



City of Santa Barbara

Planning Division

PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 28-29 and May 6, 2010

CALLS TO ORDER:

Chair Bartlett called the meeting of April 28, 2010 to order at 9:02 A.M.

Chair Bartlett called the meeting of April 29, 2010 to order at 1:02 P.M.

Chair Bartlett called the meeting of May 6, 2010 to order at 1:05 P.M.

PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT:

Chair Bruce Bartlett

Vice-Chair John Jostes

Commissioners Charmaine Jacobs, Mike Jordan, Stella Larson, and Deborah L. Schwartz.

Absent:

Commissioner Sheila Lodge (April 28th)

STAFF PRESENT:

Bettie Weiss, City Planner

John Ledbetter, Principal Planner

N. Scott Vincent, Assistant City Attorney

Rob Dayton, Principal Transportation Planner (April 28-29)

Barbara Shelton, Project Planner/Environmental Analyst

Irma Unzueta, Project Planner (April 28-29)

Bea Gularte, Project Planner

Adam Nares, Planning Technician (April 28)

Julie Rodriguez, Planning Commission Secretary

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken at 9:02 A.M. on April 28, 2010. Commissioner Lodge was absent.

Roll call was taken at 1:02 P.M. on April 29, 2010. Commissioner Jacobs arrived at 1:20 P.M.

Roll call was taken at 1:05 P.M. on May 6, 2010. Commissioner Jacobs arrived at 1:09 P.M.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

- A. Requests for continuances, withdrawals, postponements, or addition of ex-agenda items.

None made during the meetings of April 28-29, 2010.

At the meeting of May 6th, Ms. Weiss announced that, per the agenda, the public comment period of the meeting was held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 and continued on April 29, 2010. A few speakers, not present on April 28-29th asked to provide public comment, and were heard at the discretion of the Chair.

- B. Announcements and appeals.

On May 6th, Ms. Weiss announced that there will be a future joint meeting of the Downtown Parking Committee and Transportation and Circulation Committee related to the General Plan update. Originally scheduled for next Thursday, April 13, 2010, this meeting will be rescheduled and the Commission will be notified of the new date and time.

- C. Comments from members of the public pertaining to items not on this agenda.

Chair Bartlett opened the public hearing at 9:03 A.M on April 28, 2010.

Robert Ooley, AIA., Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation, invited the Commission and the Public to a fundraiser on May 8, 2010 to save the Courthouse "Spirit of the Ocean" Fountain.

With no one wishing to speak, Chair Bartlett closed the hearing at 9:05 A.M.

Chair Bartlett re-opened the public hearing at 1:09 P.M. on May 6, 2010, and with no one wishing to speak, closed the hearing.

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

ACTUAL TIME: 9:05 P.M.

PLAN SANTA BARBARA DRAFT GENERAL PLAN POLICY DOCUMENTS AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR).

Staff will present the draft General Plan Update policy documents and Draft EIR followed by public comments, and Commission discussion. In addition to the public comment received at the meeting, public comment on the policy documents and the draft EIR will be accepted from March 18, through May 17, 2010. Written comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on May 17 and can be sent to info@YouPlanSB.org or the Planning Division, 630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara California 93101, attn: John Ledbetter. All documents are available at YouPlanSB.org or 630 Garden Street.

Case Planner: John Ledbetter, Principal Planner
Email: JLedbetter@SantaBarbaraCA.gov

John Ledbetter, Principal Planner, gave the Staff presentation joined by Barbara Shelton, Environmental Analyst and Rob Dayton, Transportation Planner.

EX PARTE COMMUNICATION:

Commissioner Jordan disclosed that he is a Board Member of the Santa Barbara Downtown Organization (SBDO) and recently attended a meeting where the SBDO shared comments on the General Plan and Draft EIR.

Commissioner Schwartz disclosed that she was invited by a resident of the Brinkerhoff Historic District to tour the District.

Commissioner Jostes was invited to accompany Commissioner Jordan and participate in the Downtown Organization's meeting on the General Plan Update; also serves on the Plan Santa Barbara Subcommittee.

Commissioner Larson has also been asked to meet with various members of the Community to explain the General Plan process.

Commissioner Jacobs disclosed that she lives in the Upper East Side and attends neighborhood meetings, but not in an advisory or official capacity.

Commissioner Bartlett is a member of the Plan Santa Barbara Subcommittee and has been involved for two years with the Santa Barbara For All (SB4All) community group.

Chair Bartlett opened the public hearing at 10:06 A.M.

