



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT MURAL ROOM**

**MONDAY** **FEBRUARY 11, 2008** **7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stopper at 7:01 p.m.

**PRESENT:** GPAC Members Batinich, Bennett (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Buck, Bushala, Durette, Haley, Jaramillo, Richmond, and Stopper

**ABSENT:** Excused: GPAC Members Fitzgerald, Griffin, Heusser, Savage  
Unexcused: GPAC Members Harrell, Lambros,

**STAFF PRESENT:** Director Godlewski, Senior Planner St. Paul, Administrative Assistant Pasillas

**CONSULTANT PRESENT:** RBF Principal Community Planner David Barquist, RBF Community Planner Michelle Kou

**FLAG SALUTE:** Chair Stopper

**MINUTES:** MOTION made by Committee Member Bennett, SECONDED by Committee Member Haley, and CARRIED unanimously, by voting members present, that the Minutes of the December 10, 2007 meeting be APPROVED as written.

MOTION made by Committee Member Durette, SECONDED by Committee Member Bennett, and CARRIED unanimously, by voting members present, that the Minutes of the January 14, 2008 meeting be APPROVED as amended: page 7, third paragraph, change to "...important to keep sustainable economy in the Vision Statement."

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Denny Bean, 1529 Yermo Blvd. provided the Committee with information on open space and the significance of Coyote Hills. Senior Planner St. Paul stated he would scan the letter provided by Mr. Bean and forward it to the Committee Members.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Chair Stopper explained that the agenda distributed for the meeting contained a "Point of Order" item that should not have been included. MOTION by Member Bennett, SECOND by Member Durette, to eliminate the "Point of Order" item from the agenda, PASSED 8-1 in favor.

**Draft Vision Statement**

Senior Planner St. Paul provided a recap of the previous meetings discussion on the Vision Statement, and asked the Committee if the draft provided reflected their vision.

Member Buck suggested hyphenation of the words “small town” and “21<sup>st</sup> century” in the third paragraph under the “Our City” section.

Member Bushala “family homes” in the second paragraph under “Our City” be changed to “homes”.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to make the changes suggested by Mr. Buck, and, due to the low attendance at this meeting, address any other changes to the first two sections of the Vision Statement at the next meeting.

Member Bennett provided the Committee with a draft of the “Our Guiding Principles” section he had prepared, and explained the edits he had made.

Member Buck suggested changing “education city” to “education community” and removal of the quotes. It was the consensus of the Committee to make this change.

Discussion was held on the use of the word “sustainability”, and what it really meant. The Committee also discussed AB32 and a recent court decision regarding the inclusion of “global warming” and “carbon footprint” in a General Plan. It was the consensus of the Committee to delay the decision on this paragraph until staff and the consultant were able to provide more detailed information to the Committee.

The Committee continued discussion of the last three paragraphs under the heading of “Our Guiding Principles”, and it was the consensus of the Committee to leave the title of the third paragraph as “Mobility”, which the Committee believed included walking.

It was the consensus of the Committee to change “education city” under the heading “Our Guiding Principles” to “education community”, and remove the quotation marks, PASSED 6-3 in favor.

At this point the Committee decided to delay the final vote on the Draft Vision Statement until the next meeting.

Public hearing opened.

Tom Dalton, Fullerton Heritage, commented that he would like to see the word “standards” left in paragraph eight, under “Our Vision”. The City had standards, which they used, and he believed this should be left in. Member Bushala agreed with this comment.

Public hearing closed.

The following item was heard out of order.

### Housing Element Update

Mr. St. Paul stated the deadline to have the Housing Element to City Council was June 2008.

Dave Barquist, RBF, presented the timeline for the Housing Element. He explained the outreach to the community and stakeholders, which were required, included a workshop and meeting on February 20, 2008. A questionnaire was provided to the Committee which would mirror the discussion at the outreach programs, and Mr. Barquist requested the Committee either email their responses or return the questionnaire at the next meeting. During March staff would review the

past performance of previous Housing Elements and a summary of the outreach programs would be provided to the Committee. Staff planned to complete the draft policy in April 2008. In May 2008, the Planning Commission and City Council would review the GPAC's recommendations, and the document would go to the HCD for their review, which could last up to sixty days. In July 2008 the policy would come back to the City Council for revisions.

Member Haley asked what the City's RHNA numbers were, and Mr. St. Paul responded he would find out and email the information to the Committee Members.

Mr. Barquist explained to the Committee the quick pace of the Housing Element process, and stated there would be two meetings, March 10, 2008 and April 7, 2008, in which to complete. Chair Stopper suggested an additional meeting may need to be added on March 24, 2008 to complete the process.

Public hearing open.

There was no one from the public who wished to speak.

Public hearing closed.

#### General Plan Structure

Mr. Barquist provided an overview of the General Plan structure and discussed the elements which were required by law, as well as those elements which were optional. In addition, Mr. Barquist defined "goal", "policy", and "program", and provided examples of translating a theme into policy.

Member Bennett did not believe the workshops were representative of Fullerton as a whole, and asked staff when the unbiased telephone survey would be conducted. Mr. St. Paul stated staff was working with RBF and Cal State Fullerton (CSUF) to finalize the questions, and the survey should be ready in approximately one month. CUSF would conduct the survey, and make 400-500 calls, over the course of two weeks. It was anticipated the results would be available by the time the GPAC completed the Housing Element.

Member Haley asked the status of the Coyote Hills project, and Director Godlewski responded that the environmental document was almost complete, but it would be several months before an application was submitted.

Member Buck asked if the Committee could create an element that was not listed for inclusion in the General Plan, and Mr. Barquist responded it was up to local discretion. Chair Stopped stated the City Council had added a Bicycle Element. Mr. St. Paul commented if the Committee believed an element should be added, they could add it, subject to the approval of the Planning Commission and City Council.

Public hearing opened.

Judith Kaluzny asked for clarification on the purpose of the unbiased survey. She wanted to know if the information gathered at the charettes would be disregarded in favor of the survey responses. She questioned the purpose of the holding the charettes if the survey responses would hold precedence.

Member Bennett believed the intent of the survey was to determine how much interest the community had in a particular topic. Chair Stopper believed all information collected would be combined into the General Plan update, not just some of the information.

Denny Bean again discussed Coyote Hills, and informed the Committee of the signatures that had been collected by the Friends of Coyote Hills. He offered to provide these signatures to the Committee.

Katy Dalton, was please to hear the information gathered would be treated equally. She believed the people who had attended the charettes were actively involved in the community, and it would be good to have a broad perspective. She encouraged the GPAC to add an element to address preservation on a larger scale, not just as it related to housing.

Public hearing closed.

### **AGENDA FORECAST**

The next regularly scheduled GPAC meeting will occur at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2008. Subsequent meetings will occur at 7:00 p.m. on April 14, May 12, and June 9, 2008.

### **STAFF/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION**

Senior Planner St. Paul reminded the Committee of upcoming meetings, the Housing Element workshop on February 20, 2008, and the possibility of an additional GPAC meeting being added on March 24, 2008, if needed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Stopper adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.