



SUMMARY MINUTES
General Plan Advisory Committee
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Thursday, March 1, 2007
Police Community Room
155 Center Street

Call to Order – 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call –

- Present: Committee Members Don Lane (chair), David Foster, Deborah Elston (substituting for Michael Bethke), Bill Schultz, Larry Kasparowitz, Diane Louie, Kaitilin Gaffney, Judy Warner, David Subocz, Scott Daly, Chip, Charlie Keutmann and Scott Wedge; Frank Zwart, ex-officio (7:26 pm).
- Absent: Wally Brondstatter, Michael Bethke, Scott Daly, Linda Bixby, Yolanda Henry, Kris Reyes and Frank Zwart (with notice)
- Staff: Greg Larson, Ken Thomas, Michelle King, Lupita Alamos, Liz Camarie (recorder)
- Consultant: Tom Ford, Design Community & Environment, Inc.
- Public: Approximately five members of the public

Announcements –

- Diane Louie read “An Ode to Kaitilin Gaffney.”
- Greg Larson handed out information on global warming and noted that the League of California Cities has appointed a Global Warming Task Force and is supporting legislation requiring all cities to incorporate global warming planning and response in their general plans.
- Michelle King noted that staff had added another GPAC meeting on April 5, 2007 since the Planning Commission meeting had been cancelled.

Oral Communications –

- Hugh Carter suggested replacing the word “showcase” with “exemplify” in Policy CD5.3; in CD5.4 he suggested that the streetscape’s appearance on Ocean Street should be improved; in CD6.1 he suggested replacing the word “compatible” with “respect” and objected to using the words “as it is zoned” because they don’t reflect the concept of emerging community patterns. In CD1.5 he suggested that the word “orient” be used instead of “face” the river.
- Mark Smith commented on the urgency of global warming and energy conservation. We know the future will not be like the past. Addressing CD6.6, he said that the largest nuclear plant in the universe is the sun. If buildings are oriented towards to south, instead of the east and west, they will benefit by a reduction of the heat of the summer and retaining solar heat in the winter.

- Reed Searle suggested that somewhere in CD5 a policy be added that traffic calming measures be installed as appropriate to minimize commuter traffic and maximize the scenic utility of West Cliff Drive. In CD6.2, he suggested adding that installation of traffic calming measures be considered as may be appropriate to discourage through and commuter traffic in residential areas.

Action Items –

1. Continue Reviewing Community Design Goals and Policies for GP 2025

<u>Policy/Goal:</u>	<u>Adopted Language:</u>	<u>Vote:</u>
CD4.8	Diane Louie moved, and Bill Schultz seconded: <i>Provide street lighting that is appropriate in appearance and scale with the minimum recommended intensity for surroundings.</i>	11/1
CD4.9	Diane Louie moved, and Larry Kasparowitz seconded: <i>When sound or retaining walls or fences are used, ensure that they are visually interesting and well-landscaped.</i>	10/2
CD4.10	Rod Quartararo moved, and David Foster seconded: <i>Encourage public and private development to complement adjacent public spaces and rights-of-way.</i>	11/1
Goal CD5	Diane Louie moved, and Kaitilin Gaffney seconded: <i>Attractive gateways, roadways, and landscaping.</i>	12/0
CD5.1	Charlie Keutmann moved, and David Foster seconded: <i>Make the City's major gateways defining, attractive, and welcoming.</i>	8/4
CD5.2	Kaitilin Gaffney moved, and Larry Kasparowitz seconded: <i>Ensure that new development and right-of-way improvements enhance the visual quality of streetscapes.</i>	12/0
CD5.3	Larry Kasparowitz moved, and Kaitilin Gaffney seconded: <i>Encourage landscape design that reflects the City's commitment to conservation and aesthetics, and facilitates pedestrian activity.</i>	12/0
CD5.4	Diane Louie moved, and Chip seconded: <i>Improve the building design and streetscape along the Ocean Street corridor to emphasize its role as a gateway.</i>	12/0

