

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

*Meeting #22*

**JULY 10, 2003**

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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 6:38 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Steering Committee Members present: Chair Condon, Chin, Dill, Dupar, Fillpot, Harlock, Katz, Kunhardt, Marquart, McLean and Vaughan.

Staff Members present: 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. June 5, 2003

The spelling of Mr. Liddell's name was corrected (page 1). Clarification was provided that storm management, and not flooding per se, is a General Plan issue (page 3). Consensus was reached that groups of issues relative to pedestrian and biking trails, would be considered (page 3). The minutes were approved with no further changes.

6. STATUS OF GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Millar indicated this item would be addressed under item 8.A.

7. OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Discussion of Draft General Plan Outline and Draft General Plan Goals and Policies. Staff will continue review of a set of Draft General Plan goals and policies, based on previous Steering Committee discussions of related issues.

Staff continued with review of the draft preliminary Goals and Policies memo distributed at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, and reached Committee consensus on the following items.

Commercial Design (Chapter V within the General Plan Outline)

- Clarified that gateways (V.1.F) could be placed on public or private lands. Acknowledged that the Town had previously planned on installing a gateway feature by Highway 101 near Tamalpais Drive.
- Clarify what is meant by "Streamline" in Policy V.1.D (not wanting to streamline the development review process at the expense of Town interests, while also striking the word "desirable." Public noticing and working with Town committees should also be considered in the public review process.
- Drop reference to .34 FAR (first sentence) of Policy V.2.C.
- A lengthy discussion occurred relative to Old Corte Madera Square (Policy V.4.1). Mr. Millar noted comments from a citizen (Mr. Cohen) who was unable to attend the meeting, noting that the Square currently functions as a drive-through location, not a destination, and that additional restaurants are desirable. A list updated by Mr. Kunhardt and others was distributed to the Committee and public. Public comments suggested that the Square functions well now, and there need not be a focus on expanding businesses or even stressing business success. Attracting more people to the Square may be a disadvantage to the Town. The Committee then reached consensus on the bullet points under Policy V.4.1, though the word "integrity" will be stricken from the 7<sup>th</sup> bullet point dealing with

historic buildings. Mr. Millar indicated he would check with Mike Notestine on how the Square could function as a destination location, and what features could help ensure the Square is successful as a destination.

- With respect to the San Clemente/Paradise Drive area (Policy V.4.2), the Committee agreed with the four listed bullet points, adding a fifth point relative to the need to treat San Clemente as a landscaped boulevard (perhaps with a median) and incorporating pedestrian and bicycle access, while also preserving the route as an arterial for traffic flow.

#### Transportation Policies (Chapter VI within the General Plan Outline)

- Policy VI.1.C, involving traffic flow through residential neighborhoods, will be further modified after discussing with the traffic consultant. This can also include how the Town wants to address issues of buses in residential areas.
- Add or clarify policies to ensure emphasis on public transit, including possible use of shuttles.
- Change Policy VI.1.1 to be more specific, since traffic enforcement is already clearly required.

### 8. OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Overview of discussion topics for upcoming meetings.

Staff reviewed a memo on plans for upcoming meetings. The Committee agreed it would extend the adjournment time for the July 31<sup>st</sup> meeting until 10:00 p.m. if necessary to complete review of agenda items. Plans were also made to convene on August 14<sup>th</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup> (both commencing at 6:30 p.m.).

### 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.