
Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2009 at 6:00PM

Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Hearing Room

Meeting Called to Order: By Chair Valerie Olson at 6:04PM

1. Roll Call

GVPAC Members Present: Adams, Ezal, Freeman, Mineau, Olson, True

GVPAC Members Absent: Elliott

County Staff Present:

Derek Johnson, 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:

Kas Terhorst, representing residents of the Shadow Hills neighborhood, encouraged the updated Goleta Community Plan keep new development to a minimum to avoid traffic impacts on neighbors. Mr. Terhorst cited the example of the opening day of a new grocery store on State St causing impacts to neighbors.

Dan Gira, representing the Santa Barbara Trails Council's Trail Planning Sub-Committee, commented that trails for hikers, bikers, equestrians, and other uses are needed for the Goleta Valley. Mr. Gira recommended that existing proposed trails should be implemented and new trails should be acquired through cooperative land use and development opportunities between the County and private land owners in the interest of inner-connectivity

3. Minutes of Sept. 3, 2009 GVPAC Meeting:

Amendments: None

ACTION: Ezal moved, seconded by Adams, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the Sept. 3rd, 2009 GVPAC Meeting Minutes, with no amendments.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Elliott



4. Announcements:

The County is considering the expansion of the overnight RV and vehicle parking program to include 5 new managed spaces at the Calle Real County Campus in partnership with New Beginnings organization. Gary Linker, representing New Beginnings, answered questions from the GVPAC regarding the program.

The City of Santa Barbara is processing a development plan and concurrent annexation from the County for the Hillside House project at the intersection of Veronica Springs Rd. and Hwy 225 (Las Positas Rd).

5. Public Safety, Services, and Infrastructure Discussion:

GVPAC Members reviewed, modified and added to the draft Public Safety, Services, and Infrastructure goals recorded by staff.

Public Comment:

Dean Lowery, owner of Deigaard Nursery in the South Patterson agricultural area, expressed interest in working with the community to convert some agricultural land as a public service, such as circulation, accessibility, and safety, to connect the community with the coast while creating a "win-win" situation for private property owners and the public.

Lauren Hanson representing the Goleta Water District, commented that community acknowledgement of responsibility for water conservation and stewardship should be a goal, in concert with imposing restrictions and requiring water conservation. Regarding groundwater recharge, Ms. Hanson noted the difference between general basin overdraft or the irresponsible use of private wells in the foothills, commenting that private well users have a responsibility to the community.

Karen Alm, representing Diegaard Nursery, requested the GVPAC and the County consider conversion of the nursery to residential uses in exchange for a coastal park, bike trails, benches, and other public uses. Ms. Alm express interest in exchanging land uses to benefit the community and to work with adjacent landowners to achieve community goals for connectivity, recreation, and open space.

Bob Alm, representing Diegaard Nursery, requested the GVPAC and the County consider conversion of the nursery to residential uses in exchange for a coastal park, bike trails, benches, and other public uses. Ms. Alm express interest in exchanging land uses to benefit the community and to work with adjacent landowners to achieve community goals for connectivity, recreation, and open space.



ACTION: True moved, seconded by Ezal, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the goals for the Public Safety, Services, and Infrastructure section of the Goleta Community Plan.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Elliott

6. Adjournment

Next GVPAC Meeting (#21) will be held on Wednesday, October 21st, 2009 at 6:00 in the Planning Commission Hearing Room

ACTION: Ezal moved, seconded by True, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn until GVPAC Meeting #21.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Elliott

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32PM

Signed _____

Valerie F. Olson

GVPAC Chair Olson

Date _____

5 Nov 2009

