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City of Santa Barbara
Planning Division

PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 23, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Mike Jordan, Vice Chair Deborah L. Schwartz, Commissioners Bruce Bartlett, John P. Campanella, Sheila Lodge, June Pujo, and Addison Thompson.

STAFF PRESENT:

Bettie Weiss, City Planner
John Ledbetter, Principal Planner
N. Scott Vincent, Assistant City Attorney
Lonnie Cassidy, Building Inspector/Plan Check Supervisor
Yolanda McGlinchey, Emergency Services Manager
Beatriz Gularte, Project Planner
Elizabeth Limón, Project Planner
Adam Nares, GIS Technician
Julie Rodriguez, Planning Commission Secretary

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

A. Action on the review of the following Draft Minutes and Resolutions:

1. Draft Minutes of May 2, 2013

MOTION: Lodge/Bartlett
Approve the minutes and resolutions as corrected.

This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstain: 1 (Schwartz) Absent: 0

2. Resolution 008-13
3425 Sea Ledge Lane

MOTION: Pujo/Thompson
Approve the minutes and resolutions as corrected.

This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstain: 1 (Schwartz) Absent:

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3. Draft Minutes of May 9, 2013

MOTION: Lodge/Schwartz
Approve the minutes and resolutions as corrected.

This motion carried by the following vote:

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

Commissioner Pujo abstained from Item 3.b..

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

None.

C. Announcements and appeals.

John Ledbetter, Principal Planner, announced that the June 6, 2013 Planning Commission meeting would be cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission will be June 13, 2013.

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

Chair Jordan opened the public hearing at 12:07 P.M. and, with no one wishing to speak, closed the hearing.

III. RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL:

ACTUAL TIME: 12:07 P.M.

CHANGES TO THE CITY'S ZONING AND GENERAL PLAN MAPS

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Additional amendments are proposed to the recently adopted General Plan Map as part of the recommended rezones, either to make the zone consistent with the General Plan or because the existing land uses or zone designations call for a particular General Plan designation.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing to receive public input and formalize their recommendations to the City Council on proposed citywide zoning and General Plan map amendments. The amendments will then be considered for adoption by the City Council at a future meeting.

Case Planner: Beatriz Gularte, Project Planner
Email: BGularte@SantaBarbaraCA.gov Phone: (805) 564-5470, ext. 4556.

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Beatriz Gularte, Project Planner, gave the Staff presentation.

Chair Jordan opened the public hearing at 12:25 P.M., and with no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Thompson/Bartlett **Assigned Resolution No. 009-13**
Recommended to City Council approval of the City's Sectional Zoning Map and General Plan Map Amendments as outlined in the Staff Report, dated May 16, 2013.

This motion carried by the following vote:

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

Chair Jordan called for a recess at 1:05 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 1:12 P.M.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEM

ACTUAL TIME: 1:12 P.M.

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The proposed 2013 Safety Element provides a comprehensive update to the Seismic Safety/Safety Element of the General Plan and the Hazards Section of the Local Coastal Program (LCP). The element includes updated information and maps describing natural and human-caused hazards in the City including geologic, seismic, fire, flooding and hazardous materials hazards as well as public services as they relate to safety. The element describes current and future City actions being taken to reduce hazard-related risk and to respond to emergency situations through updated goals, policies and implementation actions.

The City of Santa Barbara invites public comment on the Draft Safety Element and LCP (Hazards Section) Amendment. The public comment period is from May 6 – June 6, 2013. The Draft Safety Element, Technical Background Report and the LCP Hazards Section Amendment documents are available on the City web site at: http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Resident/Major_Planning_Efforts/Safety_Element_Update/. As part of the public review period for the draft documents, the City Planning Commission will hold today's hearing to receive public comments.

Case Planner: Elizabeth Limón, Project Planner
Email: ELimon@SantaBarbaraCA.gov Phone: (805) 564-5470, ext. 4569.

Elizabeth Limón, Project Planner, gave the Staff presentation. Steve Rodriguez, Rodriguez Consulting, Inc.; Lonnie Cassidy, Building Inspector/Plan Check Supervisor; and Yolanda McGlinchey, Emergency Services Manager, were available to respond to any Commission questions.

Chair Jordan opened the public hearing at 1:29 P.M.

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Steven Johnson submitted written comments and commented that the Safety Element did not address air quality near Highway 101 and asked that air quality be acknowledged in the final Safety Element.

With no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 1:32 P.M.
Planning Commission comments included:

- Commissioner Pujo suggested inclusion of waterfront/rescue operations and their role in emergency planning.
- Commissioners Pujo and Schwartz would like to see helicopter safety issues, beyond airport area, adressed.
- Commissioner Jordan suggested addressing drinking water quality post-fire. Would like to see a percentage of City employees be CERT trained. Would like to see children/seniors as specific class needing recovery assistance. Would like to see rapid changes in technology incorporated and recognized.
- Commissioner Thompson suggested inclusion of residential home owners associations and ham radio operators in the post-disaster agency contact list.
- Commissioner Bartlett would like shipping safety acknowledged, such as potential freighters, cruise ships, or disasters. Anticipate new challenges such as panga boats.

The Planning Commission appreciated the discussion and looked forward to future workshops.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

ACTUAL TIME: 2:52 P.M.

A. Committee and Liaison Reports.

1. Staff Hearing Officer Liaison Report

   Commissioner Lodge reported on the Staff Hearing Officer meeting held on May 15, 2013.

2. Other Committee and Liaison Reports

   a. Commissioner Lodge reported on Historic Landmarks Commission meetings of May 8 and 22, 2013.

   b. Commissioner Schwartz stated that she and Commissioner Pujo will attend the Transportation and Circulation Committee meeting this evening.

   c. Commissioner Schwartz reported on attending County Council's Brown Act Training.

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d. Commissioner Campanella reported on activities coming up at Garden Court, 1116 De la Vina Street.

e. Commissioner Jordan reported on the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) meeting he attended with Commissioner Pujo.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jordan adjourned the meeting at 2:59 P.M.

Submitted by,

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Julie Rodriguez, Planning Commission Secretary

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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 009-13
CITYWIDE
RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL
MAY 23, 2013

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WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has held the required public hearing on the above project, and the Applicant was present.

WHEREAS, no one appeared to speak in favor of the amendments, and no one appeared to speak in opposition thereto or with concerns, and the following exhibits were presented for the record:

1. Staff Report with Attachments, May 16, 2013
2. Correspondence received in support of the Zoning Map and General Plan Map Amendments:
   a. Patricia Odenthal, Trustee Odenthal Living Trust, via email
3. Correspondence received with concerns about the Zoning Map and General Plan Map Amendments:
   a. Thomas P. Crandall, Santa Barbara, CA
   b. Jerome M. Harris, Santa Barbara, CA
   c. Paula Westbury, Santa Barbara, CA

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Planning Commission:

I. Approved recommendation of the City's Sectional Zoning Map and General Plan Map Amendments to City Council.

This motion was passed and adopted on the 23rd day of May, 2013 by the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Barbara by the following vote:

AYES: 7 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

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I hereby certify that this Resolution correctly reflects the action taken by the city of Santa Barbara Planning Commission at its meeting of the above date.

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Julie Rodriguez, Planning Commission Secretary Date

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