
Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2009 at 6:00PM

Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Hearing Room

Meeting Called to Order: By Chair Valerie Olson at 6:03PM

1. Roll Call

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

GVPAC Members Absent: None

County Staff Present:

David Lackie, Supervising Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

Erika Leachman, Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

2. Public Comment:

Craig Minus, representing the Towbes Group as agent for ownership of the San Marcos Growers property, provided additional information regarding the San Marcos Growers property for the upcoming van tour. Mr. Minus explained that though there is no official application or proposal currently recorded by the County for development of the San Marcos Growers property, conceptual plans and concrete ideas for the future use of the site as housing have been developed by the owner and the agent. Mr. Minus also stated that the San Marcos Growers property is primarily an above-ground nursery operation.

3. Minutes of December 19th, 2008 GVPAC Meeting:

Amendments:

None

ACTION: True moved, seconded by Elliott, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the December 19th, 2008 GVPAC Meeting Minutes, with no amendments.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None



4. Presentation:

Presentation covered general public services and facilities, including fire protection, police protection, emergency services, and schools, with the aid of two guest speakers: Captain Martin Johnson of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and Lieutenant Phil Willis of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department. Topics included level of service provision, barriers to adequate response times, local services areas, and recommendations for future improvements needed to ensure adequate service provision.

GVPAC discussion topics included the importance of roadway connectivity through multiple routes of ingress and egress to ensure both emergency evacuation and access, and the use of gates, constrained roadways, and other barriers in the Goleta Valley as detriments to access and evacuation during an emergency.

Related topics included the development of risk analysis modeling and emergency preparedness policies to supplement the policies of the Goleta Community Plan to protect development from fire and other natural disasters, the linkages between local emergency plans and State-level emergency preparedness and response goals, the building code standards for future public facility buildings, such as the Fire Station 10, the opportunities and limitations for "shelter in place", and the recognition of the existing deficiencies in public facilities service provision, including population service ratios for fire, law enforcement, school services and libraries. The GVPAC also discussed the ability of the Goleta Community Plan to align its goals with emergency preparedness to aid in the ability of residents to be prepared in case of emergency and funding mechanisms, such as development impact fees, to aid in supplying facilities and services.

Public Comment:

Craig Minus suggested further discussion and understanding of the use of development impact fees (DIFs) as funding for public facilities, specifically with regard to fire and sheriff facilities.

5. Goleta Valley Van Tour:

The GVPAC members confirmed the January 24th, 2009 date for the van tour route and received guidebooks for the tour.

The GVPAC discussed the application of the Brown Act to the tour event and the logistics of avoiding a quorum of members during all activities planned, including transit between stops, during lunch, and during the social event following the tour to be held in Chair Olson's residence.



6. Adjournment

Next GVPAC Meeting (#8) will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2009 at 6:00 in the Planning Commission Hearing Room

ACTION: Elliott moved, seconded by True/Freeman, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn until GVPAC Meeting #8.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20PM

Signed _____

Valerie F. Olson

Date 3 Feb 2009

GVPAC Chair Olson

