



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

POLICE DEPARTMENT MURAL ROOM

MONDAY

APRIL 14, 2008

7:07 P.M.

- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stopper at 7: p.m.
- PRESENT:** GPAC Members Batinich, Buck, Bushala, Fitzgerald, Griffin, Harrell, Heusser (arrived at 7:22 p.m.), Lambros, Richmond, Savage and Stopper
- ABSENT:** Excused: GPAC Members Bennett, Durette, Haley and Jaramillo
Unexcused:
- STAFF PRESENT:** Director Godlewski, Senior Planner St. Paul, Housing Programs Assistant Chavez, 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 Savage, SECONDED by Committee Member Fitzgerald, and CARRIED unanimously, by voting members present, that the Minutes of the March 10, 2008 meeting be APPROVED as written.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public wished to speak.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Senior Planner St. Paul opened the discussion and explained the various documents the Committee had been provided. RBF Principal Community Planner Barquist provided definitions of some of the terms used within these documents.

RBF Community Planner Kou provided a summary of the Major Themes that had been derived from the community outreach meetings and reviewed the Needs Analysis, Resources and Constraints Analysis, Review of Past Performance, and the Policy Framework.

After Committee discussion on the Policy Areas, the consensus of the Committee was to make the following additions/deletions:

- Under "New Production" include comment (2) "Land Use, Location and Linkages".
- Under "Conservation and Rehabilitation" include comment (8) "Policy Development and Planning".
- Under "Design and Livability" include "existing and new housing".

- Under “Access to Housing Opportunities” include comment (1) “Housing Availability and Affordability”, and comment (9) “Funding and Partnership Opportunities”. Also include the topic of “providing rental assistance”.

After Committee discussion on the Policy Discussion Areas, the consensus of the Committee was to make the following additions/deletions:

- Under “Housing Availability and Affordability” add “very low” and “extremely low” to “Family Housing for low income”.
- Under “Land Use, Location and Linkages” add “locating childcare opportunities near multi-family housing”.
- Under “Redevelopment and Infill” change “Encourage 2nd unit development” to “opportunity for 2nd unit development where appropriate”.

The Committee agreed to continue the discussion of Policy Discussion Areas, beginning with “Special Needs Groups” at their next meeting.

Public hearing opened.

Linda Tang, Kennedy Commission, commented that it was not necessary to mandate developers build childcare facilities, but suggested a policy to encourage development of childcare facilities near housing.

Jane Reiffer linked housing to childcare in the way that housing was linked to employment. She also would like to include other “necessary conveniences”, such as neighborhood markets, pharmacies, etc. so that people did not have to drive for everyday necessities.

Wanda Schaffer stated that childcare was needed to assist single moms who work, or were going to school or other training in order to get off of welfare.

Judith Kaluzny commented on the amount of money spent to “socialize” the downtown area, and the ongoing costs to the City, yet concern was being expressed with “socializing” childcare. She questioned the priorities of the City.

Public hearing closed.

Member Lambros clarified that the Committee was not saying they did not value childcare, but that it should be addressed on an incentive basis rather than mandated.

AGENDA FORECAST

An additional GPAC meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled GPAC meeting will occur at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2008. A subsequent meeting will occur at 7:00 p.m. on June 9, 2008,

STAFF/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stopper adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.