

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, June 12, 2007

The Special Joint Meeting of the Richmond City Council and the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Sandhu, Rogers, Bates, Lopez, Marquez, Viramontes, and Mayor McLaughlin. Planning Commissioners Harris, Lee, Rao, Vice Chairperson Williams, and Chairperson Finlay.

Absent: Councilmembers Butt and Thurmond. (Councilmember Thurmond arrived late).

DISCUSSION

In the matter regarding the review of the General Plan update process, presentation of a status report of work accomplished, and review the Community Vision and Draft Land-Use concepts. Richard Mitchell, Planning and Building Regulations Director, gave an overview of the item and presented the community and outreach efforts. He stated community outreach and engagement services consisted of: (1) 30 City leadership interviews, (2) eight focus group meetings, (3) 30 plus plain van outings, (4) two community newsletters, (5) one survey, (6) 14 community workshops, (7) 20 plus community group and stakeholders meetings, (8) nine board and commission meetings, (9) nine General Plan Advisory Committee meetings, (10) six Technical Advisory Committee meetings, (11) staff consultant working groups, and (12) youth visioning. Process update for outreach and engagement consisted of: (1) media outreach and (2) project website. Mr. Mitchell stated items that have been completed were: (1) issues and opportunities reports, (2) existing conditions maps, (3) meeting summaries, (4) draft public input summary, (5) draft vision framework, (6) draft land use menu, and (7) draft land use alternatives. Daniel Iacofano, Founding Principals of MIG, gave a presentation of the vision elements of the general plan. The vision high points were: (1) an inclusive and diverse community, (2) a safe and healthy community, (3) downtown as the heart of Richmond, (4) revitalized corridors, (5) complete neighborhoods, (6) walkable neighborhoods and streets, (7) a balance of uses along the shoreline, (8) protection of natural resources, (9) clean air, water and land, (10) high quality and sustainable development, (11) safe and reliable multi-model transportation system, (12) integration of land use and transportation, (13) high quality, affordable housing, (14) strong economy, (15) jobs, training, and education, (16) safe, accessible, and well-maintained public facilities, (17) inter-connected system of parks and recreation opportunities, (18) economic revitalization through arts, culture, and ecology, and (19) living history and destination. Simon Alejandrino, Bay Area Economics, gave an update of the economic development elements completed and future goals of the general plan. Daniel Iacofano presented the draft land use concepts and alternatives of the general plan. Charles Smith, representing Carol Fall, who was not able to attend, distributed a letter to the Council written by Ms. Fall regarding Point Molate. He encouraged the Council to pay attention to global warming. Other speakers were: Mike Daley, Norman Laforce, Rafael Cartagena, Sheryl Lane, Paul Larudee, Khamphay Phahongchanh, Torm Nompraseurt, Jennifer Lin, Alex Schafran, Dr. Henry Clark, Debbi Landshoff, Mario Paucar, Tom Quinn, Pamela Aguilar, Carolyn Graves, Ronald Palmer, David Blackburn, Rosemary Corbin, Eleanor Loynd, Patricia Jones, April Capil, Delphine Smith, and Don Woodrow. Councilmember Lopez recommended that staff provide the Council and Planning Commission with a CD that shows existing zoning and changes being made. She also requested a matrix that compares the different options and explains the changes. Vice Mayor Bates stated he was

impressed with the economic development. He stated the City of Richmond needs more entry-level jobs. Chairperson Finley suggested that the current zoning be added in the potential land use options, one through three, as requested by Councilmember Lopez. She stated that the City should continue the policy of preservation of our history and national parks. She also stated that the traffic problem must be addressed before installation of a ferry service in Marina Bay. Chairperson Finley thanked Ms. Morgan and Dr. Bates for their active participation in the GPAC. Commissioner Zachary Harris suggested that identification of commercial truck corridors be added to the maps. He also suggested that commercial recreation options be identified. Commissioner Lee encouraged residents to attend the outreach meetings. Mayor McLaughlin thanked everyone for their input. Mr. Iacofano welcomed the suggestions and stated he will proceed to put the suggestions into the general plan. Rich Mitchell encouraged everyone to attend the community meetings and submit their suggestions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

Clerk of the Richmond City Council and Planning Commission
Clerk of the City of Richmond

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Approved:

Chairperson/Mayor