

# ACTION MINUTES GENERAL PLAN UPDATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Renaissance Plaza; Fair Oaks Community Room 649 N. Fair Oaks Avenue, Second Floor #203

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The meeting was called to order at 6:56 p.m.

# I. Roll Call

**Present:** Marilyn Dee Buchanan, Edwina Travis-Chin, Julianna Delgado, Michelle White, Gordon Hamilton, Louisa Nelson, Marsha Rood, Jill Fosselman, Noel Toro (9)

Absent: Berlinda Brown, Emily Stork, Dante Hall, Richard Janisch, Michael Hurley, Paul Little, Steve Marcussen, Carolyn Naber, Peter Knell, David Azcaraga, John Pappalardo (11)

Staff: Scott Reimers, Mark Yamarone, Julia Garzon

Michelle White nominated Julianna Delgado to act as chair for the meeting, Marsha Rood seconded, all ayes.

## II. Public Comment

Ruth Christensen commented on the congestion and traffic impacts of over-development on South Marengo Avenue south of California Boulevard and east of Arroyo Parkway.

# III. Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2012

Moved by Michelle White, seconded by Marsha Rood, all ayes, with these changes they were approved.

#### IV. Action Item

General Plan Land Use and Mobility Element Update

Staff provided a presentation of the changes to the **Specific Plan Boundaries**.

## Action:

Motion made by Marsha Rood to adopt staff's recommendation with the following changes: Prepare a version of the maps showing only the new boundaries, add transit stations to the map, and show names of streets (i.e. Marengo Avenue, Walnut Street and Del Mar Boulevard). Seconded by Marilyn Dee Buchanan

Abstain: Louisa Nelson. All approved, motion carries.

Staff provided a presentation of the changes to the **General Plan Land Use Diagram**.

## Public Comment:

- John Hutt, a property owner, spoke regarding 140 E Orange Grove Boulevard and 672 Summit Avenue to be included in the Fair Oaks and Orange Grove village with higher density.
- David Hitchcock, a property owner, spoke in favor of including 140 E Orange Grove Boulevard and 678 Summit Avenue within the village module at Fair Oaks and Orange Grove intersection.
- Wesley Reutiman, from Day One Incorporated, would like to see a more transit oriented development. He is concerned with the health risks that people with respiratory illnesses may encounter. The City should re-examine residential housing that is 500 feet from the freeway to see what pollutant are being breathed each day.
- John Grech, a property owner, asked Scott Reimers about a correction done to one of the maps.
- Bob Oltman, resident and property owner, future commercial development should be taking place in East Pasadena. Job creation should be a priority, by reducing square footage from 2,000,000 to 1,5000,000, the area is being reduced 20%, reducing the future of new jobs.
- Erlinda Romo, from the Playhouse District Association, commented on how the General Plan should have a long range vision by adding more growth in the Central District.
- Carla Walecka, with the Playhouse District Association, supports the Land Use map and the concept residential levels. Agrees with Erlinda Romo that development levels should be increased in the Central District.
- Jonathon Edewards, with the Downtown Pasadena Neighborhood Association, shared his views on development levels in the Central District and South Fair Oaks. He gave a PowerPoint presentation indicating sites in both these locations that could be re-visited by the City. Mr. Edewards would like these sites increased to maximize Pasadena's best opportunities for sustainability, affordable housing, vitality, walkability, and fiscal health.

The public comment was closed by acting chair Delgado.

### Actions:

Motion made by Louisa Nelson to approve freeway air quality study, rezone East Orange Grove Boulevard to Med-Mixed use (0.0- 2.25) up to Marengo Avenue, in the Playhouse District to change the designation of the park over parking sites to open space, increase East Colorado Boulevard in Lamanda Park to a designation of Med-Mixed use (0-2.25), change Oak Knoll and Hudson area to change per John Grech's letter. Seconded by Marsha Rood. All approved, motion carries.

Motion made by Louisa Nelson to add Arlington Gardens as Open Space. Seconded by Marsha Rood. Opposed by Noel Toro and Michelle White. Motion approved (7-2).

Motion made by Gordon Hamilton to increase density around South Fair Oaks and Fillmore to High Mixed-use (0.0-3.0). Seconded by Marilyn Buchanan. A friendly amendment was made to just look into CD-7 only. Gordon Hamilton accepted and seconded by Noel Toro. Opposed by Louisa Nelson. Motion approved (8-1).

Motion made by Marilyn Buchanan to increase the FAR to High-Mixed use (0.0-3.0) at South Fair Oaks. Seconded by Gordon Hamilton. Opposed by Louisa Nelson. Motion approved (8-1).

Motion made by Gordon Hamilton to approve staff's recommendation to land use designations in the Central District. Seconded by Edwina Travis-Chen. Opposed by Louisa Nelson and Marilyn Buchanan. Motion approved (7-2).

Staff provided a presentation of the changes to the **Development Levels**.

#### Action:

Motion made by Marilyn Buchanan to approve staff recommendation, except Central District, South Fair Oaks and Fair Oaks/Orange Grove. Seconded by Jill Fosselman. All ayes, approved unanimously.

Motion made by Marsha Rood to increase the residential dwelling unit number to 5,000 in the Central District. Seconded by Michelle White. Opposed by Louisa Nelson and Jill Fosselman. Motion approved (7-2).

Motion made by Marilyn Buchanan to increase the residential dwelling unit number to 500 in the Fair Oaks/Orange Grove. Seconded by Michelle White. (Present to Northwest Commission) All ayes, approved unanimously.

Motion made by Marilyn Buchanan to approve an increase in commercial and residential development commensurate with its change in land use designations in the South Fair Oaks specific plan. Seconded by Gordon Hamilton. Opposed by Louisa Nelson and Jill Fosselman. Motion approved (7-2).

IV. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned by Chair Delgado at 11:30pm.

Administrative approval by:

Planner

Scott Reimer