
Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2009 at 6:00PM

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Conference Room

Meeting Called to Order: By Chair Valerie Olson at 6:02PM

1. Roll Call

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

GVPAC Members Absent: None

County Staff Present:

Peter Imhof, Supervising Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

Erika Leachman, Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

2. Public Comment:

Ann Crosby requested and was granted permission by the Chair to speak on agenda item #4 in advance; Ms. Crosby commented that the County provides bedroom communities for cities at an unfair cost as the County pays for infrastructure without the benefit of tax revenue from commercial activity and that the cost of housing and/or tax-revenue should be shared regionally.

3. Minutes of Nov. 18, 2009 GVPAC Meeting:

Amendments: Correction made to the GVPAC members who attended the Santa Barbara County Trails Council Workshop. Clarification made to Jeff Foltz's comment to indicate that 1/3 of his property is leased for potted plant agriculture.

ACTION: Ezal moved, seconded by True, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Nov. 18th, 2009 GVPAC Meeting Minutes, as amended.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

4. Announcements:

The County is preparing for the 2010 Census occurring in April 2010.

Staff provided a brief explanation of legal non-conforming parcels as to size in response to public comments from GVPAC meeting #23.



5. Residential Land Use Discussion:

GVPAC Members reviewed, modified and added to the draft Residential Land Use goals recorded by staff. A complete set of goals was not completed due to time constraints. An additional meeting will be scheduled to complete and recommend Residential Land Use goals in January 2010.

Public Comment:

Ann Pazier, resident of the Eastern Goleta Valley, expressed support for a new Montessori school on the Montessori-owned property to improve neighborhood and surroundings, increase gardening and gardening education, and increase property value.

Roberta Weissglass expressed concern about long term revenue implications of subsidized and/or affordable housing since these types of houses pay less in taxes and require County services. Ms. Weissglass commented that there are too many houses already perpetuating a jobs/housing imbalance.

Jack Armstrong, representing the Coalition for Sensible Planning, commented that increasing density of housing does not achieve the objective of the GVPAC to preserve the character of the neighborhoods and retain agriculture and open spaces since there are few existing developments built at a density over 7 units per acre. Mr. Armstrong expressed that the Eastern Goleta Valley has its share of housing, that additional high density housing would reduce quality of life for existing residents, and that the plan should strengthen a safe urban-wildland interface to protect residents from hazards.

Steve Schott, representing Montessori School, requested the GVPAC and the County plan for the new Montessori campus that is planned to have a rural feel, an organic buffer around the property, and hands-on programs for agricultural education.

Lindsay Shinn, resident of the Eastern Goleta Valley on Walnut Lane, expressed support for a new Montessori school on the Montessori-owned property and hopes to send her kids to the school in the future due to the school's environmental focus.

Nancy Bagshaw, resident of the Eastern Goleta Valley, expressed support for a new Montessori school on the Montessori-owned property and hopes to send her children to the school in the future due to the school's environmental focus.

Jeff Nelson, representing the Cavaletto Tree Farm Infill Housing Project, was unavailable for comment.

Patti Close commented that that Santa Barbara County (with one in six residences subsidized) is in the top ten percent of California Counties, with respect to the ratio of subsidized housing to total population. She offered that more subsidized housing has two negative effects on the community; the tax burden for this housing is borne all



homeowners and there is additional stress on infrastructure because of the requirement to build high density for subsidized housing.

Mary Whalen commented that the Eastern Goleta Valley is defined by its beauty and residential character and that rezoning of property may not be needed if the community does not want to change. Ms. Whalen also commented that in order to achieve a community like Montecito, the updated plan should not consider housing overlays and should reinstate the Goleta Growth Management Ordinance (GGMO).

Craig Minus, representing the Coastal Housing Coalition, commented that workforce housing is different than affordable housing as it provides for professionals and young households. Chair Olson requested that the speaker provide any available information about fire fighters' and law enforcement officers' tendency to live outside the jurisdiction of their employment.

ACTION: None taken, pending completion of a set of goals for Residential Land Use.

6. Adjournment

Next GVPAC Meeting (#25) will be held on Wednesday, December 16th, 2009 at 6:00 in the Planning Commission Hearing Room.

ACTION: True moved, seconded by Ezal, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn until GVPAC Meeting #25.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:53PM

Signed Valerie F. Olson Date 7 Jan 2008
GVPAC Chair Olson



