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# Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee

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## *APPROVED MEETING MINUTES*

*November 19, 2008 at 6:00PM*

*Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Hearing Room*

**Meeting Called to Order:** By Chair Valerie Olson at 6:01PM

### **1. Roll Call**

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

**GVPAC Members Absent:** Adams

**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

Lucy Pendl, Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

### **2. Public Comment:**

**Mary Whalen** expressed disapproval of the GVPAC meeting location in the Planning Commission Hearing Room and suggested meeting at the Goleta Water District or Goleta Sanitary District facilities to encourage greater public attendance. Ms Whalen also suggested that the meeting time be changed to 6:30PM or 7:00PM in the interest of greater public attendance.

**Jack Armstrong**, representing the Coalition for Sensible Planning (CSP), indicated that the citizens group would forward the email notifications of GVPAC meetings sent by the County to the CSP interested parties list.

### **3. Goleta Valley Van Tour:**

The GVPAC members tentatively approved January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for the van tour route described in the November 19<sup>th</sup> GVPAC meeting material. This date may be subject to change pending input from GVPAC member Adams, who was absent. The GVPAC agreed to meet at Goleta Valley Coffee Company in the Turnpike Shopping Center at 9:00AM for a 9:30AM departure.

The GVPAC discussed logistics of the tour with staff, including the preparation of packets of information about the route and the importance of the tour stops. It was suggested that GVPAC members should email specific information on areas of expertise to staff for inclusion in the materials and that the materials be made public well in advance of the van tour.



#### 4. Minutes of November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 GVPAC Meeting:

##### Amendments:

Item 2: Addition to include the GVPAC request of the County to post print advertisements in local newspapers and track public attendance over the next few GVPAC meetings.

Item 2: The GVPAC requested that contact information for Marsha Zilles, the building administrator for Hope Range Park Homes Association, be distributed to the members for future reference. As such, Ms. Zilles can be contacted via the following:

PHONE: 967-2376      EMAIL: [mzilles@hoperanch.org](mailto:mzilles@hoperanch.org)

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

**ACTION:** Elliott moved, seconded by Freeman, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 GVPAC Meeting Minutes, as amended above.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Adams

#### 5. Presentation:

Staff concluded the continued Item #4 from the November 6<sup>th</sup> GVPAC meeting, which was an overview of goals and objectives of the Goleta Community Plan's Community Development Super Element in relation to changes that have occurred in the Goleta Valley since the adoption of the 1993 Goleta Community Plan. This portion of the presentation provided an overview of general, residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural/rural land use goals and objectives from the 1993 Plan, as well as discussion of the Goleta Growth Management Ordinance (GGMO), which was rescinded by the Board of Supervisors concurrent with the incorporation of the City of Goleta.

Staff presented current trends and issues related to atmospheric chapters of the 1993 Goleta Community Plan, including Air Quality, Noise, Hazardous Materials, and Electromagnetic, and discussed linkages between these technical/scientific issues and land use planning. Issues included the linkages between automobile traffic/container ship transit in the Santa Barbara Channel and air pollution impacts on health and global warming, noise sources and mitigation tools, and the systems in place to permit and monitor hazardous materials and electromagnetic projects locally.

GVPAC discussion topics included the effectiveness of walkable neighborhoods and enhanced bicycle facilities along Hollister Ave to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMTs) and average daily trips (ADTs), the use of trees and sustainable development to mitigate local air pollution contributors outside County jurisdiction, and the use of sound barriers and setbacks to protect sensitive receptors from noise impacts. The GVPAC also discussed the ability of the Goleta Community Plan to defer to overriding standards or thresholds adopted at the federal, state, and local level, such as noise levels, air quality standards,



hazardous waste release response and clean up programs, and electromagnetic facility permitting processes.

Other discussion suggested staff plot the goals by topic from the 1993 Goleta Community Plan and the 2006 GVC Vision Document for reference during GVPAC meetings to aid in the development of revised goals and objectives for the updated Goleta Valley Community Plan. Also, the GVPAC discussed reviewing the meeting time to change to a later hour ('09).

**Public Comment:**

**Molly Pearson**, representing the Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District (APCD) provided a letter to the GVPAC and staff from Bobbie Bratz of APCD indicating the organization's interest in being involved in the update of the Goleta Community Plan to help achieve the goals and standards set for air quality in the Goleta Valley. Specifically, Ms. Pearson recommended that the most important issues to consider are global climate change and greenhouse gas emissions legislation, and buffers between development and air pollution sources (i.e. 500ft buffer between all freeways and residential development). Ms Pearson recommended we review the "Air Quality Land Use Handbook" available on the APCD web site.

**Mary Whalen** urged the GVPAC to review the rescinded GGMO in light of the Goleta Community Plan update. Ms Whalen also indicated that the largest contributors to local air pollution originate from marine shipping, oil drilling, and natural seepage in the Santa Barbara Channel. Ms Whalen suggested the committee obtain the most up to date Air Quality information from the APCD.

**Gary Earle** expressed concern about the Montessori School relocation to a property off San Simeon north of Hollister Ave, and suggested it be added to the van tour. His primary concerns include impacts to traffic and air quality. Mr. Earle also expressed concern about the potential for infill housing in the Eastern Goleta Valley to accommodate RHNA allocations from neighboring jurisdictions and the possible jobs-housing imbalance.

**6. Adjournment**

Next GVPAC Meeting (#5) will be held on Tuesday December 2, 2008 at 6:00 in the Planning Commission Hearing Room

**ACTION:** Elliott moved, seconded by Ezal, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn until GVPAC Meeting #5.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Adams

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:57PM**

Signed Valerie F. Olson Date 2 Dec 2008

GVPAC Chair Olson

