



City of Santa Barbara Planning Division

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

September 9, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Bartlett called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Bruce Bartlett, Vice-Chair John Jostes, Commissioners Charmaine Jacobs, Mike Jordan, Sheila Lodge, and Deborah L. Schwartz.

Commissioner Jacobs arrived at 1:06 P.M.

Absent: Commissioner Stella Larson

STAFF PRESENT:

Bettie Weiss, City Planner

Danny Kato, Senior Planner

N. Scott Vincent, Assistant City Attorney

Deana McMillion, Administrative/Clerical Supervisor

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

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

None.

B. Announcements and appeals.

Mr. Kato made the following announcements:

1. On October 14, 2010, Staff will present the Planning Commission with the Highway 101 Update. The Highway 101 Subcommittee may meet beforehand to discuss lane changes to the project.

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

Chair Bartlett opened the public hearing at 1:04 P.M. and, with no one wishing to speak, closed the hearing.

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

ACTUAL TIME: 1:04 P.M.

HOW FORM BASED CODING CAN TRANSFORM CITIES AND TOWNS

The Planning Commission watched a 90 minute "webinar" offered by the Form-Based Codes Institute in Chicago, Illinois. Presenters in the webinar discussed the meaning and method of form-based codes, and then took Commissioners through the motions of creating a new code. Participants gained useful knowledge of all aspects of the codes, including planning, design, and legal considerations. The Commission discussed form-based coding after watching the webinar, but did not take any action on this item.

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Danny Kato, Senior Planner, introduced the webinar.

The Planning Commission discussed the possibility of form-based coding in Santa Barbara and its applicability. Some Commissioners were enthusiastic about it, others felt that it could be appropriate in certain locations with property owner consent, and others questioned whether this approach should be pursued at all.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

ACTUAL TIME: 3:35 P.M.

A. Committee and Liaison Reports.

1. Staff Hearing Officer Liaison Report

None was given.

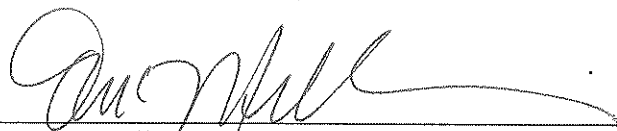
2. Other Committee and Liaison Reports

- a. Commissioner Schwartz reported on the Downtown Parking Committee meeting of September 9, 2010.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bartlett adjourned the meeting at 3:39 P.M.

Submitted by,



Deana McMillion, Administrative/Clerical Supervisor