
Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2011 at 6:00PM

Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Hearing Room

Meeting Called to Order: By Chair Valerie Olson at 6:06PM

1. Roll Call

GVPAC Members Present: Adams, Elliott, Ezal (arrived at 6:14PM), Freeman, Mineau, Olson

GVPAC Members Absent: True

County Staff Present:

Jeff Hunt, Director, Long Range Planning Division

June Pujo, Planner, Long Range Planning Division

Erika Leachman, Planner, Long Range Planning Division

Lucy Pendl, Planner, Long Range Planning Division

2. Public Comment:

Geoffery Bard discussed the unpopularity of the California Coastal Commission's treatment of coastal access staircases, applauded the photovoltaic lights on the bike path above Hollister, and stated that the cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara should not annex parts of Eastern Goleta Valley to meet their state-mandated RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Allocation).

Kelly Travers stated that she met with County staff and expressed her appreciation for the addition of a statement regarding noise conflicts in the draft Plan.

Teresa Seiler suggested that the MT-GOL zone should be 5-10 acre minimum lot size, that water supply issues should be considered in regards to Agricultural properties, and that water storage should be considered for future development.

Ann Crosby commented that the terms "redevelop" and "urban" have specific meanings that are inappropriate to Eastern Goleta Valley.

Steve Musick requested that notice be made when the public comment period on the draft plan ends, asked how the plan addresses conversion of Agricultural lands, and suggested that maybe a group of members of the public could make a presentation to the GVPAC.



3. Announcements:

Vicki Parker, former Deputy Director of Long Range Planning, has become the Deputy Director of the County's Redevelopment Agency.

The Board of Supervisors will discuss the California Coastal Commission's Recommended Amendments to the Land Use & Development Code (LUDC) on January 18, 2011.

The Goleta Water District will be holding a public workshop, regarding water rates and possible changes, on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at the Goleta Union School District headquarters at 401 N. Fairview Ave.

4. Minutes of December 16, 2011 GVPAC Meeting:

Amendments: None.

ACTION: Freeman moved, seconded by Ezal, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2010 GVPAC Meeting.

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

Nay: None

Absent: True

5. Calendar:

The next GVPAC meeting to review the Administrative Draft of the Plan is tentatively scheduled for January 27, 2010, subject to change based on GVPAC member availability. Additional GVPAC meetings will be scheduled, as necessary.

6. Staff Presentation.

Staff provided an overview presentation of Section II: Community Development and Land Use, including the draft land use map and innovations in the plan.

Public Comment:

Geoffery Bard expressed concern about the inflexibility in the plan for future housing on the South Coast, commented that he hopes to more trees in future planning projects, and objected to the land use category which combines institutional and utility uses.

Kas Terhorst commented that the community has a desire to preserve the low-density character of EGV.

Kelly Travers, from the Coalition for Sensible Planning, stated that she submitted a letter to the GVPAC and that she hopes to see the draft Plan implement the GVC Vision document with such items as a limit on number of units per acre and a limit of units built per year.

Ann Crosby, from the Coalition for Sensible Planning, seconded the comments of Mrs. Travers in support of the GVC Vision document, expressed concern about pictures depicting Complete Streets in the



draft Plan, and encouraged the GVPAC to retain the Agricultural Zoning on the MTD property.

Jim Marino asked for clarification on the draft land use maps distributed and asked if lot constraints lower the maximum number of units on a site.

Sherrie Fisher, from the SB MTD, suggested that the PAC should feel free to send her any questions they may have regarding the MTD property in Eastern Goleta Valley and any future plans.

Patti Close expressed concern about the promotion of infill in the urban area before eventually expanding the urban boundary regardless, as well as concern for the use of PUD and DR zoning which require open space, because the open space could be targeted for housing in the future.

7. Alternate Scenario Presentations.

Presentations were made by landowners or agents of landowners regarding ideas for particular properties in EGV: South Patterson Agricultural Area (Flats subarea), the Montessori property, and San Marcos Growers property.

Public Comment:

Patti Close reminded the GVPAC that a proposal for housing on the San Marcos Growers property was the catalyst for this community plan update and stated that the community does not want large development in this area.

Ann Crosby expressed gratitude for the open discussion of the San Marcos Growers property and stated that housing is incompatible with agriculture so it should not be placed adjacent to agricultural properties.

Geoffery Bard objected to the use of buzzwords such as "urban ag" and "open space" which are used in discussions without being clearly defined.



8. Adjournment

GVPAC Meeting #34 is scheduled tentatively for Thursday, January 27, 2010 at 6:00PM in the Planning Commission Hearing Room, subject to change based on GVPAC member availability.

ACTION: Adams moved, seconded by Freeman, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn until GVPAC Meeting #34.

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

Nay: None

Absent: True

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05PM

Signed Valerie F. Olson Date 8 Feb 2011
GVPAC Chair Olson

