



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
October 8, 2008

DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, 630 GARDEN STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marty Blum called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Dale Francisco, Helene Schneider, Das Williams, Mayor Blum.

Councilmembers absent: Iya G. Falcone, Roger L. Horton, Grant House.

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

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order, and the meeting continued in joint session.

Planning Commissioners present: Bruce Bartlett, Charmaine Jacobs, Stella Larson, Addison S. Thompson, Harwood A. White, Jr., Chair George C. Myers.

Planning Commissioners absent: John Jostes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, October 2, 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.

WORK SESSIONS

Subject: Semi-Annual Joint Work Session With Planning Commission (650.01)

Recommendation: That Council hold a joint work session with the Planning Commission to receive status reports and discuss major work program activities, underway and pending, in the Planning Division, including:

1. Discussion of Interim Plan Santa Barbara Zoning and Design Ordinance and potential building height Charter amendment;
2. Status report on Staff and Planning Commission recommendations to Council for Plan Santa Barbara; and
3. Planning Division workload priorities, pending and unassigned projects.

Documents:

- October 8, 2008, report from the Community Development Director.
- October 8, 2008, e-mail from Sheila Lodge.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Planner Bettie Weiss, Principal Planner John Ledbetter, Community Development Director Paul Casey.

Councilmember House entered the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Speakers (Cont'd):

- Members of the Public: Judy Orias, Allied Neighborhoods Association; Dave Davis, Community Environmental Council; Mickey Flacks, Santa Barbara For All; Jeremy Meyer, Coalition for Community Wellness; Gil Barry, Allied Neighborhoods Association; Alex Pujo, Santa Barbara For All; Connie Hannah and Cathie McCammon, Santa Barbara League of Women Voters; Debbie Cox Bultan, Coastal Housing Coalition; Lisa Plowman; Olivia Uribe, Santa Barbara County Action Network.

Discussion:

Staff updated the Council and Commission on the status of the Planning Division's workload, including projects within the Historic Resources Work Program and Design Review, various ordinance amendments, and *Plan Santa Barbara*. The discussion then focused on a possible interim ordinance and/or City Charter amendment to respond to community interests in the areas of reduced building height limits, setbacks, open space, and unit size for mixed use and commercial developments. All Councilmembers and Commissioners present stated their views regarding the need for an interim ordinance or Charter amendment. Community Development Director Paul Casey summarized the consensus that was reached, stating that Staff will schedule an item for a Council agenda in early November to recommend placement of a Council-initiated Charter amendment on the November 2009 election ballot.

Councilmember Williams left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blum adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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