
Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2008 at 6:00PM

Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Hearing Room

Meeting Called to Order: By Chair Pro-tem Derek Johnson 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, Deputy Director, Office of Long Range Planning

David Lackie, Supervising Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

Erika Leachman, Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

2. Public Comment:

Ann Crosby, representing the Coalition for Sensible Planning, discussed meeting notification via newspaper advertisement as an effective method to draw new public participants to the GVPAC meetings. Ms. Crosby noted that people without computer access or skills would have a difficult time knowing about the meetings and urged the County to pay for advertising space and send press releases for the meetings in the Newspress, the Goleta Valley Voice, and the Independent, in addition to listing the meetings in the available community calendars, to ensure that people who may be interested in attending are informed of GVPAC scheduling. The GVPAC requested that the County post print advertisements in local newspapers and track public attendance over the next few GVPAC meetings.

Bob Field, the former chairperson of the Santa Ynez Valley General Planning Advisory Committee, suggested that a press release be sent at least 10 days prior to the meeting similar to what was done for the Santa Ynez Community Plan effort. Mr. Field explained that heightened noticing would increase community involvement throughout the process, thereby avoiding negative reactions at the end of the process.

Marsha Zilles, Building Administrator for the Hope Ranch Park Homes Association, introduced herself as a contact for staff and the GVPAC for the Hope Ranch area and a voice for the residents of Hope Ranch. Ms. Zilles can be contacted via the following:

PHONE: 967-2376 EMAIL: mzilles@hoperanch.org



ADDRESS: Hope Ranch Park Homes Association, 695 Via Tranquilla, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

3. Election of GVPAC Officers:

The GVPAC members presented each individual interest in the roles of members, the recording secretary, the vice-chair, and the chair. Valerie Olson expressed interest in the role of Chair, Kimberley True expressed interest in rotating the appointments later in the process and at that point may be interested in serving as vice-chair, and Kenan Ezal expressed interest in vice-chair. Tom Elliott expressed interest in Recording Secretary modified to allow staff to perform most of the duties associated with the role, including the taking, composing, distributing, and maintaining official record of the meeting proceedings, only in collaboration with minutes and notes taken by the Recording Secretary.

ACTION: Freeman moved, seconded by True, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to elect Olson as Chair.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

ACTION: Elliott moved, seconded by Olson, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to elect Ezal as Vice-Chair.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

ACTION: Adams moved, seconded by Olson, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to elect Elliott as Recording Secretary.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

4. Minutes of October 15th GVPAC Meeting:

Amendments:

Item 2: Addition to Ms. Travers comment to include her concern about the rezoning of agriculture land in the Eastern Goleta Valley.

Item 5: Additional paraphrase of public comment to note that Ms. Travers handed out printed flyer regarding content of video clip that could not be played due to technical difficulties.

ACTION: Adams moved, seconded by Elliott, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve October 15th, 2008 GVPAC Meeting Minutes, as amended above.

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



Nay: None

Absent: None

5. Presentation:

Staff presented an overview of goals and objectives of the Goleta Community Plan's Resources and Constraints and Public Facilities and Services Super Elements in relation to changes that have occurred in the Goleta Valley in the adoption of the 1993 Goleta Community Plan.

GVPAC discussion pertained to the relationship between the Goleta Community Plan principles and the Goleta Visioning Committee principles, the changes in basic demographics and development since the adoption of the Goleta Community Plan in 1993, and the projected demographic changes that could be accommodated under the existing land use designations of the Goleta Community Plan.

Other discussion topics referred to the impacts of the recent Gap Fire on the Goleta Valley, including the increased potential for flooding, the opportunities to revisit the Goleta Trails Implementation Study to include the San Marco Foothills, the applicability of new state laws and professional trends in air quality protection, and the impacts of the 2008 UCSB Long Range Development Plan on the many issues areas addressed in the Goleta Community Plan

Public Comment: None

6. Tentative Long Term GVPAC Meeting Schedule:

Van tour of Goleta Valley was postponed until mid-January due to scheduling conflicts. A tentative route was discussed to focus primarily on the urban area with views and discussion of the rural areas. It was suggested the meeting convene at 11:00AM at Goleta Coffee Company on Hollister for approximately a 6 hour tour. Finalized route, times, and stopping points to be determined.

7. Adjournment

Next GVPAC Meeting (#4) will be held on Wednesday November 19, 2008 at 6:00 in the Planning Commission Hearing Room

ACTION: Elliott moved, seconded by True, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn until GVPAC Meeting #4.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Meeting Adjourned at 9:13PM

Signed Valerie F. Olson Date 2 Dec 2008

GVPAC Chair Olson



