

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
809 Center Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL/
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

February 17, 2009

7:00 P.M. SESSION

Mayor/Chair Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Coonerty, Robinson, Lane, Madrigal, Beiers; Vice Mayor Rotkin; Mayor Mathews.
Commissioners Warner, Schultz, Foster, Tustin, Kasparowitz (arrived 7:15 p.m.); Chair Quartararo.

Absent: Commissioner Daly (with notice)

Staff: Director of Planning and Community Development J. Rebagliati, Assistant Director of Public Works/City Engineer C. Schneider, Principal Planner C. Berg, Principal Planner K. Thomas, Office Supervisor L. Camarie.

Public Hearing

1. River/Front & Lower Pacific Design Guidelines and Development Incentives Phase II Report. (PL/ED)

Director of Planning and Community Development J. Rebagliati provided an introduction to the item.

Principal Planner C. Berg provided additional comments and introduced the consultant team, S.D. Hammond and S. Poliwka from Wallace, Roberts and Todd; S. Alejandrino from Bay Area Economics; and J. Fernandez from Fehr & Peers.

Assistant Director of Public Works C. Schneider discussed parking and circulation and answered Council's and the Commission's questions.

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Public Hearing (continued)

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:

Rick Longinotti
 Reed Searle
 Peter Pethoe
 Debbie Bulger
 Richard Andrews, President of the Beach Hill Neighbors Association
 Ralph Meyberg
 David Carlson

For the record, Councilmember Robinson noted that bike lanes should be provided wherever possible and that the areas of Pacific Avenue/Front Street and along the River levee could be looked at as opportunity sites for taller, larger buildings provided they have superior design, but a wall of height along the river should be avoided.

Action

Vice Mayor Rotkin moved, seconded by Councilmember Madrigal, that the City Council and Planning Commission accept the study and direct staff to move forward with the next step, taking into consideration the comments that had been made. The motion carried unanimously (Commissioner Daly absent).

Adjournment - At 10:28 p.m., the City Council adjourned to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting on February 24, 2009, for a closed litigation session at 1:30 pm in the Courtyard Conference Room, followed by 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. open sessions in Council Chambers.

Adjournment - At 10:28 p.m., the Planning Commission adjourned to the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting on March 5, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Graves
 Deputy City Clerk

Approved

Cynthia Mathews
 Mayor