



The thirteenth meeting (a regular meeting) of the GPAC began at 7:09 p.m. and was called to order by Chairman Klein. GPAC Vice Chairman Dana Ashton led the Pledge of Allegiance. The GPAC meeting summaries for February 7 and February 21, 2008 were approved without change.

GPAC Members in attendance included: Dana Ashton, Michelle Dornfest, Gary Klein, Peter Kraut, Kim Lamorie, Mireille Neumann, Robert Odello, Melissa Olen, Robert Pope, and Robert Lia. Michael Friedman and Dave Brown arrived later during the meeting (7:20 p.m. and 7:25 p.m., respectively). GPAC members not present included Britt Aaronson, Alan Horwitz, Michael Kaplan, Marvin Lopata, Jolie Pfahler, Mark Shear, Peter Valk and Candice Weber.

City staff present included Tom Bartlett, Isidro Figueroa and Elizabeth Parker as well as Assistant City Attorney Dan Ballin. Consultant team members in attendance included Steve Svete with Rincon Consultants and Erik Justesen, Diane Bathgate and Wendy Smith with RRM Design Group.

A copy of the slide presentation for this meeting may be viewed on the City's website. In addition, a copy of the draft Community Design Element is posted on the website.

The GPAC discussed the meeting schedule, and some members expressed the desire to have additional opportunities to remain involved in the EIR and Development Code process after the next few GPAC meetings.

Public Comments

Opportunity for public comments was provided, and no one came forward to speak.

At approximately 7:50 p.m., Chairman Klein turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Ashton. Chairman Klein and Member Pope left the meeting.

Review of Community Design Element

Erik Justesen provided an overview of the Community Design Element, which is an elective Element for the General Plan and is not required by state law. In contrast to other elements reviewed so far, the Community Design Element is largely a new Element based upon outreach results to date. The element is generally divided into the following three sections: citywide, neighborhood and scenic highways. Community Character policies in the existing Land Use Chapter (pages III-14 to III-21) were brought forward, updated and consolidated. Discussion on Scenic Highways was brought forward from the Community Issues and Community Profile volumes of the existing General Plan.

A copy of the draft Community Design Element was provided to the GPAC prior to the meeting. Comments were solicited at the meeting and identified revisions to the Element will be incorporated into a complete Draft General Plan for GPAC review prior to consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council.

The following comments were provided:

Page	Policy	Comment/Recommendation
TBD	new	Insert glossary defining commonly used terms, including rural, urban, semi-rural, and suburban, and other terms as needed
TBD	new	Insert new policies on green design, public improvements
IX-2	n/a	In second paragraph, second sentence, replace “many” with “some”
IX-2	n/a	In second paragraph, clarify “constructed over a longer period of time”, wording changed to “constructed over a period of many years”
IX-2	n/a	In third paragraph, first sentence add “in southern portion of the City” to describe where rural residential development is found
IX-3	n/a	In first paragraph, change “the legal allowance of housing” to “in compliance with existing zoning”
IX-3	n/a	In first paragraph, change “must guard” to “has continued to guard”
IX-4	n/a	Last sentence of first paragraph, change “town” to “the City”
IX-5-7	n/a	Add note in each subsection of Existing Regulations on when each document was adopted
IX-5	n/a	Under Old Town Calabasas Overlay Zone, clarify that a portion of Old Town is within the City of Los Angeles
IX-5&6	n/a	Within Scenic Corridor Ordinance section, request was made to emphasize oak trees. Upon further review of this section, it was determined to replace the description of the ordinance with language directly from the ordinance.
IX-7	n/a	In the first objective, replace “high” with “highest”
IX-8	n/a	In first paragraph, discussion over whether to replace “high” with “highest”. After a vote of 7-3, it was determined to leave the wording as “high”

IX-8	n/a	In first paragraph, last sentence, change “interested in” to “committed to”
IX-10	n/a	In second paragraph, change reference to mansionization as a “trend”, wording changed to “type of development”
IX-10	n/a	In second paragraph, last sentence, insert “individual” before the words “small lots”
IX-10	IX-1	Insert “Through community input and design review” at the beginning of the policy
IX-10	IX-2	Move this policy to introductory section and reword as a description of the existing community character
IX-11	IX-2	In fourth bullet, manmade should be hyphenated
IX-11	IX-3	Insert “protect” and “historic landscapes and districts”
IX-12	IX-4	Discussion on whether to add language allowing lower design standards for affordable housing; Vote 8-1 with 1 abstaining to keep policy as is
IX-12	IX-5	Insert “in cooperation with the City of Los Angeles”
IX-12	IX-6	Insert “oak trees” and “riparian corridors”
IX-12	IX-9	Insert “recreation facilities”
IX-12	n/a	Delete image of ball field and hills
IX-13	IX-11	Change “Encourage” to “Require”
IX-13	IX-12	Insert “where applicable” after “For example”
IX-14	IX-14	Change “antiquated subdivisions” to residential neighborhoods; insert “and the size of development on adjacent parcels”
IX-15	IX-20	Replace “in urban and non-urban portions of the City” with “citywide”
IX-16	n/a	Under West Village section, note that Las Virgenes Road within the West Village area is a scenic corridor
IX-17	n/a	Delete last sentence
IX-18	n/a	Discussion over whether the table is misleading, Vote to delete table is unanimous
IX-18	n/a	In first paragraph, next to last line, delete “single- and two-story elements with” and replace “statements” with “character”
IX-18	n/a	In second paragraph, fourth sentence, delete “Two to three-story” and change “with” to “to maintain”
IX-21	IX-33	Insert “vehicle and” before “pedestrian connection”
IX-21	n/a	Insert policy on creating a pedestrian connection between the Craftsman Corner area and Hidden Hills
IX-24	n/a	In first paragraph, change “county” to “country”
IX-24	n/a	In second paragraph, revise language to reflect that implementation of overlay zones has helped address this issue
IX-24	n/a	In second objective, add “and the traditional development of that community” to the end of the sentence
IX-26	n/a	Revise last line to reflect the responsibility as on the owner of the property; replace “shall” with “must”; add “and adequate off-street parking”
IX-27	n/a	In first paragraph, replace “along” with “although”
IX-27	n/a	In objective, replace “major roadways” with “scenic corridors”

IX-28	IX-54	Insert "Vigorously" at beginning of policy; delete "within non-residential areas"; add "in collaboration with other jurisdictions"
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Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. The next GPAC meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2008.

Submitted by:

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