



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

POLICE DEPARTMENT MURAL ROOM

MONDAY **MARCH 10, 2008** **7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stopper at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: GPAC Members Bennett, Bushala, Durette, Fitzgerald, Griffin, Haley, Harrell (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Heusser (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Jaramillo, Lambros, Richmond, Savage, and Stopper

ABSENT: Excused: GPAC Members Batinich and Buck
Unexcused: None

STAFF PRESENT: Director Godlewski, Senior Planner St. Paul, Housing Programs Supervisor Morad, 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 Richmond, SECONDED by Committee Member Haley, and CARRIED unanimously, by voting members present, and with Members Fitzgerald, Griffin, Lambros, and Savage abstaining, that the Minutes of the February 11, 2008 meeting be APPROVED as written.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

RBF Principal Community Planner David Barquist gave an overview of the Housing Element workshops that were held on February 20, 2008, and RBF Community Planner Michelle Kou provided details on the information derived from the workshops.

Chair Stopper asked if the themes that had come up were typical similar to those in the surrounding cities, and whether anything obvious was missing or added. Mr. Barquist explained the themes were in line with the surrounding cities, with quality of life and sustainability appearing to be important topics. The theme of education appeared to be more prominent in Fullerton.

Vice Chair Griffin asked if overcrowding, garage conversions, and lack of property maintenance would be addressed through the Housing Element, and Mr. Barquist responded that overcrowding must be addressed in the Housing Element, although the solution may be stated simply, such as "active Code Enforcement".

Member Bennett asked about the RHNA numbers, and Mr. Barquist provided an overview of the RHNA allocations and what would be required. He also explained that the City would be required to review the number of units required on the last General Plan and what was actually completed.

Member Lambros asked if both sale and rental units counted and Mr. Barquist responded affirmatively. Member Lambros then asked if the City would be given credit for housing stock produced in 2006-2008, and Mr. Barquist responded credit would be given.

Member Haley asked when units were counted and Mr. Barquist stated they were officially counted when occupancy was given.

Member Lambros asked if an assisted living facility would be counted, and Director Godlewski clarified that student housing, assisted living and hospital beds did not count towards meeting this requirement.

Member Durette asked how a one person household would fit in and Mr. Barquist explained a dwelling unit was one roof top.

Vice-Chair Griffin reiterated his comment on the community's concerns in regards to garage conversions and rental property conditions and asked if those concerns would be addressed as a sub-category. Mr. Barquist stated the Housing Element could have a sub-category such as "Code Enforcement" to cover this type of concern.

Mr. Barquist provided a summary review of the State's requirements for the Housing Element. He also briefly discussed SB 520, AB 2348, and AB 2634 and advised the Committee he would provide these documents to staff for inclusion on the City's website. Staff would be providing the Committee with a copy of the existing Housing Element Goals and Policies and Mr. Barquist urged the Committee to read these documents and become familiar with them as they would be used at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed inclusion of "indigent" homeless, and Housing Programs Supervisor Morad informed the Committee of the upcoming Kennedy Commission workshop on April 3, 2008, at which they would discuss policy for counting the homeless population. Mr. St. Paul indicated he would scan the invitation and email it to the GPAC Members.

Public hearing opened.

Judith Kaluzny commented on the infill development around the Transportation Center. She believed the infill conflicted with the quality of life, and there was a need for balance.

Linda Tang, Kennedy Commission, discussed the April 3, 2008 workshop at which they hoped to identify what numbers to use when accounting for the homeless.

Public hearing closed.

AGENDA FORECAST

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

regarding a special meeting to be held on April 21 or 28 if it was need to complete the Housing Element on time.

STAFF/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

Members Haley and Savage would not be attending the April 14, 2008 meeting.

Member Durette stressed the importance of completing the Housing Element in a timely manner so as not to hold up the process.

Mr. St. Paul informed the Committee of the March 18, 2008 “Sustainability 101” presentation that would be made at the City Council meeting and invited the Members to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stopper adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.