The following people provided public comment:

1. Steve Maas, Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
2. Randy Rowse, Downtown Organization, also submitted written comments
3. Megan Birney, Community Environmental Council
4. Fred Sweeney, Vice President, Upper East Association, also submitted written comments
5. Norbert H. Dall, Consultant for Thomas Felkay, also submitted written comments
6. Connie Hannah, Santa Barbara League of Women Voters, also submitted written comments
7. Linda Anderson
8. Mickey Flacks, SB4All, also submitted written comments and was joined by:
9. Brian Hofer, SB4All
10. Joe Andrulaitis, SB4All
11. John Campanella
12. Lisa Plowman, SB4All

Chair Bartlett called for a recess at 11:18 A.M. and reconvened the hearing at 11:33 A.M. with the following people continuing public comment:

13. Peter Hunt, American Institute of Architects
14. Paul Hernadi, Citizens Planning Association, also submitted written comments
15. Kellam De Forest

16. Debbie Cox Bultan, Coastal Housing Coalition, also submitted written comments
17. Richard Rozzelle, District Superintendent, Coastal Division, California State Parks
18. Jerry Jackman, Executive Director, Trust for Historic Preservation
19. Jean Holmes
20. Gil Barry
21. Cathie McCammon, Allied Neighborhood Association, also submitted written comments
22. Paul Zink

With no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 12:30 P.M.

IV. RECESS

Chair Bartlett called a lunch recess at 12:30 P.M., and reconvened the meeting at 1:18 P.M.

Chair Bartlett reopened the public comment at 1:53 P.M.

23. Theo Kracke, Save Eilings Park, also submitted written comments.

The public hearing was closed at 1:57 P.M and reopened at 2:17 P.M.

24. Kristen Jepson-Foos

With no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 2:18 P.M.

The Commission provided Staff with individual questions and areas of interest for a more detailed response at the next meeting. Staff was acknowledged for the work done in preparation for today's meeting and thanked the Public for the comments received.

ACTUAL TIME: 1:02 P.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010

When the meeting reconvened on Thursday, April 29, 2010, Staff was joined by EIR consultants Dan Gira, AMEC Earth and Environmental; and Brian Welch, Fehr and Peers Transportation Consultants.

Sherrie Fisher, General Manager, Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD), was present to respond to the Commission's questions and provide a status to the MTD's services, goals, and challenges to meeting transit objectives in the General Plan Update.

Chair Bartlett called for a recess at 3:53 P.M and reconvened the meeting at 4:15 P.M.

Staff provided the Commission clarification on points of interest in preparation for the Commission's discussion on May 6, 2010.

ACTUAL TIME: 1:05 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010

Chair Bartlett reopened the special meeting at 1:05 P.M. on Thursday, May 6, 2010.

Bettie Weiss, City Planner and John Ledbetter, Principal Planner presented and reviewed a revised Key Decision Options matrix, found at www.YourPlanSB.org, to facilitate Planning Commission discussion and feedback.

Straw Vote: Jostes

Support for the PlanSB Sustainability Principles as the framework for the General Plan Update as presented in the Draft Land Use Element.

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Commissioners Jacobs, Lodge, Schwartz, and Bartlett, commented on the city's role within the region and how the principles are a reflection of the community's will.

Chair Bartlett reopened the public hearing at 2:23 P.M. to hear members of the public who were unable to provide public comment at the meeting dates of April 28-29, 2010:

25. Deborah Slaughter, also submitted written comments.
26. Margaret Weiss, Coalition for Community Wellness, also submitted written comments.

With no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 2:26 P.M.

The Commission discussed each of the Key Decision Options from the matrix; provided specific staff direction on each respective point; and agreed to continue the discussion on June 3, 2010.

Motion: Jostes/Lodge

Continue the meeting to June 3, 2010.

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Commissioners Schwartz, Jostes, and Jacobs left the dais at 5:02 P.M.

Seeing a member of the public who had not been able to comment at earlier meetings, Chair Bartlett re-opened the public hearing at 5:02 P.M.

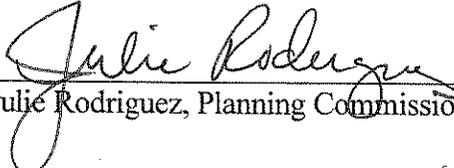
27. John M. Ackerman, MD

With no one else wishing to speak, the hearing was closed at 5:12 P.M.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bartlett adjourned the meeting of April 28, 2010 at 2:21 P.M. and reconvened at 1:02 P.M. on Thursday, April 29, 2010. The meeting of April 29, 2010 was adjourned at 6:13 P.M. The meeting of May 6, 2010 was adjourned at 5:12 P.M.

Submitted by,



Julie Rodriguez, Planning Commission Secretary