

**Community Plan Update
Goleta Vision Committee
September 27, 2006
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm**

Location: Public Health Auditorium
300 North San Antonio Road

Final Meeting Notes

Vision Committee Members

Attending:

Ted Adams
Michael Brown
Oscar Carmona
Gary Earle
Tish Gainey

Lauren Hanson
Valerie Olson
Tim Schmidt
Jim Richards
Hal Hill
Susan Grgich
Eva Inbar

County Staff Support:

Derek Johnson

Facilitator: John Jostes

1. Welcome and Participant Introductions

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:35 PM by facilitator John Jostes. John led the group introductions. After introductions, he noted that this meeting was the next to the last meeting of the Committee and that 21 meetings and workshops had been held to date. He indicated that this meeting was intended to make the final refinements to the draft document so that it could be accepted and signed by the Committee at its the meeting scheduled for October 18th.

2. Administrative Items

The meeting notes from September 16th were briefly reviewed and adopted with changes to reflect that an overwhelming majority of the committee expressed the opinion to keep the Minority Opinion being prepared by Michael Brown and Eva Inbar as brief as possible, preferably to a short paragraph or two.

3. Initial Public Comment Period

John Jostes opened the public comment period and several members of the public addressed the Committee.

4. Committee Discussion of the Draft Vision Committee Recommendations.

The Committee first discussed the issue of whether to establish priorities for implementation within the Vision Document and its recommendations. Hal Hill had prepared a draft conclusion section with a priority listing of high, medium and low priority issues. The group discussed Hal's suggestions as well as a substitute "conclusions" section prepared by Valerie Olson and Lauren Hanson. There were a variety of opinions offered up in response to Hal Hill's detailed listing. Everyone expressed appreciation to Hal for his detailed listing and classification of those aspects of the vision that should be given consideration when funding becomes constrained. However, in the end, there was not sufficient support by the committee as a whole to include the prioritization. Some within the group felt the detailed listing was too long and in need of condensation. Others felt that it should not be the role of the GVC to prioritize implementation issues or steps regardless of whether funding was constrained or not. However, the group did feel that the prioritization issues that Hal Hill raised were important and suggested that the Writing Subcommittee refine the conclusion offered by Valerie Olson and Lauren Hanson to reflect the importance of setting priorities as a task of the decision makers and GPAC once one was formed.

There was also discussion of adding references to the AIA's Architecture 2030 as an additional method of green building and resource conservation in new construction and remodels. The committee agreed to review materials related to this new initiative and provide responses to the Writing subcommittee as to whether reference should be made within the Stewardship and the Environment Section. Lastly, there was additional discussion of the inclusion of a minority opinion within the document as a method of seeking unanimity of the committee in signing on to the document. Mike Brown and Eva Inbar indicated to the group that they agreed with much of the document, but still had reservations with the Management of Growth Section. Michael indicated that he had just returned from being out-of-state for the previous week and would focus on trying to get a draft out to the committee by the end of the week so that individuals could review it. He indicated that they would seek to keep their draft as brief as possible, but acknowledged that it needed to be of sufficient length to convey their reservations about the document as written. Derek Johnson indicated that the Writing Subcommittee would meet for the last time following the GVC committee meeting in an attempt to put the final touches on the vision document so that it would be ready for ratification at the October 18th meeting.

5. Wrap-up, Next Steps and Adjourn

The Committee adjourned to its last meeting on Wednesday evening, October 18th