

MINUTES

of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on February 7, 2006, at 1:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Jon Harrison, Mayor
Pat Gilbreath, Mayor Pro Tem
Susan Pepler, Councilmember
Mick Gallagher, Councilmember

George Webber, Planning Commission Chairman
James G. Macdonald, Planning Commission Vice Chairman
Thomas A. Osborne, Planning Commissioner
Paul R. Thompson, Planning Commissioner

ABSENT

Gilberto Gil, Councilmember
Ruth M. Cook, Planning Commissioner
Gary W. Miller, Planning Commissioner

STAFF

John Davidson, City Manager; Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney; Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk; Don Gee, Redevelopment Agency Director; Ronald C. Mutter, Public Works Director; Gary G. Phelps, Municipal Utilities Director; Gary Van Dorst, Acting Airport Manager; Jeffrey L. Shaw, Community Development Director; John Jaquess, Assistant Community Development Director; and Robert Dalquest, Principal Planner

Mayor Harrison called the special meeting of the City Council to order. Planning Commission Chairman Webber called the special meeting of the Planning Commission to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

General Plan Update - Evelyn Trevino, San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, urged the City to include a health element in the General Plan and offered assistance from her department. John Thomas, owner of 32 acres near San Bernardino Avenue and State Route 30, expressed concern about encroachment of residential development west of Texas Street.

WORKSHOP

General Plan Update - Community Development Director Shaw introduced Rajeev Bhatia and Joan Isaacson from Dyett & Bhatia who are the consultants assisting in the preparation of the General Plan Update. A PowerPoint was presented explaining the purpose of a general plan, general plan requirements, reasons for initiating a general plan update, and the four-step process they are

following for the strategic plan. Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners responded to the following questions:

1. What do you think are Redlands' major strengths?
2. What do you think are the major challenges and opportunities for Redlands over the next 20 years?
3. What trends concern you when thinking about the future of Redlands?
4. What is your vision for Redlands in 2025?
5. In what areas of the existing General Plan are improvements needed? What are the strengths of the existing General Plan?

By consensus, an Economic Development Element should be included in the general plan and the consultants were asked to explore the option of including the concept of cluster. Questions that should be included in the citywide survey were: what are citizens willing to pay for, open space acquisition and maintenance or public facilities or infrastructure; alternative mode of transportation needs; and is the airport a viable asset. A public workshop will be held on March 22, 2006, and it is expected the citywide survey will be mailed in early March to one in every four addresses.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

General Plan Update - Bob Roberts noted that broad streets, such as Alvarado, Buena Vista and Redlands Boulevard are needed to address traffic needs, and that the general plan needs to be done professionally and not by community activists. Bill Cunningham, president of The Redlands Association, said the current general plan requires the collection of fees for infrastructure needs and that the fees need to be updated, and that the general plan update should be a community process.

Prospect Park Grove - Curtiss Allen said he thought the City should be picking the oranges in the upper end of the Prospect Park Grove rather than waiting for the upcoming Redlands Festival Series.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the special meetings adjourned at 3:00 P.M.