



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

POLICE DEPARTMENT MURAL ROOM

MONDAY **JULY 14, 2008** **7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stopper at 7:06 p.m.

PRESENT: GPAC Members Bennett, Buck, Fitzgerald, Griffin, Harrell, Haley, Heusser, Jaramillo, Lambros (arrived at 7:11 p.m.), and Stopper

ABSENT: Excused: GPAC Members Batinich, Bushala, Durette, Richmond, Savage
Unexcused: None

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

CONSULTANT PRESENT: None

FLAG SALUTE: Chair Stopper

MINUTES: MOTION made by Committee Member Haley, SECONDED by Committee Member Harrell, and CARRIED unanimously by voting members present that the Minutes of the May 12, 2008 meeting be APPROVED as written.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Sustainability 101 - Presentation by Bruce Hostetter

Mr. Hostetter, representing the Orange County Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council, and a citizen of Fullerton, provided the Committee with information on what "sustainability" meant, and how it could be applied throughout the City. He suggested ways the Committee could incorporate the idea of sustainability in the General Plan, and answered questions from the Committee Members and the public.

Outline of remaining General Plan update process.

Senior Planner St. Paul discussed the next steps in the General Plan Update process and answered the following questions from the Committee and the public:

- Chair Stopper questioned when the elements to be included in the General Plan would be decided, and Director Godlewski responded it would be approximately six months. Staff and the consultant, RBF, were currently reviewing the information gathered at the previous GPAC meetings, as well as the public meetings that had been held.
- Member Haley asked if staff had received comments back from Housing & Community Development (HCD) on the Housing Element which has been submitted. Mr. St. Paul responded that they had not received any comments, and explained HCD had received the report in early July and had 60 days to respond. Staff did not anticipate receiving comments until September 2008.
- Member Buck asked when the results of the telephone survey would be available, and Mr. St. Paul stated Cal State Fullerton (CSUF) was currently compiling the information and developing the report.
- Katie Dalton, a member of the public, urged the Committee to add Historic Preservation as an element in the General Plan, and asked how she should proceed to continue urge the Committee in this directions. Chair Stopper responded to Ms. Dalton and encouraged her to continue speaking at GPAC meetings, along with speaking to staff and the City Council.
- Member Buck asked how the decision would be made as to which Elements to include in the General Plan, and Director Godlewski explained that staff and the Committee would look at each topic and decide if it fit in under one of the required Elements, or if they needed to create a separate Element.
- Matt Leslie, a member of the public, asked when the Bicycle Element survey results would be available, and Mr. St. Paul explained that the survey was still open, but would be closed soon and the results compiled.

Finalize Vision Statement (as time permits)

Mr. St. Paul introduced the Revised Draft Vision Statement, and the Committee discussed the "Sustainability" bullet-point.

After discussion, the consensus of the Committee was to separate "Sustainability - economic and environment" into two, separate bullets. The Economic Sustainability bullet would read as follows:

Economic Sustainability - It is essential to the future we envision that our local economy remain strong.

MOTION by Committee Member Haley, SECONDED by Committee Member Buck to use the following sentence for Environmental Sustainability:

Environmental sustainability will be pursued through the adoption of up-to-date environmental policies to ensure the present and future generations live healthier lives and do not inherit costly, energy-inefficient systems and structures.

Motion FAILED TO PASS with a vote of 5-5.

The following members of the public spoke:

- Susan Petrella agreed with the separation of economic and environmental sustainability. She also would like to see a stronger statement on the arts and cultural community in the Vision Statement.
- Matt Leslie liked the statement proposed by Member Haley, but suggested adding “polluting” after “energy-inefficient”.
- Ginger Brett like the separation of economic and environmental sustainability, but would like to see the Committee make a stronger statement and use “will be reflected in” instead of adoption.
- Gene Hiegel suggested staff type the changes to the Vision Statement as they were being made by the Committee, so all could view the changes.

After Committee discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION by Committee Member Fitzgerald, SECONDED by Committee Member Bennett to use the following sentence for Environmental Sustainability:

Environmental sustainability will be reflected in the use of up-to-date environmental policies to ensure the present and future generations live healthier lives and do not inherit costly, energy-inefficient systems and structures.

Motion CARRIED 8-1, with Member Buck abstaining.

AGENDA FORECAST

The next regularly scheduled GPAC meeting will occur at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 25, 2008 at the Fullerton Library. Possible dates for future meetings were discussed, and Mr. St. Paul suggested September 29, November 3, and December 8.

STAFF/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

Member Heusser believed that the City’s connection regionally had been left out of the General Plan, and urged the Committee to address the topic during future discussions.

Member Fitzgerald requested Chair Stopper allow comments from the public prior to any decision being made by the Committee.

Director Godlewski informed the Committee that a new Planning Manager, Al Zilenka from RBF, had been hired, and would begin working for the City on July 28, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

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