



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING
December 11, 2008
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marty Blum called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Blum.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Dale Francisco, Roger L. Horton, Grant House, Helene Schneider, Das Williams, Mayor Blum.

Councilmembers absent: Iya G. Falcone.

Staff present: City Administrator James L. Armstrong, City Attorney Stephen P. Wiley, Deputy City Clerk Susan Tschech.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, December 4, 2008, posted this agenda in the Office of the City Clerk, on the City Hall Public Notice Board on the outside balcony of City Hall, and on the Internet.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Subject: Plan Santa Barbara Draft Policy Preferences Report, And Next Steps For Environmental Impact Report (650.05)

Recommendation: That Council direct staff to initiate CEQA environmental review for the General Plan Update: Draft Policy Preferences Report, December 2008, as the draft General Plan sustainability framework and draft policy direction for updating the City General Plan and growth management program, and direct staff to proceed with Phase III of the Plan Santa Barbara process in order to update the City's General Plan Land Use Element, Land Use Map, and Housing Element.

Documents:

- December 11, 2008, report from the Community Development Director.
- Plan Santa Barbara General Plan Update: Draft Policy Preferences Report and Recommendations to City Council, dated December 2008.
- Affidavit of Publication.
- November 13, 2008, letter from the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District.
- December 6, 2008, letter from Bruce Burnworth.
- December 7, 2008, letter from the Upper East Association.
- December 8, 2008, letter from the Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (COAST).
- December 8, 2008, letter from the Santa Barbara Conservancy.
- December 8, 2008, letter from the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation.
- December 8, 2008, e-mail from Justin Pawl.
- December 9, 2008, letter from the Coast Village Business Association.
- December 10, 2008, letter from property owners near East Junipero Street.
- December 10, 2008, letter from Santa Barbara For All.
- December 11, 2008, letter from Metropolitan Theatres Corporation.
- December 11, 2008, letter from First 5 Santa Barbara County Children & Families Commission.
- Undated letter from the Coalition for Community Wellness.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Planner Bettie Weiss, Principal Planner John Ledbetter, Principal Transportation Planner Rob Dayton.
- Planning Commission: Commissioners John Jostes, Harwood Bendy White, Jr., Addison Thompson.
- Members of the Public: Fred Sweeney, Upper East Association; Danny Copus, Tom Bollay and Jan Atkins, Coast Village Business Association; Steve Cushman, Santa Barbara Region Chamber of Commerce.

Recess: 11:20 a.m. - 11:31 a.m.

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Subject: Plan Santa Barbara Draft Policy Preferences Report, And Next Steps For Environmental Impact Report (650.05) (Cont'd)

Speakers (Cont'd):

- Members of the Public: Jean Holmes, Allied Neighborhoods Association; Holly Goldberg on behalf of Eileen Monahan, First 5 Santa Barbara County Children & Families Commission; Bill Marks; Courtney Dietz, Santa Barbara Walks; Betsy Cramer, Paul Hernadi and Mary Louise Days, Citizens Planning Association; Connie Hannah, Santa Barbara League of Women Voters; Suzanne Elledge; Joan Livingston, Upper East Association; Eva Inbar, Coalition for Sustainable Transportation; Debbie Cox Bultan, Coastal Housing Coalition; Brian Cearnal; Detty Peikert, Santa Barbara For All; April Palencia, The Sustainability Project; Lisa Plowman, Santa Barbara For All; Alex Pujo; Gil Barry, Allied Neighborhoods Association; Cathie McCammon, Santa Barbara League of Women Voters; Joyce McCullough, Habitat for Humanity; Lee Moldaver.

Discussion:

Staff described the background of the General Plan Update process and noted the direction from both Council and the public to manage growth, promote affordable housing, and update the City's environmental policies. Policy "drivers" of growth management, energy and climate change, community character, economic and fiscal health, and public health were defined, as well as trends and consequences within those issue areas. Sustainability is a basic principle that has been considered for all aspects of the General Plan update. Key components to the Plan Santa Barbara process were listed and some were explained in detail. Finally, Staff outlined their recommendation for moving forward with the required environmental review for the General Plan Update project.

Councilmember Williams left the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blum adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

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MARTY BLUM
MAYOR

ATTEST: 
SUSAN TSCHUCH, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK