
Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 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, Elliott, Ezal, Freeman, Mineau, Olson, True

GVPAC Members Absent: None

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:

Jeff Foltz, representing his family which owns Groen Rose Company in the S. Patterson Agricultural Area, commented that in 1993, his family closed the greenhouse operation due to property taxes, insurance and the aging of the wooden greenhouse; currently, the approximately a third of the property is leased for potted plant agriculture. He would like the County to consider possibilities for future subdivision and/or development of his property.

Pat Elton, representing Old San Marcos Rd Property Owners, suggested that Zoning should be changed to reflect actual parcels and parcel sizes, so that public services and utilities are not short of necessary funding.

Teresa Seiley stated that her property on Old San Marcos Rd is zoned MT-Gol-100, which is very restrictive; she would like the County to review that zoning designation during this Community Plan update.

3. GVPAC reports on current activities:

GVPAC Member Tom Elliott commented that he, Member True, and Member Freeman attended the recent Santa Barbara County Trails Council workshop, and the Council will submit a letter with recommendations for trails in the Eastern Goleta Valley.



4. Minutes of Nov. 5, 2009 GVPAC Meeting:

Amendments: None

ACTION: Freeman moved, seconded by True, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Nov. 5th, 2009 GVPAC Meeting Minutes, with no amendments.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

5. Announcements:

The Santa Barbara International Marathon will be held on Sunday, December 6th and will likely affect travel along Turnpike Rd in the morning hours.

6. Commercial Land Use Discussion:

GVPAC Members reviewed, modified and added to the draft Commercial Land Use goals drafted by GVPAC Member Mineau and displayed by staff.

Public Comment:

Craig Minus suggested that commercial areas function best with a 'critical mass' of residential areas nearby and vice versa; he questioned whether the Turnpike Shopping Center/San Marcos High School area contains this 'critical mass.'

Patti Close stated that the owners of houses surrounding the Magnolia Shopping Center may not want new entrances created, causing more traffic and less privacy. She also would support mixed-use projects with low numbers of residential units, but not 25-30 units because that would change the climate of the neighborhood.

Ann Crosby suggested that the Bungalow or Arts & Crafts style be used as a unifying style for the Eastern Goleta Valley; she also mentioned that light rail transit would be a great idea at Modoc Rd and Hollister Ave, but the high-density condo development at the intersection may cause access problems in the future.

ACTION: Ezal moved, seconded by Elliott, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the goals for the Commercial Land Use section of the Goleta Community Plan.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None



7. Adjournment

Next GVPAC Meeting (#24) will be held on Thursday, December 3rd, 2009 at 6:00 in the Planning Commission Hearing Room.

ACTION: True moved, seconded by Elliott, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn until GVPAC Meeting #24.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Meeting Adjourned at 9:17PM

Signed

Valerie F. Olson

Date

20 Jan 2010

GVPAC Chair Olson

