



ACTION MINUTES
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Thursday – November 18, 2010
City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street

Call to Order — 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call —

Present: S. Daly, Chair; R. Quartararo; D. Foster; M. Tustin; J. Warner;
M. Whatley

Absent: Commissioner Schultz (with notice)

Staff: A. Khoury, Assistant Director; K. Thomas, Principal Planner; R. Clark, Climate
Action Coordinator; C. Streight, Climate Action Consultant; M. Schwarb,
Recorder

Audience: 11

Statements of Disqualification — None

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 — November 4, 2010

ACTION: Commissioner Foster moved, and Commissioner Tustin seconded, that the minutes of November 4, 2010 be approved as submitted. The motion passed 6-0-1 with Commissioners Foster, Tustin, Daly, Quartararo, Warner and Whatley in favor and Commissioner Schultz absent.

General Business —

1. Presentation on the Draft Climate Action Plan

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a presentation on the scope of the Draft Climate Action Plan and the public information process, and provide preliminary comments.

Assistant Director Khoury introduced Principal Planner Ken Thomas, who made some comments regarding the general plan update and consistency of the Climate Action Plan with that update, also noting that the chief obstacle to elimination of greenhouse gases is transportation funding. He then introduced Ross Clark, Climate Action Coordinator, who presented the Draft Climate Action Plan.

Principal Planner Thomas remarked that the general plan update is to be self mitigating to the extent possible. That many of the actions advocated in the Climate Action Plan will be quantified by staff, and the Climate Action Plan is envisioned to be a living document, subject to change as its elements are put into action.

The Commissioners asked questions regarding:

- City owned properties
- Transportation objectives
- Possibility of reinstating school buses
- What comments had been made by the other Commissions
- Whether the public comments will be posted on the City Web Site

Public Comment was opened.

Speaking from the audience:

- John Swift presented a short presentation on behalf of Transition Santa Cruz
- Reed Searle
- Jack Nelson
- Frank Proulx of People Power
- Ed Porter spoke regarding the promise of PRT (personal rapid transit)

Public Comment was closed.

The Commissioners made comments regarding:

- Including tabs or chapter numbers to the plan
- How to include rental housing in weatherizing plans
- City commitment to Nuclear Free Zone
- Vehicle miles traveled
- Jobs/housing imbalance
- Affordable housing
- Desalination
- Highway widening

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- Proposed Rail Trail
- Grey water use
- Eco-passes
- Parking issues
- How school buses help transportation
- Need for public transportation that goes where people need to go
- Policies of economic growth vs. policies focused on emissions control
- Early adoption of PRT and readiness for the opportunity
- How does this plan work in connection with surrounding areas?
- Transportation issues
- Is the plan realistic?
- Number of staff dedicated to this work
- Agreement with policies of Transition Santa Cruz

Principal Planner Thomas made some comments regarding the implementation of the AMBAG Monterey Blueprint which is a regional plan.

ACTION: Commissioner Tustin moved, and Commissioner Warner seconded, that the Planning Commission recommend that the City Council adopt the Climate Action Plan and that the many public and committee comments be incorporated into the final edition. The motion passed 6-0-1 with Commissioners Tustin, Warner, Foster, Quartararo, Daly and Whatley in favor and Commissioner Schultz absent.

Informational Items — None

No action shall be taken on these items.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports — None

No action shall be taken on these items.

- Chairperson's Report (S. Daly) — None
- Planning Department Report

Assistant Director Khoury noted that the Coastal Commission waived the 6 month wait for presenting the Arana Gulch project again. He added that the December 2 meeting would be short since the Ocean Street Extension project will be continued indefinitely. Ocean St. plan will be at the December 16 meeting.

Items Referred to Future Agendas — None

Adjournment — 9:15 P.M.

The next Planning Commission meeting will take place on December 2, 2010 in the City Council Chambers.

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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.