



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

Monday, August 10, 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](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/OpenSpace)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Janisch at 6:34 pm.

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Present: Richard Janisch; Edwina Travis-Chin; Don Bremner; Anne Dove; Belinda Faustinos;  
Laura Garrett

Absent: Mike Coppess; Madhu Kumar; 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)

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**I. Public Comment On Matters Not On The Agenda**

No public comment.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

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

**III. Vision Statement and Principles**

Ms. Dahl reported that the draft vision statement and principles reflects comments from the past two meetings. Committee Member Garrett worked with staff to develop a draft vision statement that was broader and more inspirational than the statement provided last week. One principle was eliminated and incorporated into the vision statement—*Pasadena will partner with public and other private entities to meet conservation and open space goals.* The vision statement and principles will remain a draft until the element is adopted by the City Council. The reason that sustainability does not appear in the core values is that natural resource conservation and conservation more accurate terms for what the committee is doing. Sustainability has three prongs—economic, social, and environmental—not all of which were felt to be within the scope of the committee. This committee is focused primarily on the environmental aspect of sustainability.

Committee member Faustinos brought three examples of vision statements to aid in the discussion of fleshing out a vision statement. One was from the Rivers and Mountains

Conservancy. The second document is the statewide watershed program. The third is the Greater Los Angeles County Region Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

After much discussion, a new draft vision statement emerged—*Pasadena treasures, protects, restores, and expands its natural open space and exemplifies innovative and effective natural resource stewardship and conservation.* The core principles were also revised according to the discussion. Key words will be added as titles for each of the principles or highlighted within the text to emphasize important values.

#### IV. Draft Glossary Terms

The glossary was organized two ways—alphabetically and grouped with a table of contents. The committee made suggestions for additional entries into the glossary.

- Pasadena Beautiful Foundation
- IRWMP
- La Casita del Arroyo
- Raymond Basin
- Conjunctive Use
- SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee.
  - Water Working Group
- Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority

#### V. Update on Land Use and Mobility Element Update (LUME)

- Move-About Tours—Ms. Dahl reported that the routes and planning for the Move-About Tours are almost finalized. The open space tour starts at Eaton Canyon., drives by Victory Park, Viña Vieja and the dog park, continues on to McDonald Park, a community vegetable garden, past Fuller Seminary, Memorial and Central Park to Arlington Garden, then drives into the Lower Arroyo and past Central Arroyo to Hahamonga with hikes incorporated. The tour can be taken in segments. The tour is based on a topic while the six other tours are based on a mode of conservation.
- In Focus—the August addition is fully dedicated to the General Plan update, the tours and the Open Space Element.

#### VI. Reports From Other Commissions

Linda Zinn publicized a grassroots effort to make a community garden along the 210 freeway, south from Del Mar to California on the west side. Organizers are in talks with Caltrans.

Committee Member Faustinos announced workshops by the National Park Service on the San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study to look at alternatives to the potential expansion of the national recreation area in the Upper San Gabriel Watershed. Preliminary recommendations will be presented.

Chair Janisch reported on 3160 Del Mar Blvd., residents have brokered a deal with the City to make sure that the urgent care development does not intrude on Earthside Nature Center. Some residents are meeting on Saturday walk the site to start planning the restoration process. Key elements of the nature center are still evident. Some small success stories—The Eaton Wash Corridor by Nancy Steel's group is underway. The Ice Rink is on hold for now.

Ms. Dahl also reported that Open Space and Conservation webpage is updated to include summary of the February 28th event. Also included is the transcript of Will Rogers' speech and a place holder for video. The Emerald Horseshoe report will be going up once the City completes the update of its website.

**VII. Agenda items for next meeting – September 14, 2009**

**Vision Statement**

Someone to talk about urban wildlife. Pasadena Humane Society or Mickey Long or Travis Longcore from USC/UCLA.

Vision Statement and Core Principles

Timeline for Element

**VIII. Adjournment**

Committee Member Travis-Chin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The members of the committee hearing no opposition adjourned.



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Robert Ávila, Recording Secretary

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