



Gilroy General Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

May 28, 2014; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Gilroy Library Community Room, 350 W. Sixth St., Gilroy, CA 95020

Chair: Mayor Pro Tempore Perry Woodward

Vice-Chair: Council Member Cat Tucker

Action Minutes

I. Call to Order

Members absent: Ashford, Bass, Bottini, Clark, Lief, Pace, Sanford, Suner, Vanni

II. Meeting Minutes

Unanimously approved action minutes from April 16, 2014.

III. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda:

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

IV. Discuss Potential Focus areas of Change for the Land Use Alternatives

Dave Amos, General Plan consultant, delivered a brief presentation on the draft focus areas and the outline of the discussion. Chairperson Woodward led the GPAC members in a discussion of the focus areas. GPAC members were asked to approve or eliminate any of the focus areas proposed by staff and consultants, then propose modifications to those focus areas or propose new focus areas entirely.

GPAC members agreed to not modify the Hecker Pass Specific Plan and Glen Loma Specific Plan focus areas, as those areas are already planned in detail and have received City approvals.

Chairperson Woodward then led the GPAC through a discussion of each of the seven proposed focus areas, asking GPAC members if there was any reason to eliminate the proposed focus areas. GPAC members asked staff and consultants for clarifications on boundaries and existing land use designations within the focus areas. No GPAC members favored eliminating any of the seven focus areas.

GPAC member Muniz proposed adding a focus area west of Santa Teresa Boulevard, south of Fitzgerald Avenue, east of the hills, and north of Christopher High School. He cited the City's efforts to expand Santa Teresa Boulevard in that area as a reason to consider that area for future growth. GPAC members voted to add the proposed focus area.

During the public comment period, a member of the public suggested expanding proposed focus area five to the east to include the land southeast of the Highway 101/Masten Avenue interchange. He believed that this area could accommodate highway commercial growth. GPAC members asked questions about the parcel dimensions in the proposed expansion area and the relationship of the proposed expansion area to the City's Agricultural Mitigation Policy Preferred Preservation Areas located to the east. GPAC members discussed the proposal and voted to include that area and also the land adjacent to the frontage road along Highway 101 south of the Masten Avenue interchange, with direction to staff to review how wide the potential expansion area should be in light of parcel sizes and preferred agricultural preservation areas.

GPAC member Muniz suggested the GPAC consider adding a focus area south of focus areas two and six along Highway 101, but GPAC members decided not to include that land as a potential area of growth.

V. Presentation of the Draft Housing Element

Chelsey Norton, General Plan consultant, delivered a presentation on the Public Review Draft of the Housing Element. After the presentation, she answered several clarifying questions from GPAC members.

VI. General Announcements

None.

VII. Correspondence

None.

VIII. Adjournment to the June 11, 2014 Committee meeting

Chairman Woodward adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The next GPAC meeting will be on June 11, 2014.