

TOWN OF FAIRFAX GPAC MEETING MINUTES

DATE AND TIME: July 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Fairfax Town Hall Annex

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Special Meeting

PRESENT:

GPAC MEMBERS: Bruce Ackerman, Hobart Bartshire, Diane Causey, Nav Patel

STAFF: Jim Moore, Larry Kennings

GUESTS: Ted Pugh; Mimi Newton, Conservation Subcommittee member and Open Space Committee Chair

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS: None

COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the June 24, 2010 meeting were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bruce told the group that at last night's council meeting, Mayor Lou Tremaine gave the Land Use Element high praise. The mayor said that if anyone asks him what Fairfax is about, he would hand them the Land Use Element. The mayor now understands why it took so long and how the wait was well worth it.

5. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The council has agreed to a Super Committee for review and proofing of the entire General Plan to make sure all elements are in agreement. The committee will be comprised of representatives from Open Space Committee, GPAC, the Planning Commission, and the Town Council.

Jim will be scheduling a joint meeting with GPAC, the Planning Commission, and the Affordable Housing Committee for July 29th to review and approve the latest draft Housing Element. Jim and Larry will be presenting an overview of the 90-some-page document.

A Parking Forum will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2010.

Plans are being made for forums in the fall on a Carbon Action Plan and a Green Building Code and a Downtown Plan will follow.

6. CONTINUED REVIEW OF CONSERVATION ELEMENT

Diane commented that she thought this was a great document and liked the spirit it represents,

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how that spirit is expressed, and the far-reaching aspects. She appreciated the “beyond Fairfax borders” concept extended many times in the document. She thought the quotes and resource lists are good additions to the template.

The committee was able to do a complete review of the document, made some edits, and identified items for further work prior to the next draft. Interestingly enough, as part of its work, it discovered a Town of Fairfax Sanitation District 1 on the web. Additions included a Storm Drain Master Plan for Policy CE-4.2.2 and a corresponding new Program; an urban farming concept was added to Objective CE-5.2; “and humane” was added to Program CE-6.1.2.2; “Creek” was added after San Anselmo where needed; “Friends of Corte Madera Creek” was added to Program CE-6.2.1.4; “businesses” was added several places in Objective CE-7.1; biodegradable or bio-sourced concepts were added to Objective CE-7.2; and, terms were added to the Glossary.

Where educational materials are mentioned (as with other elements of the General Plan), a close look will be given to dissemination methods, e.g., web site, library, other.

Jim said that the Executive Summary can be completed by the Super Committee as it will also need to be added to many other elements as well. This addition to the template has been completed for Open Space and Land Use, but other elements pre-date addition of an Executive Summary.

Items needing additional work and who is responsible:

- Shelby: complete introductory text and resource list for Goal CE-5: Soils and Vegetation
- Larry: Glossary definitions
- Bruce: check with Sustainable Fairfax on pesticides and zero waste
- Mimi: research Government Code Sections 65252.3, 65352.4, and 65562.5 re: requirements of California Native American Tribes for general plan and specific plan adoption or amendment and prior to the dedication of open space
- Diane and Mimi: minor grammatical edits

Bruce will coordinate the edits, comments, etc. for the next draft.

Should tribe consultation be required for dedication of open space, then this needs to be reflected in the Open Space Element--another Super Committee task.

7. NEXT GPAC MEETING

The next regular GPAC meeting will be held on Thursday, July 22, 2010, 7-9 PM at the Fairfax Town Hall Annex.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by Diane Causey, Secretary

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Approved minutes emailed to: Planning Director, Town Manager, and Town Clerk.