



# City of Santa Barbara

## Planning Division

### JOINT MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2011

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Jostes called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

#### **I. ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent: Commissioner Charmaine Jacobs**

#### **Fire and Police Commission:**

Chair Patrick J. Lennon, Jr; Vice Chair Jennifer Christensen; Joe Rodriguez; Daniel E. Signore; Diego Torres-Santos.

**Absent: Commissioner Daniel E. Signore**

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Paul Casey, Community Development Director  
Frank Mannix, Deputy Chief, SBPD  
Gil Torres, Captain, SBPD  
N. Scott Vincent, Assistant City Attorney  
Danny Kato, Senior Planner  
Joshua Haggmark, Public Works Supervising Engineer  
Julie Rodriguez, Planning Commission Secretary

#### **II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:**

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

Chair Jostes opened the public hearing at 4:01 P.M. and, with no one wishing to speak, closed the hearing.

#### **III. DISCUSSION ITEM**

**ACTUAL TIME: 4:01 P.M.**

**APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA FOR 215 E. FIGUEROA STREET, APN 029-162-037, R-3 ZONE, GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: MAJOR PUBLIC AND INSTITUTIONAL/OFFICES.**

The purpose of this special joint Planning Commission/Fire and Police Commission discussion item is to provide a status update on the City Council's consideration of rebuilding the police station located at 215 E. Figueroa Street.

**No formal action will be taken at this hearing, nor will any determination be made regarding environmental review of the proposed project.**

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Paul Casey, Assistant City Administrator, gave the Staff presentation, joined by Deputy Chief Frank Mannix, Santa Barbara Police Department; Joshua Haggmark, Supervising Engineer, Public Works Department; and Captain Gil Torres, Santa Barbara Police Department.

Chair Jostes opened the public hearing at 4:36 P.M.

The following people commented on the project:

1. Kip Bradley, commercial neighbor, offered whole-hearted support of the project.
2. Steve Hoegerman, residential neighbor, expressed concern for potential disruption and impact to neighborhood.

With no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 4:40 P.M.

Commissioner's comments:

1. The Planning Commission/Fire and Police Commission support the project and found seismic inadequacies, an inefficient layout and a lack of integrity, accessibility, and security in the existing facility to be dangerous and deplorable conditions. There was strong concern that the existing facility is a worst case scenario waiting to happen. Some Commissioners wanted to be convinced that the selected option is the best option of any option.
2. There was consensus that financing remains the most challenging aspect. Some Commissioners felt that financing is the number one capital need and should be the number one or only RDA priority for funding. Commissioner Schwartz felt that there should be a 'Plan B' if the bond measure is not approved by voters.
3. Many Commissioners felt that the public should be included in the needs assessment and in gaining support for funding options.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jostes adjourned the meeting at 5:57 P.M.

Submitted by,

  
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Julie Rodriguez, Planning Commission Secretary

