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# Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee

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## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

October 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 at 6:00PM

Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Hearing Room

1. Meeting Called to Order: By Chair Pro-tem, Derek Johnson, at 6:01PM

2. Roll Call

**GVPAC Members Present:** Adams, Elliott, Ezal, Freeman, Olson, True

**GVPAC Members Absent:** Mineau

**County Staff Present:**

Derek Johnson, Deputy Director, Office of Long Range Planning

David Lackie, Supervising Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

Erika Leachman, Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

3. Public Comment:

**Janet Wolf, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor**, expressed gratitude for the service and commitment of the GVPAC members to the update of the Goleta Community Plan

**Cecilia Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Planning Commissioner**, acknowledged the capabilities of the GVPAC members and discussed the importance of high standards and a vision for the future during the update of the Goleta Community Plan.

**Ann Crosby** expressed her involvement in the 5-year timeline leading up to the initiation of the update of the Goleta Community Plan, the commitment of the community, including the Coalition for Sensible Planning (CSP), and the importance of the GVC Vision document to inform the GVPAC.

**Hal Hill**, a former Goleta Visioning Committee member, expressed his concern for the importance of the GVC Vision Document, specifically with regard to his concern that low densities will avoid increased traffic along the Hollister Ave commercial corridor at the train trestle.

**Mary Whalen** expressed concern for traffic problems along Calle Real and Hollister Ave and for density to remain low to avoid increased traffic problems. Comments also requested noticing in local newspapers for all GVPAC meetings, that meetings be held in the Eastern Goleta Valley, and that a GVPAC member should be responsible for taking minutes of each meeting.

4. Minutes: No minutes for consideration at 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

5. Presentation:

**Rachel Van Mullem, Deputy County Counsel**, presented the Ralph M. Brown Act, which is a state law governing public meetings.



**Derek Johnson:** presented administrative details of GVPAC operation and commitment, including roles and responsibilities, meeting setup and function, noticing, and scheduling. Chair, Vice-Chair and Recording Secretary to be elected at 3<sup>rd</sup> GVPAC meeting. Tentative Schedule discussed as follows:

- 10/15/08 GVPAC Meeting #2 – Planning Commission Hearing Room
- 11/5/08 GVPAC Meeting #3 – Planning Commission Hearing Room
- 11/19/08 GVPAC Meeting #4 – Planning Commission Hearing Room
- 12/2/08 GVPAC Meeting #5 – Planning Commission Hearing Room
- 12/17/08 GVPAC Meeting #6 – Planning Commission Hearing Room

**Public Comment:** Comments pertained to the adequacy of meeting noticing, specifically printing ads for each upcoming GVPAC meeting with topic included, more copies of materials being available at meetings, and the release of a long term schedule of meetings. Comments also pertained to opportunities for additional public comment following the discussion of the GVPAC prior to a motion and action. Lastly, comments and discussion also addressed the meeting location, specifically calling into question the reasons for and legalities of meeting in the planning commission hearing room. It was found to be legal under the Brown Act, as the location lies within the County, and reasonable due to its close proximity to the Goleta Valley Planning Area and its technical and spatial capabilities to best facilitate a public meeting.

**ACTION:** Adams moved, seconded by Olson, and carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mineau absent) to adopt the County GPAC Guidelines and GVPAC Ground Rules

**Yea:** Adams, Elliott, Ezal, Freeman, Olson, True

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Mineau

## 6. Adjournment

Next GVPAC Meeting will be held on October 15, 2008 at 6:00 in the PC Hearing Room

**ACTION:** Freemam moved, seconded by Olson, and carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mineau absent) to adopt the County GPAC Guidelines and GVPAC Ground Rules

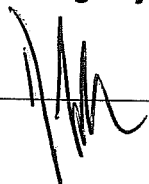
**Yea:** Adams, Elliott, Ezal, Freeman, Olson, True

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Mineau

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:52PM**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



Chair Pro-tem

Date 10/20/08

