
Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2009 at 6:00PM

Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Hearing Room

Meeting Called to Order: By Chair Valerie Olson at 6:05PM

1. Roll Call

GVPAC Members Present: Adams (arr. 6:10PM), Elliott, Ezal, Freeman, Mineau (arr. 6:18PM), 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
Erik Axelson, Deputy Director, Parks Department

2. Public Comment:

None

3. Minutes of January 24th, 2009 GVPAC Workshop:

Amendments: See February 3, 2009 GVPAC Meeting Minutes

ACTION: True moved, seconded by Freeman, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the January 24, 2009 GVPAC Workshop Minutes (Van Tour), with no amendments.

Yea: Elliott, Ezal, Freeman, Olson, True

Nay: None

Absent: Adams, Mineau

4. Minutes of February 3rd, 2009 GVPAC Meeting:

Amendments: Addition of Kenan Ezal's letter regarding transportation planning and traffic calming.

ACTION: True moved, seconded by Ezal, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve the February 3rd, 2009 GVPAC Meeting Minutes, as amended.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mineau



5. Presentation:

Presentation covered parks, recreation, trails, open space, and visual resource planning in the Goleta Valley, including the Goleta Trails Implementation Study, existing facilities and design guidelines, future improvement plans, and enhancement opportunities in the 2nd Supervisorial District Land Inventory with the aid of guest speaker Erik Axelson, Deputy Director of the County Parks Department. Topics also included opportunities to integrate neighborhood, community and regional park and trail improvements into multi-modal transportation planning, land use planning, and urban form and function in the Goleta Community Plan to ensure benefits of parks, recreation, open space, trails, and visual resource preservation to the community.

GVPAC discussion covered the collection and use of development impact and Quimby fees to fund parks improvements, the opportunity for new types of parks projects, such as community gardens, the use of zoning designations and master plans to create clustered developments and viable open space, and the relevance of adopted standards for parks to population ratios adopted in the Comprehensive Plan (4.7 acres per 1,000 people) to the Goleta Valley Planning Area and the South Coast Recreation Area. The GVPAC discussed the lack of neighborhood or pocket parks in the Eastern Goleta Valley, particularly in areas south of Hollister Ave, and the cumulative impact of new development on existing parks, open space, trails, and visual resources. It was also acknowledged that few trail loops exist or are proposed as part of the adopted Parks, Recreation, and Trail (PRT) Map and that an east-west connection in the foothills would improve the connectivity of the existing and proposed trail systems. The function of the Board of Architectural Review-South (SBAR) was discussed as a means to implement design standards. A concern about the historically deficient record keeping of SBAR was discussed as well.

Related topics included the opportunity for the County to seek funding from the federal government for public projects as part of the Federal Stimulus package and the opportunity for an update from staff about the UCSB Long Range Development Plan project with relation to regional cumulative projects. The GVPAC expressed interest in defining a key sites list well ahead of Meeting #12 and in holding a second van tour specifically designed around the key sites list later in the planning process. Consideration was given to limiting public comment to a set time in future meetings due to scheduling constraints.

Public Comment:

Ann Crosby requested that the GVPAC consider a standard population-to-parks/recreation acreage that could potentially be unique for the Eastern Goleta Valley.



6. Adjournment

Next GVPAC Meeting (#10) will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009 at 6:00 in the Planning Commission Hearing Room

ACTION: Elliott moved, seconded by Adams, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn until GVPAC Meeting #10.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05PM

Signed Valerie F. Olson Date 3 March 2009
GVPAC Chair Olson

