

KINGS COUNTY GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY STAFF: Greg Gatzka (559) 582-3211 ex 2682, Jeremy Kinney (559) 582-3211 ex 2673

CALL TO ORDER: The Kings County General Plan Advisory Committee (KCGPAC) meeting was called to order by Chairman Tristao at 6:30 p.m., on December 18, 2008. The KCGPAC meeting was held in the Multi-Purpose Room, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California.

Roll call of members was conducted by Mr. Gatzka, and a quorum of appointed Committee members were in attendance.

APPOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS: None

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Tristao, Jim Gregory, Garry Curtis, Doyle Davis, James Lohry, Michael Miya, Craig Pedersen, Jim Olivas, Jeff Stivers, Mark Pohle, Bob Lewis, Glenn Estes

COMMITTEE ALTERNATES PRESENT: Judith Horn, Charles Meyer, John Bolze

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Neves, Alicia Jacobo, Ronnie J. Silva

COMMITTEE ALTERNATES ABSENT: Louie Rodrigues, Roger McVay

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Zumwalt, Greg Gatzka, Jeremy Kinney, Marcum Caldwell

VISITORS PRESENT: Andre Booker, Michael Cotton, Eugene Patterson, Cleo Threadgill

UNSCHEDULED COMMENTS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2008 KCGPAC minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter addressed to Bill Zumwalt from Tim Larson, the president of the Kings County Farm Bureau, was provided to committee members. The letter thanked staff for attending a meeting with the Farm Bureau and clarifying questions posed by the Farm Bureau Board.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Home Garden Community Plan- At the previous committee meeting, members requested statistical data regarding poverty levels and home ownership rates in Home Garden. Mr. Kinney discussed a handout detailing homeownership rates and poverty levels within all of the communities in Kings County. Committee members discussed economic constraints and opportunities within the Home Garden community. Mr. Caldwell presented Chapters 5-8 of the Home Garden Community Plan. During discussion of Chapter 5 Mr. Zumwalt was asked to explain the Zone of Benefit concept. Mr. Zumwalt explained that a Zone of Benefit could be used to fund a future park in Home Garden and briefed the committee on Zone of Benefit formation. Staff was then asked to show policies in the plan that support the Home Garden Community Service District. This discussion led to traffic circulation issues with several questions related to stop signs and traffic lights. Mr. Zumwalt explained that Public Works is in charge of circulation specifics in new subdivisions and that a traffic study may be required for larger projects. Mr. Gatzka further informed the committee that future development concentrated within the 10th Avenue commercial corridor would increase the need for traffic calming measures and major pedestrian crossing routes. Discussion turned towards Kings Area Rural Transit (KART) services which provide seven bus stops in Home Garden. During discussion of Chapter 7, Home Garden visitors in attendance and committee members voiced their concern regarding sheriff response times. Discussion centered on the number of deputies, their territory covered, and the sheriff department office located in the Home Garden Learning Center. The committee then focused on the Citizens on Patrol Program and discussed its potential in Home Garden. Committee dialogue then turned to parking requirements in the community's commercial areas and future mixed use areas.

Mr. Zumwalt explained why the Home Garden Community boundary was not expanded and why the City of Hanford is not likely to annex the Home Garden Community. Chairman Tristao suggested for staff to meet with Home Garden representatives to further discuss the Community Plan to ensure the plan and policies are compatible with the community's desires. A meeting date and time was tentatively set for the first week in January of 2009. The last topic of discussion concerning the community plan focused on the construction of a community park. Funding mechanisms were discussed and community members in attendance expressed a willingness to donate their time to help with the construction of a community park. Mr. Gatzka suggested postponing a motion to approve the Home Garden Community Plan until the next meeting, after staff had an opportunity to meet with Home Garden residents that wanted to provide additional community input. A motion was made and seconded to postpone consideration of the Home Garden Plan until the January 2009 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. AB 900 Presentation (Re-entry Facility)** - Ms. Rebecca Campbell from the Kings County Administration Office provided an overview of the re-entry facility. The presentation highlighted many potential benefits of a re-entry facility including reducing recidivism while increasing job opportunities. Ms. Campbell discussed the history of the proposed re-entry facility in Kings County, explained why the County did not receive funding, and discussed potential locations currently being considered to site the facility.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. MEMBER COMMENTS: None

B. STAFF COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

A. Next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on January 15, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory R. Gatzka, Deputy Planning Director

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