
Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2010 at 6:00PM

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Conference Room

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

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

Stephanie Stark, Agricultural Planner, Planning & Development Dept.

Erika Leachman, Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

Lucy Pendl, Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

2. Public Comment:

None

3. Minutes of Dec. 16, 2009 and Jan. 7, 2010 GVPAC Meetings:

Amendments: None.

ACTION: Ezal moved, seconded by True, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the minutes of the Dec. 16, 2009 and Jan. 7, 2010 GVPAC Meetings, as amended.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None



4. Long-Term Schedule:

A specific date for the "Introducing the Plan" Presentation was set for February 27, 2010 at 9:00AM.

5. Announcements:

GVPAC Member Freeman announced her attendance at the Cavaletto Housing Development EIR Scoping Hearing where the discussion involved environmental issues to be analyzed. Member Elliott also attended the hearing and commented that traffic problems and safety issues on Patterson Avenue were raised as well as the ownership of possible future parklands.

6. Residential and Agricultural Land Use Discussion:

GVPAC Members reviewed, modified and added to the draft Agricultural Land Use goals recorded by staff.

Public Comment:

Randy Baldwin, of San Marcos Growers, commented that agriculture in the Eastern Goleta Valley has definite advantages but it requires effort to coexist with adjacent residential uses.

Doug Zylstra, of West Covina Nurseries, stated that there are barriers to profitability in agriculture in the Eastern Goleta Valley but he supports discussion of possible options for change.

Paul Nielsen, partial owner of Groen Rose Company, pointed out that a small-area plan was proposed for the S. Patterson area during the 1993 Community Plan process but it was deferred; he suggested that piecemeal planning would negatively affect the area, so he would support goals to create a plan with creative possibilities.

Bob Alm, of Deigaard Nurseries, commented that he is encouraged by the goals of the GVPAC and that the possibility of working with the County towards creative planning helps agricultural landowners wait patiently for a solution.

Dean Lowrey, of Deigaard Nurseries, expressed his support for dividing the S. Patterson Agricultural Area into two sections in order to plan each appropriately and for an opportunity for dialogue between the GVPAC and members of the community.

Bob Bell, of Seaview Nursery, Inc., also expressed support for the idea of separating the upper and lower areas of the S. Patterson Agricultural Area and allowing dialogue between the GVPAC and agricultural landowners.

James Rose, of More Mesa Shores, stated that his orchid business has done well S. Patterson Agricultural area but is surrounded by residential, and changes could be considered to make it more compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.



Ron Caird, owner of 126 acres in the Eastern Goleta Valley, commented that he agrees with the division of the S. Patterson Agricultural Area into two parts and hopes options will be presented to preserve the area.

Suzanne Elledge, of Suzanne Elledge Planning & Permitting Services, Inc., expressed appreciation for the efforts of the GVPAC and acknowledged the challenges facing farmers; she suggested that the new plan allow for some flexibility and consider rezoning when agriculture is not viable.

Brian Trautwein, of the Environmental Defense Center, stated that agriculturally zoned land should be preserved and that he opposes rezones of such lands.

Ana Citrin was unavailable for comment.

Christina McGinnis, from the OPEN project, presented a slide show with comments on the draft agricultural goals.

Craig Minus, of the Towbes Group, suggested that a timeline should be set for the creation of any small-area plan.

Stan Giorgi commented that his family's agricultural property has experienced problems with trespassing but that he would appreciate the opportunity for dialogue with the GVPAC in order to support local agriculture.

ACTION: Ezal moved, seconded by True, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to tentatively accept the draft goals for agricultural land use.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

7. Adjournment

A GVPAC Workshop #2 will be held on Saturday, February 27th, 2010.

ACTION: Elliott moved, seconded by True, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn until GVPAC Workshop #2.

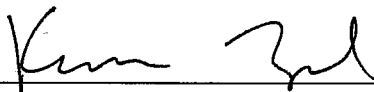
Yea: Adams, Elliott, Ezal, Freeman, Mineau, Olson, True

Nay: None

Absent: None

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00PM

Signed _____



Date _____

6/29/2010

GVPAC Chair Olson

