



SUMMARY MINUTES
General Plan Advisory Committee
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Thursday, February 22, 2007
Police Community Room
155 Center Street

Call to Order – 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call –

Present: Committee Members Don Lane (chair), David Foster, Michael Bethke, Bill Schultz, Larry Kasparowitz, Diane Louie, Kaitilin Gaffney Judy Warner, David Subocz, Scott Daly, Linda Bixby, Charlie Keutmann and Scott Wedge; Frank Zwart, ex-officio (7:26 pm).

Absent: Wally Brondstatter, Rod Quartararo and Kris Reyes (with notice)
Yolanda Henry (without notice)

Staff: Greg Larson, Ken Thomas, Michelle King, Lupita Alamos, Liz Camarie (recorder)

Consultants: Naphtali Knox (lead consultant), Tom Ford

Public: Four members of the public

Announcements –

- Greg Larson brought the Committee's attention to the subcommittee meeting schedule in the packet and asked that Committee members let staff know if their schedule doesn't permit them to attend; in that case, staff will adjust the schedule.
- Don Lane presented alternatives for adding time to the Committee meeting schedule as there is concern that the GPAC will not be able to finish work on the Policies within the six scheduled meetings. Discussion ensued.

ACTION: David Foster moved, and Scott Daly seconded, that the GPAC hold an additional meeting on March 29, 2007. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 13/0.

- Greg Larson said that the City Council met on February 13, 2007 and adopted the GPAC's recommended goals. They didn't change anything, but did provide some feedback for possible changes to the goals. Don Lane added that changes to the goals would be dealt with by the individual subcommittees and also be woven into each GPAC meetings discussion of policies.

Oral Communications –

- Mark Smith expressed his appreciation for the GPAC's work and encouraged the Committee to keep in mind the serious problems of global warming and peak oil/natural gas. How can we make our community robust in the face of what is coming? If either of these threats hit us in a real way, our circumstances will be very different than they are

today. It's important to remember that our future is not determined by our past. We must prepare for economic downswings, expanding oceans, and very expensive fuel in the future.

Approval of February 8, 2007 Minutes –

ACTION: Michael Bethke moved, and Linda Bixby seconded, APPROVAL of the Minutes of the GPAC meeting of February 8, 2007 with the following corrections:

- Under Roll Call – Kris Reyes was absent with notice and Chip was replacing the Arts Commission Alternate, Marti Mariette, not Committee member Linda Bixby;
- On page 5, Scott Daly initiated the motion concerning Goal CD5; and Kaitilin Gaffney initiated, and Diane Louie seconded, the motion concerning Goal NRC8.

The motion was APPROVED by a vote of 11/0/2, with Charlie Keutmann and Scott Wedge abstaining.

Action Item

1. Review Community Design Goals and Policies for GP 2025

<u>Policy/Goal:</u>	<u>Adopted Language:</u>	<u>Vote:</u>
CD1.1	<i>Preserve natural features that provide visual definition to an area within the city.</i>	Consensus
CD1.2	<i>Ensure that the scale, bulk and setback of new development preserve important public views and viewsheds.</i>	Consensus
CD1.3	Charlie Keutmann moved, and Michael Bethke seconded: <i>Ensure that development is designed to be in harmony with natural topography and vegetation.</i>	13/0
CD1.4	Kaitilin Gaffney moved, and Linda Bixby seconded: <i>Ensure that development adjacent to public open space lands maintains visual and physical connections to that open space.</i>	12/1
<p>N. Knox read into the record the State's official definition of Open Space Lands: "Any parcel or area of land or water that is essentially unimproved and devoted to an open space use for the purposes of (1) the preservation of natural resources, (2) the managed production of resources, (3) outdoor recreation, or (4) public health and safety." (California Government Code §65560(b))</p>		
CD1.5	Diane Louie moved, and Linda Bixby seconded: <i>Ensure that new development adjacent to the San Lorenzo River relates to the river in its design.</i>	7/6

CD1.6	Diane Louie moved, and Linda Bixby seconded: <i>Encourage new development and public infrastructure to incorporate design elements and techniques that protect the natural environment and conserve resources.</i>	13/0
Policy/Goal:	Adopted Language:	Vote:
CD1.7	Charlie Keutmann moved, and Larry Kasparowitz seconded: <i>Ensure that new development adjacent to the coastline relates to the coast in its design.</i>	13/0
Goal CD2	David Foster moved, and Michael Bethke seconded: <i>A compact community with boundaries defined by the city's greenbelt and Monterey Bay.</i>	12/1
CD2.1	Diane Louie moved, and Judy Warner seconded: <i>Ensure that new development occurs only in areas currently served by municipal services, except as specified in programs.</i>	13/0
CD2.2	Diane Louie moved, and Judy Warner seconded: <i>Do not expand the City's Sphere of Influence or annex lands except as specified in programs.</i>	13/0

It was clarified that "areas" does not equate to "parcels."

Break: The GPAC took a break from 8:37 to 8:43 p.m.

Then, due to time constraints, at Don Lane's request, the GPAC prioritized the remaining Community Development policies for discussion.

CD2.5	David Subocz moved, and Linda Bixby seconded: <i>Encourage innovative solutions to provide adequate parking while maximizing living and working space.</i>	13/0
Goal CD3	Diane Louie moved, and Charlie Keutmann seconded: <i>Diverse neighborhoods and business districts with well-defined character.</i>	13/0
CD3.6	Diane Louie moved, and Linda Bixby seconded: <i>Strengthen the linkage between Downtown and the Beach Area.</i>	13/0
CD3.7	Charlie Keutmann moved, and Judy Warner seconded: DELETED	13/0

<p>CD4.1</p>	<p>Charlie Keutmann moved, and Michael Bethke seconded: <i>Reinforce existing neighborhood identity.</i></p>	<p>12/1</p>
<p>CD4.2</p>	<p>Kaitilin Gaffney moved, and Diane Louie seconded: <i>Encourage UCSC development to blend with the natural landscape and maintain the natural ridgelines as seen from the city.</i></p>	
<p>CD4.4</p>	<p>David Subocz moved, and Michael Bethke seconded: <i>Ensure that new or renovated development will respect adjacent City-identified landmarks, historic areas and buildings, and other cultural resources.</i></p>	<p>10/3</p>
<p>CD4.6</p>	<p>Diane Louie moved, and Scott Wedge seconded: <i>Encourage assemblage of small parcels along transit corridors to achieve pedestrian-oriented development compatible with neighborhood characteristics.</i></p>	<p>13/0</p>
<p>CD4.7</p>	<p>Charlie Keutmann moved, and Michael Bethke seconded: <i>Design public and private development to promote connectivity.</i> Move this to Goal CD6.</p>	<p>13/0</p>

Discussion ensued because work on the Community Design Policies had not been completed. It was emphasized that it is critical that Committee members attend sub-committee meetings, where much of the work can be done, and suggested that the GPAC meet again on March 1, 2007 to complete the Community Design work.

ACTION: Bill Schultz moved, and Michael Bethke seconded, that the February 22nd meeting be CONTINUED to March 1, 2007 in either the Police Community Room or at City Hall. The motion was APPROVED by a unanimous vote of 13/0.

Written Communications

- Network Alliance, Green Resource Library Flyer
- Goal suggestions from Mary Dalton
- Comments from Skip Spitzer

Adjournment – 10:05 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.