<u>Policy/Goal:</u>	<u>Adopted Language:</u>	<u>Vote:</u>
CD6.1	Diane Louie moved, and Judy Warner seconded: <i>Ensure that infill and intensified development is compatible with existing neighborhoods or business district patterns and uses.</i>	11/1
CD6.2	Charlie Keutmann moved, and David Foster seconded: <i>Require new development to be designed to discourage through traffic in adjacent neighborhoods.</i>	11/1
CD6.3	Judy Warner moved, and Scott Wedge seconded: <i>Encourage neighborhood-serving businesses within walking distance.</i>	12/0
CD6.4	Charlie Keutmann moved, and Chip seconded: <i>Encourage increased access to existing community facilities, such as schools, to serve as neighborhood parks and open space.</i>	12/0
CD6.5	Diane Louie moved, and Scott Wedge seconded: <i>Create a well-connected street and pedestrian network.</i>	12/0
CD6.6	Larry Kasparowitz moved, and Charlie Keutmann seconded: <i>Encourage buildings to be oriented towards sidewalks, public plazas, walkways, or rivers.</i>	12/0
CD6.7	Diane Louie moved, and Kaitilin Gaffney seconded: <i>Design parking strategies at a district or neighborhood-wide level to foster a pedestrian-oriented environment.</i>	11/1
CD6.8	Rod Quartararo moved, and Charlie Keutmann seconded: <i>On major corridors, encourage mixed-use development, especially projects with commercial uses that can provide services to the adjacent neighborhood.</i>	12/0
CD2.3	Scott Wedge moved, and Charlie Keutmann seconded: <i>Preserve open space and agricultural land uses at the edge of the city.</i>	12/0
CD2.4	Diane Louie moved, and David Foster seconded: Transferred to Open Space section.	12/0

<u>Policy/Goal:</u>	<u>Adopted Language:</u>	<u>Vote:</u>
CD2.6	Charlie Keutmann moved, and Diane Louie seconded: <i>Encourage the transition to higher densities along the city's transit and commercial corridors.</i>	12/0
CD3.1	Larry Kasparowitz moved, and David Foster seconded: <i>Work with local groups when planning significant public improvements for their neighborhoods and districts.</i>	12/0
CD3.2	Diane Louie moved, and David Foster seconded: <i>Preserve and create defining edges, transitions, and landmarks that characterize individual neighborhoods.</i>	11/1
CD3.3	Diane Louie moved, and Judy Warner seconded: <i>Enhance the distinctive physical and design characteristics of neighborhoods and districts throughout the city.</i>	12/0
CD3.4	Scott Wedge moved, and Judy Warner seconded: <i>Improve neighborhood quality and housing through rehabilitation and enforcement.</i>	12/0
CD3.5	Rod Quartararo moved, and Judy Warner seconded: <i>Support neighborhood gathering places for interaction among residents.</i>	12/0
CD3.8	Judy Warner moved, and David Foster seconded: <i>Encourage higher density redevelopment along the west side of the San Lorenzo River south of Highway 1.</i>	12/0
CD3.9	Diane Louie moved, and Kaitilin Gaffney seconded: Deleted, combined with CD 3.3.	12/0
CD4.3	David Foster moved, and Judy Warner seconded: <i>Develop and maintain physical and visual linkages between key areas in the city.</i>	12/0
CD4.5	Transferred to Mobility section.	Consensus
Added CD Policy	David Foster moved, and Diane Louie seconded: <i>Encourage the incorporation of public benches and natural seating areas along public walkways and in public plazas and parks.</i>	12/0

<u>Policy/Goal:</u>	<u>Adopted Language:</u>	<u>Vote:</u>
Add under CD4	Larry Kasparowitz moved, and David Foster seconded: <i>Encourage new development to incorporate “universal design” principles.</i>	12/0
Add under CD4	Diane Louie moved, and Kaitilin Gaffney seconded: <i>Signage shall be well-designed.</i>	12/0
Add under CD5	Diane Louie moved, and Judy Warner seconded: <i>Ensure attractive landscaping throughout the city.</i>	7/5
Add as a program under the last policy	<i>Encourage landscaping for parking lots, and especially shade trees.</i>	Consensus
Add as a CD Goal	Diane Louie moved, and Larry Kasparowitz seconded: <i>Superior quality design for landmark buildings.</i>	9/3
Added CD policy	Diane Louie moved, and Rod Quartararo seconded: <i>Design shall reflect a pedestrian scale.</i>	10/2

Diane Louie said that there were still some 1990 policies, noted on her submittal to staff, that had been left out. It was agreed that staff would look at them and fold them in where appropriate.

Staff reminded Committee members that it was very important that they attend the Subcommittee meetings!

Written Communications

-Communication from Karen Kaplan

Adjournment – 10:04 p.m.

The General Plan Advisory Committee will adjourn to a meeting to be held on **March 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Police Community Room.

The GPAC allows time for public comment on agenda items, and members of the public are invited to participate. The audience will be given an opportunity to comment on any item on the agenda.