
Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2008 at 6:00PM

Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Hearing Room

Meeting Called to Order: By Chair Pro-tem Derek Johnson at 5:59PM

1. 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

Lucy Pendl, Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

Erika Leachman, Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

2. Public Comment:

Kelly Travers, representing the Coalition for Sensible Planning, stressed the importance of GVC 20/20: A Comprehensive Vision for the Eastern Goleta Valley and urged distribution and continued reference to the visions and goals it provides during the Goleta Community Plan update. Ms. Travers also brought a video clip to play for those in attendance; however, due to a lack of audio, the clip was unable to be viewed. It was described by Ms. Travers as a video of 2nd District Supervisor Janet Wolf describing the GVC 20/20 vision document as the principle document guiding the development of the update Goleta Community Plan. She also expressed concern for rezoning of agricultural land in the Goleta Valley.

Mary Whalen expressed her thanks for adequate noticing of the meeting by email and in local newspapers (Goleta Valley Voice and the Independent). Ms Whalen also expressed the importance of GVC 20/20: A Comprehensive Vision for the Eastern Goleta Valley in defining the visions and goals for the update process.

3. Minutes of October 1st GVPAC Meeting:

Corrections:

Item 3: reference to Citizens for Sensible Planning corrected as Coalition for Sensible Planning.

Item 5: Additional paraphrase of public comment to include discussion of fixed GVPAC meeting location in the planning commission hearing room and adequate noticing of the public meetings



ACTION: Adams moved, seconded by Elliott, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve October 1, 2008 GVPAC Meeting Minutes, as corrected above.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mineau

4. Tentative Long Term GVPAC Meeting Schedule:

GVPAC Meeting #3 rescheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2008.

Van tour of Goleta Valley tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 22, 2008 during the day. Route, times, and stopping points to be determined. Suggestions for areas of interest on the route encouraged to be emailed to staff. Areas of interest mentioned during this item included fire damage at Goleta City Limit, areas of potential flooding, key sites remaining from the 1993 Goleta Community Plan, More Mesa, and Goleta Trails (Slippery Rock).

Meeting topics #3 and #4 combined into meeting #3; long term schedule moved up by one meeting session to accommodate this consolidation.

5. Presentation:

Staff presented an overview of general planning law and practice in California, community planning law and practice in Santa Barbara County, and general planning documents and efforts currently active in the Eastern Goleta Valley.

GVPAC discussion pertained to the relationship of community plans to each other, to the County Comprehensive Plan, to other documents like design guidelines and the Goleta Transportation Improvement Plan, to new state laws requiring greenhouse gas emission reduction (AB32 and SB375), and to the role and inclusion of principles in the development of goals for the community plan.

Other discussion topics referred to the population impacts of the 2008 UCSB Long Range Development Plan on the Goleta Valley Planning Area, the update of the GTIP concurrent to the community plan update, and the general plan updates currently being undertaken by the Cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta. The GVPAC expressed interest in including principles from the GVC 20/20 Vision Document in the updated Goleta Community Plan, receiving additional information from staff regarding SB375 and AB32 as the State releases additional implementation guidelines, and emailing staff with suggestions for areas of interest for the planning area van tour.

Public Comment: Comments pertained to the importance of GVC 20/20 principles being included in the community plan update, the concern for water resources as a large complicated issue that should be addressed during the community plan update, and the relationship and impacts of planning and land ownership on the local agriculture industry and profession. Ms. Travers



handed out printed flyer regarding content of video clip that could not be played due to technical difficulties.

6. Adjournment

Next GVPAC Meeting (#3) will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 6:00 in the Planning Commission Hearing Room

ACTION: Olson moved, seconded by Adams, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn until GVPAC Meeting #3.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mineau

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36PM

Signed

Valeria F. Olson

Date *2 Dec 2008*



