

FINAL

MONTEREY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

April 28, 2004

MINUTES

The Planning Commission met at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers of the Courthouse at 240 Church Street, Salinas, California.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Miguel Errea, Sharon Parsons, Laurence Hawkins, Cosme Padilla, Keith Vandevere, Martha Diehl, Aurelio Salazar, Don Rochester, John Wilmot
Absent: Juan Sanchez

B. COMMENT PERIOD - None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following corrections were suggested to the minutes of *March 10, 2004*, Scheduled Item D-1 to reflect “property” instead of “project,” show Commissioner Rochester as absent, and “Environmental Review” for “Environmental Impact Report”; Scheduled Item D-2 to reflect Commissioner Rochester as absent; and under Other Matters, Department Report, correct the wording for the reimbursement process.

March 11, 2004, minutes to reflect the lunch recess and show the meeting as being continued to March 17, 2004.

March 17, 2004, minutes to reflect the meeting being continued to March 22, 2004.

March 22, 2004, minutes to reflect the meeting being continued to April 7, 2004.

Commissioner Hawkins moved, seconded by Commissioner Rochester, and passed by the following vote to approve the minutes of March 10, 2004, March 11, 2004, March 17, 2004, and March 22, 2004, as amended.

AYES: Errea, Parsons, Hawkins, Padilla, Vandevere, Diehl, Salazar, Rochester, Wilmot
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sanchez
ABSTAIN: None

D. SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. MONTEREY COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (PLN010172)

Lynn Burgess, Environmental Resource Policy, addressed the proposed Resolution containing Planning Commission recommendations on the draft General Plan.

Public Comment

1. Tom Carvey
2. Jennifer Rindahl
3. John Bridges
4. Darlene Din
5. Marie Kloeppe
6. Jan Mitchell
7. Hans Jongens

Lynn Burgess addressed the comments made by the public speakers.

The Planning Commission discussed public comments related to reviewing the final environmental impact report and infrastructure limitations in Chualar. In addition, they discussed the need to strategize on the Commission's presentation to the Board of Supervisors, decided that their recommendations listed in the proposed resolution dated April 28, 2004, did not need further revising, and thanked General Plan Update staff for a job well done.

Wendy Strimling, County Counsel, clarified the legal requirements of the Commission's review of the environmental impact report as part of their action on the General Plan Update.

Lynn Burgess thanked the Commissioners for their work on the General Plan Update.

Commissioner Diehl moved, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins, and passed by the following vote to adopt Resolution #04017 providing recommendations on the 2004 Draft 21st Century Monterey County General Plan to the Board of Supervisors.

AYES: Hawkins, Padilla, Vandevere, Parsons, Diehl, Salazar, Rochester, Wilmot
NOES: Errea
ABSENT: Sanchez
ABSTAIN: None

2. LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEES (PD030021)

Carl Holm gave an overview of the meeting held with the Land Use Advisory Committee representative, outlined County of Monterey budget impacts as it pertains to Land Use Advisory Committees, and ground work. He reported that there will be a follow-up meeting and requested a continuance to May 26, 2004.

Richard Radowicz requested that the public be invited to Land Use Advisory Committee subcommittee meetings with planning staff. He also wanted to know how dissolution of the Land Use Advisory Committee's would help the County.

Commissioner Diehl explained that the County has not, and is not, proposing to dissolve the LUACs. She noted her involvement with the committee clarifying that this is not decision making committee and therefore, not open to the public. However, this will come back to the Planning Commission and public can provide input at that meeting.

Carl Holm added that the public also could go before their Land Use Advisory Committee and make public comment.

Commissioner Diehl moved, seconded by Commissioner Rochester and passed by the following vote to continue this item to May 26, 2004.

AYES: Errea, Hawkins, Padilla, Vandevere, Parsons, Diehl, Salazar, Rochester, Wilmot
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sanchez
ABSTAIN: None

3. ANDRUS GLORIA (SUHSD) (PD030165)

David Lutes gave an overview of the project and the draft letter to be sent to the school district from the Planning Commission as amended pursuant to direction from the Planning Commission at the April 14, 2004 meeting.

Fernando Elizondo, Principal of Salinas Union High School District, spoke in favor of the proposed design and location of the school .

Hans Jongens spoke in opposition of the proposed location of the school.

Brian Finegan, representing the property owners and future developers, spoke in favor of staff's recommendation and the contents of the proposed letter.

The Commission commented on the possibility of a two-story instead of a one-story building and urban sprawl related to the design and location of the proposed school.

Commissioner Rochester moved, seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed by the following vote that the Planning Commission accept the report and send the letter to Salinas Union High School District regarding proposed school site property acquisition.

AYES: Errea, Hawkins, Padilla, Vandevere, Parsons, Diehl, Salazar, Rochester, Wilmot
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sanchez
ABSTAIN: None

E. OTHER MATTERS

Advisory Committee Appointments

It was moved by Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Errea and passed by the following vote to appoint Richard Stewart to the Chualar Canyon Neighborhood Design Review Committee.

AYES: Errea, Hawkins, Padilla, Vandever, Parsons, Diehl, Salazar, Rochester, Wilmot
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sanchez

It was moved by Padilla, seconded by Commissioner Rochester and passed by the following vote to appoint Steve Clatterbuck to the North County Non-Coastal Land Use Advisory Committee.

AYES: Errea, Hawkins, Padilla, Vandever, Parsons, Diehl, Salazar, Rochester, Wilmot
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sanchez

Department Report

Jeff Main, Secretary to the Commission, stated there was no report.

F. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

ATTEST

Jeff Main, Secretary

JM/lmr