



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
OPEN SPACE & CONSERVATION ELEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Monday, July 20, 2009

6:30 p.m.

Pasadena City Hall

Grand Conference Room SO38 (Basement of City Hall – southeast corner)

100 North Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101

Web page - www.cityofpasadena.net/OpenSpace

The meeting was called to order by Chair Janisch at 6:39 pm.

Present: Don Bremner; Mike Coppess; Anne Dove; Laura Garrett; Madhu Kumar

Absent: Richard Janisch; Edwina Travis-Chin; Belinda Faustinos; Stephen Acker (alternate); Jane Beesley (alternate); Paul Edelman; Roger Gray (alternate); Cara McLane Meyer (alternate); Carolyn Naber (alternate); Tim Wendler (alternate); George Wilson (alternate)

City Staff: Laura Dahl; Robert Avila; Rusty Whisman (intern)

I. Public Comment On Matters Not On The Agenda

No comment.

II. Approval of Minutes

Committee Member Kumar moved to approve the minutes and Committee Member Coppess seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved without changes.

III. Vision Statement and Principles

Only changes suggested by Alice Sterling were made since the last meeting. Staff added a purpose of the element to end confusion about why the element is being prepared. Sustainability is defined differently in handouts. The word should be clarified or replaced with a different word. The committee members felt that the term sustainable is too vague and broad. There should be direct statements that describe why we are doing elements together.

IV. Open Space Inventory Update

Since the presentation of maps at the last meeting, the City has updated its aerial imagery for its geographic information systems (GIS) network. The aerial imagery now reflects January 2008 conditions. The updated aerial photography has allowed staff to update the open space inventory using the most current data available.

V. Draft of Glossary Terms

For next month's agenda.

VI. Update on Land Use and Mobility Element Update (LUME)

Chair Janisch and Vice-Chair Chin continue to meet with LUME. One-on-one interviews have started up again. The City is starting a series of public meetings. Schedule is to continue having meetings into the summer. Staff has been developing a series of Move-Abouts— five self-guided tours of the city focusing on various modes of transportation. A bike and car tour featuring Hahamongna and Eaton Canyon were discussed. In October, there will be meetings in every council district. In November, the big public forum will occur.

VII. Reports From Other Commissions

No reports.

VIII. Agenda items for next meeting – August 10, 2009

The committee will continue to work on the vision statement. The committee members suggested inviting a guest speaker from the humane society to talk about urban wildlife issues, or someone who can speak about wildlife issues in an urban and natural context. Mickey Long was suggested.

IX. Adjournment

Committee Member Coppess motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. The members of the committee hearing no opposition adjourned.



Robert Ávila, Recording Secretary