
Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

June 29, 2010 at 6:00PM

Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Hearing Room

Meeting Called to Order: By Vice-Chair Kenan Ezal at 6:04PM

1. Roll Call

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

GVPAC Members Absent: Olson

County Staff Present:

Derek Johnson, Director, Long Range Planning Division

Vicki Parker, Deputy Director, Long Range Planning Division

June Pujo, Planner, Long Range Planning Division

Noel Langle, Planner, Planning & Development Dept.

Erika Leachman, Planner, Long Range Planning Division

Lucy Pendl, Planner, Long Range Planning Division

2. Public Comment:

Geoff Bard expressed concern about at hazardous 'Y' intersection along the Maria Ygnacio bike path north of Hollister Ave, west of Turnpike Rd, due to a blind corner.

3. Staff Briefing and GVPAC Discussion: California Coastal Commission (CCC) suggested modifications to the County Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) for coastal zone areas.

Noel Langle provided a summary of the CCC's suggested modifications. GVPAC Members discussed their collective concerns, which were recorded by staff, as follows:

The GVPAC is concerned about the detrimental impacts to coastal agriculture through increased costs to local family farms and agricultural businesses for the permit process.

The GVPAC believes that some of the proposed modifications are counter to our goals of increasing the number of activities that can take place under Agricultural Land uses.

The GVPAC is concerned about the proposed restrictions to housing size and occupancy for agricultural land uses and family farms.



The GVPAC supports the inclusion of "Habitat Restoration" as a Principal Permitted Use within the Coastal Zone, or at least considered a principal permitted accessory use in all zoning designations.

The GVPAC is concerned about modification #21. The GVPAC opposes restricting the maintenance of existing private stairways, particularly due to safety concerns and the public benefits of emergency access and use.

The GVPAC is concerned that a large number of uses are proposed to be designated as non-principal permitted uses due to the increases in permitting time and costs and the resultant increase in the jurisdiction of the Coastal Commission beyond the existing appeals jurisdiction to the whole of the coastal zone.

Public Comment:

Gordon Feingold, president of More Mesa Shores Homeowners Association, commented on Modification 21 regarding staircases and beach access, that the staircases under discussion provide an essential egress alternative for residents during emergency situations.

Patricia Ledner, member of More Mesa Shores Homeowners Association, also commented on Modification 21, that the local roads could not support the increased traffic if existing or new staircases were opened to the public.

Loren Solin, a resident of More Mesa Shore, reiterated that the local streets small and insufficient for resultant increased traffic and questioned who would be responsible for the maintenance and insurance of staircases open to the public.

Mary Whalen stated that the CCC is reviewing the LUDC amendments because the County is changing the Zoning Ordinance.

Steve Fort declined to comment.

Paul Nielsen, a South Patterson property owner, compared the CCC's dealings with the County to extortion and hoped the County would demand that the needs of residents be met.

Geoff Bard, member of the Upland Restorative Science Project, provided a distinction between "habitat restoration" and "improved real estate."

ACTION: Freeman moved, seconded by Adams, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to draft bullet points regarding the Coastal Commission's suggested Modifications to the LUDC and to appoint Members True and Ezal as a subcommittee for attendance and presentation at the July 7 Board of Supervisors hearing.

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



Nay: None

Absent: Olson

ACTION: Adams moved, seconded by Elliott, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the bullet points, as written, for presentation at the July 7 Board of Supervisors hearing.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Olson

4. Minutes of Jan. 20, 2010 and Feb. 27, 2010 GVPAC Meetings:

Amendments: None.

ACTION: Freeman moved, seconded by Elliott, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the minutes of the Jan. 20, 2010 GVPAC Meeting.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Olson

ACTION: Elliott moved, seconded by Mineau, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the minutes of the Feb. 27, 2010 GVPAC Meeting.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Olson

5. Long-Term Schedule:

GVPAC Member Elliott noted that he will be away most of October. A specific date for next GVPAC meeting was not yet set.

6. Announcements:

None.

7. Adjournment

ACTION: Elliott moved, seconded by True, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Olson

Meeting Adjourned at 9:07PM

Signed



Date

10/26/2010

for

GVPAC Chair Olson

