

Subject: GVPAC Meeting Summary for April 7, 2009

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Hello Everyone,

Reminder: There will be an all-day GVPAC Workshop held on July 11, 2009. The exact location has not been determined at this time. The purpose of the workshop will be to solicit input from the community on a wide variety of issues that the committee will be considering. An online community survey will precede the workshop. The Community Plan update will be based on the feedback the GVPAC receives from the community. *If you can attend only one GVPAC meeting, this is probably the one to attend.*

The following summarizes the general issues discussed during the last GVPAC meeting.

Meeting Notes for March 18, 2009:

1. Next Meeting:

- a. *Date:* April 22, 2009
- b. *Location:* Planning Commission Hearing Room
- c. *Agenda:* Commercial Land Use
 - i. Identification of Economically Vital Areas
 - ii. Identification of Needs
 - iii. Revitalization and Economic Development
 - iv. Accessibility and Convenience

2. Main Overview: The primary purpose of this meeting was to learn about the Community Development Super Element of the 1993 Goleta Valley Community Plan (GCP), and in particular Residential Land Use.

- a. *Residential Land-Use Planning:* The purpose of land-use planning is to provide amenities for people while protecting people from the environment and vice versa.
 - i. The scale of development planning is hierarchical and ranges from a single house to a cluster of homes, apartments, condos, walkable communities with mixed non-residential use, and villages, towns or network of towns and cities.
 - ii. Planning considers the location of residences, the type/design of homes, adjacent land use, density, and zoning designations.
 - iii. The 1993 GCP attempted to protect environmentally constrained areas such as More Mesa while preserving the character of existing neighborhoods, providing housing equity, and open space. It identified a number of neighborhoods and developed specific policies for each area.
 - iv. The 1993 GCP was driven by the fact that the pace of commercial development created an abundance of jobs relative to the number of homes.
 - v. The Goleta Growth Management Ordinance (GGMO), which was repealed in 2001 by the Board of Supervisors, attempted to balance the ratio of residential development to commercial development by placing an annual limit on each.
 - vi. Today, residential development in Eastern Goleta Valley outweighs existing commercial development. There are relatively few jobs in Eastern Goleta Valley and existing residential areas are mostly built out.
 - vii. Focus on redevelopment and small-area planning may be necessary for this planning cycle.

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