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# Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee

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## **APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**September 3, 2009 at 6:00PM**

**Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Conference Room**

**Meeting Called to Order: By Chair Valerie Olson at 6:03PM**

### **1. Roll Call**

**GVPAC Members Present:** Adams, Ezal, Freeman, Mineau (arr. 6:59PM), Olson, True

**GVPAC Members Absent:** Elliott

#### **County Staff Present:**

Vicki Parker, Deputy Director, Office of Long Range Planning

Peter Imhof, Supervising Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

Erika Leachman, Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

Lucy Pendl, Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

### **2. Public Comment:**

**Patti Close** expressed concern that the presentation given by Michael Towbes during Public Comment at the August 19<sup>th</sup> GVPAC meeting was too extensive and suggested that, in the future, such presentations should be agendized.

### **3. GVPAC Report on Recent Activities:**

**GVPAC Member Bonnie Freeman** announced that Public Works responded quickly to her call regarding signage in need of repair and commented that the department functions well, in spite of any budget cuts it may have sustained recently.

### **4. Minutes of August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 GVPAC Meeting:**

Amendments: None

**ACTION:** Ezal moved, seconded by True, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 GVPAC Meeting Minutes, with no amendments.

Yea: Adams, Ezal, Freeman, Olson, True

Nay: None

Absent: Elliott, Mineau



**5. Tentative Long Term Scheduling:**

No changes were made to the modified GVPAC meeting schedule through December 2009.

**6. Environmental Protection & Stewardship Discussion:**

GVPAC Members reviewed, modified, and added to the draft Environmental Protection and Stewardship goals presented by Staff.

**Public Comment:**

**Craig Minus** stated that it might be better to use positive action words, such as create or encourage, rather than negative words and that GVPAC members should carefully consider the impacts of the goals they approve.

**Patti Close** commented that: recycled products should be made available to the public; the recycling system should be user-friendly; plantings (that do not require trimming) can be used as noise buffers; sidewalks up to curbs are better than parking strips; the Safe Water Ordinance should be taken into account and obeyed; promoting native plants means limiting grass which limits the ability of kids to play and the community to interact. She also mentioned that grass can have a cooling effect, and the GVPAC should offer suggestions on how to implement air quality goals.

**ACTION:** Ezal moved, seconded by True, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the goals for the Environmental Protection and Stewardship section of the Goleta Community Plan.

Yea: Adams, Ezal, Freeman, Mineau, Olson, True

Nay: None

Absent: Elliott

**7. Adjournment**

Next GVPAC Meeting (#20) will be held on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:00 in the Planning Commission Hearing Room

**ACTION:** Adams moved, seconded by Freeman, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn until GVPAC Meeting #20.

Yea: Adams, Ezal, Freeman, Mineau, Olson, True

Nay: None

Absent: Elliott

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:50PM**

Signed

*Valerie F. Olson*

Date *10 Oct 2009*

GVPAC Chair Olson

