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Ada Conner 1 *Absent*
W. Scott Burns
Daniel Hochman
Diego Torres-Santos, Youth Intern - *Absent*

**JOINT MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
AND PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FISNISHED AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL – 735 ANACAPA STREET
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009
5:30 P.M.**

Website: www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov

NOTICES:

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- C. This agenda schedule is subject to change. It is recommended that applicants and interested persons plan to arrive at 5:30 P.M. However, for longer agendas, all parties are encouraged to monitor Channel 18 and, when the item prior to the application of interest begins, come to the Commission hearing. **This meeting*

agenda was revised to notify the public that the meeting place has been moved from the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room and will now be held at City Council Chambers.

- D. The scope of a project may be modified as it proceeds through the planning process. If you have any questions, wish to review the plans, or wish to be placed on a mailing list for future agendas for an item, please contact City Planning staff at (805) 564-5470 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday. Please check our website under City Calendar to verify closure dates.
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I. **CALL TO ORDER**

**** Meeting was called to order at 5:31 P.M. ****

II. **ROLL CALL**

**** Roll Call taken.**

**Park and Recreation Commissioners Daraka Larimore Hall,
Ada Conner, and Diego Torres-Santos were absent.****

PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

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

**** No Requests were made. ****

- B. Announcements and appeals.

**** Announcements were made. ****

- C. Comments from members of the public pertaining to items not on this agenda.
[Due to time constraints, each person is limited to two (2) minutes.]

**** Andrew Bermant and Mark Whitehurst provided individual comments. ****

III. **CONCEPT REVIEW:**

ACTUAL TIME: 5:37 P.M.

DRAFT WEST BEACH AREA PLANNING STUDY

The West Beach Planning Study is a follow-up to the West Beach Pedestrian Improvement Project (WBPIP) process that reviews potential improvements to West Beach. The Study included a public participation process with community meetings and stakeholder interviews.

Staff: John Bridley, Waterfront Director
Email: JBridley@SantaBarbaraCA.gov

**** Review held. ****

IV. **ENVIRONMENTAL HEARINGS:**

ACTUAL TIME: 6:14 P.M.

APPLICATION OF ELINGS PARK FOUNDATION, 1298 LAS POSITAS ROAD; APNS: 047-010-034 & 047-010-049; GENERAL PLAN: OPEN SPACE AND COMMUNITY PARK; ZONE(S): ELINGS PARK NORTH: A-1, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL; ELINGS PARK SOUTH: PR, PARK AND RECREATION (UNDEVELOPED PARKLAND CATEGORY) (MST2006-00509)

The project consists of the Elings Park Phase III Improvement Plan for various park additions and improvements to support active and passive recreational uses on Elings Park North (EP North) and Elings Park South (EP South). The City of Santa Barbara owns the 84-acre EP North property, which is operated under lease arrangement by the non-profit Elings Park Foundation. The 130-acre EP South property is owned and operated in its entirety by the Elings Park Foundation.

The Plan includes the following improvements for Elings Park North: 1) construction of a Community Activity Center, 2) development of two lighted multi-use playing fields and a lighted multi-sport arena field, 3) a fenced off-leash dog walking area, 4) a pedestrian trail system intended to connect the overall park amenities, 5) new picnic areas, 6) a family activity zone area, 7) batting cages, 8) a park services building, 9) new gazebo overlook area, 10) small hillside amphitheatre, 11) two new restroom facilities, 12) new and reconfigured parking, 13) new and replacement lighting, 14) landscaping, 15) a landfill cover and building protection systems, and 16) an entry kiosk.

The Plan includes the following improvements for Elings Park South: 1) relocation of the existing BMX track facilities currently located on the lower plateau of Elings Park North to Elings Park South, 2) park office building, 3) a disc golf course area, 4) individual picnic areas, 5) pedestrian access improvements, 6) new parking, and 7) landscaping.

Special events that could draw 1,000 visitors or more are proposed to occur a maximum of 12 times per year, and would typically be held on Elings Park North.

The project also includes an estimated 128,200 cubic yards of cut and 132,300 cubic yards of fill for construction. Approximately 4,100 total cubic yards of fill material would be imported to the Elings Park North and South project sites. It is estimated that construction of the entire project will take approximately 24 months to complete.

In addition to the project components listed above, the Elings Park Phase III Improvement Plan project includes several off-site project elements, including:

- An upgraded Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) bus stop located along Las Positas Road, southwest of the intersection of Jerry Harwin Parkway and Las Positas Road.
- Six-inch sewer and six-inch water line connections to existing service lines located in the Cliff Drive right-of-way to serve proposed Elings Park South facilities.

The project also includes a request for amendment to the General Plan Land Use designation for the 84-acre EP North property from Open Space and Community Park to Open Space and Regional Park, and a rezone of the EP North property from A-1, One-Family Residential, to PR, Park and Recreation (Regional Park Category). The project also includes a request for amendment to the General Plan Land Use designation for the EP South property from Open Space and Community Park to Open Space and Regional Park, and a redesignation of the property from PR, Park and Recreation (Undeveloped Parkland Category) to PR, Park and Recreation (Regional Park Category).

The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report prepared for the project. Written comments should be sent at the earliest possible date, but **received not later than ~~Wednesday, November 18, 2009~~ Thursday, December 3, 2009, at 4:30 p.m.** Please send your written comments to the attention of Allison De Busk, Project Planner, at the City Planning Division.

No formal action on the development proposal was taken at the environmental hearing.

Case Planner: Allison De Busk, Project Planner
Email: ADebusk@SantaBarbaraCA.gov

**** Hearing held.**

The public comment hearing was extended to December 3, 2009.**

V. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**** Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M. ****