

TOWN OF LOS GATOS
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SUMMARY MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GENERAL PLAN COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS AUGUST 22, 2007 HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOBBY, CIVIC CENTER, 110 EAST MAIN STREET, LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Jane Ogle.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: *Joe Pirzynski, Barbara Spector, John Bourgeois, Tom O'Donnell, Joanne Talesfore, Barbara Cardillo, Jane Ogle and Margaret Smith*

Members absent: *Marcia Jensen*

Staff present: *Bud Lortz, Community Development Director; Randy Tsuda, Assistant Community Development Director; and Curtis Banks, Project Planner.*

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Ray Davis commented on the large square footage of some recent basements that have been proposed and asked why the Hillside Committee is not looking into the matter. He also commented on the process for selecting a new Town Manager.

ITEM 1 REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION

Banks summarized State and ABAG housing requirements.

Lortz discussed possible site where housing opportunities might exist. He also discussed leveraging RDA and BMP funds with low income housing provider to create units.

Vice Mayor Spector discussed her conversation with the Town Attorney regarding the implications of not having a certified Housing Element. There was discussion about looking at housing allocation as positive rather than a negative. It was mentioned that the Housing Element should reflect what can be realistically accomplished and Town values. Several members commented that affordable housing should be dispersed throughout Town.

Staff was asked if the size of the units could be limited to make them more affordable. It was also mentioned that there is a need for larger affordable units for families. There was also discussion about the difficulty some business owners have encountered finding and retaining employees because of the high cost of housing in the area.

Staff was asked to provide information regarding the affordability level of BMP units that have been developed, how much senior housing has been developed and what of the income levels of those units. Members were interested to know geographically where BMP units have been built. Members were also interested in examples of housing at different density levels so they could better understand the density ranges.

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 13, 2007 were unanimously approved.

ITEM 3 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. by Chair Ogle to the next regularly scheduled meeting of September 26, 2007.

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