

**Subject:** GVPAC Meeting Notes from August 4, 2009

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Hello Everyone,

Approximately 80 people attended the GVPAC Workshop held on July 11, 2009, and approximately 300 people responded to the Community Survey. A summary of the survey results can be found here:

<http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/planareas/goleta/documents/GCP/Workshop/ToplineResults.pdf>

The complete survey results are here:

<http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/planareas/goleta/documents/GCP/Workshop/CompleteResults.pdf>

In addition, you can find the Workshop Summary Report of each GVPAC member here:

<http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/planareas/goleta/documents/GCP/Meeting%2017%20Materials/CompletePACReco>

Based on that feedback, the GVPAC will now begin the process of establishing goals for the Eastern Goleta Valley (EGV) Community Plan update. Because this requires that I spend more time preparing for each GVPAC meeting, I will probably not provide you with as detailed summaries as I have in the past. Instead, I will rely on the official meeting minutes and provide additional details only when needed.

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

#### **Meeting Notes for August 4, 2009**

The purpose of this meeting was primarily to review the feedback provided by the public during the Workshop.

##### 1. Next Meeting:

- a. *Date:* August 19 , 2009
- b. *Time:* 6:00 pm
- c. *Location:* Planning Commission Hearing Room
- d. *Agenda:* Planning Goals
  - i. Environmental Protection and Stewardship
  - ii. Parks, Recreation, Trails, Open Space, and Public Views
  - iii. Public Safety, Services, and Infrastructure

##### 2. Summary of Current Planning Projects:

- a. *Foothill Centre Development:* Mr. Michael Towbes, the developer, provided the background for this conceptual project to build three two-story office buildings at the intersection of Highway 154 and Foothill Road. Although this property is within the unincorporated Eastern Goleta Valley boundary, it is also within the sphere of influence of the City of Santa Barbara, and is therefore being reviewed by the City. The GVPAC did not review the plans and the presentation was informational only.
- b. *Turnpike Center Façade Improvements:* Relatively minor plans to improve the Turnpike Shopping Center are currently being reviewed by the Board of Architectural Review (BAR). The BAR does not have any major objections to the proposed plans. The largest structural change would widen the walkway in front of the shopping center.
- c. *State Street Hospitality Hotel:* This property is located at the intersection of Highway 154 and State Street

and is currently known as The Grand Hope Ranch Hotel. The proposed 99-room hotel is undergoing conceptual review with the BAR. The BAR has major concerns over the bulk and scale of the project.

- d. *McElhney Mixed-Use Commercial Development*: This property is also located on State Street near Highway 154. No official application for development has been submitted, and no residential units are proposed.
3. **Main Overview**: The primary purpose of this meeting was for each GVPAC member to review the feedback they received during the GVPAC Workshop.
    - a. The next four meetings will be devoted to establishing goals for the Community Plan update. A draft community plan should be completed by the end of the year.
    - b. The GVPAC is considering changing the overall tone of the EGV Community Plan to one that is driven by our local watersheds. The City of Austin Watershed Plan was discussed as a potential model for our plan.
    - c. Each GVPAC member talked about the feedback they received at the Workshop table assigned to them. Their notes can be found at the link provide above. Only the Commercial Land Use section is missing. I will provide it when it becomes available electronically.
  4. **Public Comment**:
    - a. *Michael Towbes*: Mr. Towbes provided a presentation reviewing the history of the Foothill Centre development plan.
    - b. *Bob Alm*: Mr Alm was representing his family which owns a property currently zoned agricultural and which is located at 5295 Shoreline Drive near the south end of Patterson Avenue. It is currently used as a potted plant/nursery business. Mr. Alm requested that his property be rezoned similar to the adjacent neighborhood.
    - c. *Patti Close*: Ms. Close thanked the GVPAC members for their time and effort and appreciated the Workshop but wished more people could have attended.

For additional information, the official minutes, and the meeting audio, please see the county website:

<http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/planareas/goleta/gvpac.php>

Once again let me know if you do not wish to receive these e-mails, and feel free to forward them to others.

Thank you!

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