue Area Priorities for Planning Goal Development

Public Comment:

Chris Schaeffer representing CalTrans: Suggested looking to Monterey County as an example of how to conduct interagency coordination pertaining to transportation corridor issues. He stated that CalTrans addresses wildlife corridor issues on a project by project basis. He also said that the GavPAC should consider the area along Highway 101 as a transportation corridor and suggested that if the GavPAC prioritized projects within the corridor, it would give CalTrans a framework to start from when initiating projects.

LeeAnne French: Stated that consideration should be given to requiring new development to use and/or generate alternative energy.

Joanne McGarry: Would like to see alternative methods of transportation (e.g., a train stop) available for visitors to the Gaviota Coast.

Deliberation: The GavPAC modified, added, and deleted items from the list of planning issues for Transportation, Energy, & Infrastructure (TEA). Staff recorded modifications to planning issues in real-time, while projecting those modifications onto a large screen visible to all meeting attendees.

A summary of the combination, addition, or removal of planning issues from the planning worksheet is listed below. Other minor changes and comments were made that are not reflected in the minutes.

- TEA-1 *Recommend a Set of Improvements to Highway 101 Operations* was amended to include safety improvements (i.e., highway 101 turnouts, bike trail/path) as a priority.
- TEA-3 was changed from *Increase the Number of Bike Paths* to *Improve Bicycle Access Along the Coast*
- TEA-4 was changed from *Support Community Scaled Renewable Energy Production* to *Consider Community and Large Scale Renewable Energy Production*
- TEA-5 was combined with TEA-4



- TEA-6 was changed from *Enhance Maintenance of Rural Roads, Parking Facilities, & Bike Paths* to *Design Characteristics and Maintenance for Rural Roads* with a sub-issue of *prioritizing maintenance*.
- TEA-7 was changed from *Plan for the Reuse of Abandoned Energy Facilities* to *Plan for the Reuse of Abandoned Energy Facilities and the Decommissioning of Unused Pipelines*
- TEA-8 was incorporated into TEA-7
- TEA-9 was changed from *Study the Feasibility of Alternate Off- and Onshore Oil Production Facilities* to *Review and Consider Updating Existing County Energy Policies*.
- TEA-10 was changed from *Encourage the Undergrounding of Utilities* to *Removal of Abandoned Utilities. Undergrounding New Utilities Associated with New Large-Scale Alternative Energy Projects*
- Combined TEA-11, TEA-12 & TEA-13

7. Long-Term Meeting Schedule Discussion

Public Comment:

Eva Turenchalk representing the Coastal Ranches Conservancy (CRC): requested input from GavPAC members regarding their experiences with implementing ecologically beneficial restoration projects; she will contact individual members via email for feedback.

Deliberation: The GavPAC will continue progressing through the planning worksheet at its next meeting in the order in which the worksheets were included in the packet. The next GavPAC meeting will include discussion on Public Recreation planning issues and if time permits, Resource Stewardship & Open Space.

Brandon School will not be open during summer break therefore meetings will be held at Vista de Las Cruces School. McGinnis recommended having more meetings in the Goleta area to allow for more public participation.

ACTION: Baer moved, seconded by Bowman, and carried by a vote of 11-0 to review the CCC staff report and suggested modifications to the County's LUDC at the next GavPAC meeting on May 26th.

8. Meeting Adjournment – 8:59 p.m.

