



**ACTION MINUTES**  
**Planning Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m. - Thursday - May 20, 2010**  
**City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street**

**Call to Order** — 7:00 P.M.

**Roll Call** —

Present: Commissioners Quartararo, Foster, Kasparowitz, Schultz, Tustin  
and Warner and Chair Daly  
Absent: None  
Staff: Planning Director, J. Rebagliati; Principal Planner, K. Thomas; Assistant  
Director of Public Works, C. Schneider; Recorder, M. Schwarb  
Audience: Three people

**Statements of Disqualification** — Commissioner Foster requested that the CIP Item regarding the King Street Bicycle Boulevard be heard as a separate Item and that he would recuse himself if so.

**Oral Communications** — None

*No action shall be taken on these items.*

*The Chair may announce and set time limits at the beginning of each agenda item.*

**Announcements** — None

**Approval of Minutes** — April 1, 2010

**ACTION: Commission Tustin moved, and Commissioner Kasparowitz seconded, that the Minutes of April 1, 2010 be approved as submitted. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0-2 with Commissioners Daly, Kasparowitz, Tustin, Warner and Schultz in favor, and Commissioners Foster and Quartararo abstaining.**

## General Business —

### 1. 2011-2013 Capital Improvement Program

**RECOMMENDATION: That the Planning Commission by motion find the 2011-2013 Proposed Capital Improvement Program is consistent with the General Plan.**

Principal Planner Thomas made some opening comments noting that the Capital Improvement Program is an annual process and is presented to the Planning Commission which is charged with finding that the proposed Capital Improvement Program is, or is not, consistent with the General Plan. This is state law. The Capital Improvement Plan is consistent with the Plans that the Commission has reviewed in the past. One new project is a park proposed in lower Ocean area across from the old Mike Fox tennis courts. Two projects have sparked controversy: the widening of State Highway 1/San Lorenzo River Bridge which is part of the planned intersection improvements, and the King Street Bicycle Safety Corridor which is an unfunded project.

Assistant Director of Public Works Schneiter spoke briefly regarding questions raised by the Commissioners and noted that the Capital Improvement Program remains largely the same as in previous years.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Rick Longinotti spoke recommending that the Planning Commission make an exception to tie together the Mission/Chestnut/King Intersection, the King Street Bicycle Safety Corridor study and the Bay/Mission Intersection. He also discussed the Highway 1/San Lorenzo River Bridge widening project.

William Menchine spoke regarding the need for an origins/destination comprehensive traffic study to include Mission/King/Chestnut and all surrounding streets including the University near the proposed King Street Bicycle Safety Corridor.

Assistant Director of Public Works Schneiter addressed questions raised by the Commissioners regarding the topics raised by Mr. Longinotti and Mr. Menchine.

The Public Hearing was closed.

The Commissioners brought up concerns and questions regarding:

- The study of the Cathcart/Cedar parking garage.
- The widening of the Highway 1/San Lorenzo River Bridge.
- The Water Supply Project which should be clearly called a Desalinization Plant.
- The Mission/Chestnut/King intersection study.
- The King Street Bicycle Safety Corridor.
- The proposed Beach/West Cliff traffic light.

Assistant Director Schneider made comments, clarified concerns and addressed questions from Commissioners.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Warner moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that the Planning Commission find that the Proposed 2011-2013 Capital Improvement Program is consistent with the General Plan, except for the widening of the Highway 1/San Lorenzo River Bridge, the Mission/King/Chestnut Intersection study, and the Cathcart/Cedar parking garage; and that the description of the Water Supply Project be clarified to clearly indicate the project is a “Desalinization Plant.” The motion failed 2-5 with Commissioners Foster and Schultz in favor and Commissioners Daly, Kasparowitz, Quartararo, Tustin and Warner opposed.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Warner moved, and Commissioner Quartararo seconded, that the Planning Commission approve the staff recommendation finding the 2011-2013 Proposed Capital Improvement Program to be consistent with the City’s General Plan but recommended that the “Water Supply Project” description on page 41 be modified to clearly indicate the project is a “Desalinization Plant.” The motion passed on a vote of 5-2 with Commissioners Quartararo, Daly, Tustin, Warner, and Kasparowitz in favor and Commissioners Foster and Schultz opposed.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Schultz moved, and Commissioner Warner seconded, that the Planning Commission find the 2011-2013 Proposed Capital Improvement Program to be consistent with the City’s General Plan, with the additional recommendation that the unfunded Study of the King Street Bicycle Safety Corridor be funded and included in the King/Mission/Chestnut Intersection Design Study. The motion passed on a vote of 6-0-1 with Commissioners Daly, Schultz, Quartararo, Warner, Tustin, and Kasparowitz in favor and Commissioner Foster abstaining.

**Informational Items —**

*No action shall be taken on these items.*

**Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports —**

*No action shall be taken on these items.*

- Chairperson's Report (S. Daly)
- Planning Department Report  
Planning Director Rebagliati reported:
  - The Medical Marijuana revisions were adopted and the revised Ordinance regarding dispensary reporting procedures was also adopted.
  - The 170 Frederick St. project went to City Council requesting some changes which the Council rejected except for a change to allow the Habitat for Humanity inclusionary home to be three bedrooms, rather than two.
  - Arana Gulch will likely be presented to the Coastal Commission again in August.
  - The Riverfront and Lower Pacific Plan was adopted by the City Council.
  - The City Budget will be presented at the next City Council meeting, and the City Manager's budget message will be distributed to Commissioners.
  - There will be a new Rental Inspection Ordinance considered by Council soon as required by the Agreement between the City, UCSC and CLUE.

**Items Referred to Future Agendas —**

**Adjournment — 9:08 P.M.**

The next Planning Commission meeting will take place on June 3, 2010 in the City Council Chambers.

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**APPEALS** - Any person who believes that a final action of this advisory body has been taken in error may appeal that decision to the City Council. Appeals must be in writing, setting forth the nature of the action and the basis upon which the action is considered to be in error, and addressed to the City Council in care of the City Clerk.

Appeals must be received by the City Clerk within ten (10) calendar days following the date of the action from which such appeal is being taken. An appeal must be accompanied by a five hundred dollar (\$500) filing fee, unless the item involves a Coastal Permit that is appealable to the Coastal Commission, in which case there is no fee.