

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
FOR THE  
TOWN OF CORTE MADERA  
GENERAL PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE**

*Meeting #18*

**APRIL 24, 2003  
COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

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**LOCATION:** Town Hall Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Boulevard, Corte Madera, CA

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Chair Condon, Alden-Crowe, Chin, Dill, Dupar, Katz, Kunhardt, MacLean, Vaughan

Staff present: Tashiro, Weiss, Brian Millar (PMC)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The public is invited to address the General Plan Steering Committee on any matter in the Committee's jurisdiction for issues not on the Agenda.

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

A. February 20, 2003. This item was carried over to the May 1, 2003 meeting.

6. STATUS OF GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
7. OLD BUSINESS ITEMS
8. OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

Mr. Millar indicated that the planned speaker for tonight, Mike Notestine (of the design firm of Mogavero Notestine) was ill and unable to attend the meeting, and someone from his firm should be able to attend the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

The Committee instead reviewed the submitted memorandum on design issues and offered the following comments:

- ◆ The alternative approaches for the Draft General Plan should be focused instead on specific policy approaches. The current (1989) General Plan need not be included as an alternative approach.
- ◆ Stress commercial and residential design issues and land use options.
- ◆ The General Plan update needs to affirmatively change in order to protect the Town and its desired character. Perhaps it is an issue of enhancing residential neighborhoods.
- ◆ Consider inclusion of incentives to make desired changes.
- ◆ Consider the Pasha Building as a viable space for economic development.
- ◆ Keep the focus on implementation and process.
- ◆ Several 1989 General Plan land use policies were seen as been inappropriate or no longer valid, including issues addressing floor area ratio, and discouragement of second story additions to residences.
- ◆ Ensure that the prescribe approach in the General Plan does not lock the Town into specific numbers or thresholds.
- ◆ Design diversity needs to be emphasized.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The General Plan Steering Committee meets as needed, generally once per month in the Corte Madera Town Hall, 300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera, CA. A meeting agenda will be published in advance of the next scheduled meeting.