

City of Jackson Planning Commission

Summary Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2008

The Planning Commission of the City of Jackson met in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 33 Broadway, Jackson, California. Chairman Works called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m..

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leticia Sexton Chairman
Dave Butow, Vice Chairman
Walt Hooser
Terri Works
Kathryn Devlin

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Mike Daly, City Manager
Susan Peters, City Planner
Karon Knuist, Administrative Clerk

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Note: The Staff Report Packet prepared for the Planning Commission is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference as though set forth in full. Any Staff Report, recommended findings, mitigation measures, conditions, or recommendations which are referred to by Commissioners in their action motions on project decisions, which are contained in the Staff Reports, are part of these minutes. Any written materials, petitions, packets or comments received at the hearing also become part of these minutes. The recording tapes of this meeting are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference and are stored in the City of Jackson Planning Department.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Introduce new Planning Commissioner Kathryn Devlin. Kathryn Devlin read a letter of introduction.

2. Public Matters Not on the Agenda.

Judy Jebian read from a letter provided to staff regarding Buscaglia's.

Kathy duBois was concerned that the Brown Act was being violated by City Planner Peters because she was making decisions without proper public noticing.

3. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2007 and January 22, 2008.

MOTION: Commissioner Works made a motion to approve the Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2007, seconded by Vice Chairman Butow. Motion was passed with 3 aye votes; Chairman Sexton, Vice Chairman Butow, and

Commissioner Works, 2 Commissioners abstaining – Commissioner Hoeser and Commissioner Devlin.

MOTION: Commissioner Works made a motion to approve the Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2008 seconded by Commissioner Hoeser. Motion was passed with 4 aye votes; Chairman Sexton, Vice Chairman Butow, Commissioner Hoeser, and Commissioner Works, Commissioner Devlin abstaining.

4. Recommendation to the City Council of Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the City of Jackson General Plan Land Use Element update, Circulation Element amendments and Development/Zoning Code update.

Beth Thompson from Pacific Municipal Consultants presented the Final Environmental Impact Report for the City of Jackson General Plan Land Use Element update, Circulation Element amendments and Development/Zoning Code update to the Planning Commissioners and public in attendance.

Chairman Sexton opened the public hearing.

Kathy duBois pointed out that none of the oral public comments were addressed. Beth Thompson answered that she produced a document that addressed each of the oral public comments. A copy was made for each Commissioner and distributed.

Judy Jebian read from a letter given to staff regarding the inadequacy of the EIR in addressing managed population growth.

Kathy Allen representing ACSG, read from a letter provided to staff and Commissioners regarding nine responses on the DEIR that they felt were inadequate.

Ken Berry feels the PMC document is well written, but inadequate. Feels the General Plan needs to be consistent, and putting the elements together piece-meal cannot make a consistent document.

Jim Laughton applauded the Planning Commissioners for wading through all the General Plan documents. He also noted that these issues seem to be tearing our community apart.

Chairman Sexton closed the public hearing.

Commission Works appreciated the FEIR document. She would like a Water Element added to the General Plan, to include water conservative landscaping, use of gray water, etc. She would also like to see an Economic Development Element.

Chairman Sexton called for a five minute break.

Vice Chairman Butow feels that Jackson needs to have an economic strategy.

Commissioner Hoeser states that all in all he finds the FEIR document adequate. We will never get a document 100% and it is not something written in stone, but it is a good place to start.

MOTION: Commissioner Works made a motion to the City Council to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for the City of Jackson General Plan Land Use Element update, Circulation Element amendments and Development/Zoning Code update. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoeser. Motion was passed with 4 aye votes; Chairman Sexton, Vice Chairman Butow, Commissioner Hoeser, and Commissioner Works, Commissioner Devlin abstaining.

City Manager Daly thanked all of the Planning Commissioners, past and present, and the public and different interest groups for all the work that went into getting this phase of the General Plan complete.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Works at 8:10 p.m.

Attest:

Karon Knuist, Administrative Clerk

Date Approved: March 17, 2008