

# MINUTES

Joint Meeting of the  
**Scotts Valley City Council and**  
Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors

**Date: March 16, 2005**

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**CALL TO ORDER**            6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** and **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

Mayor Marigonda  
Vice Mayor Aguilar  
Council Member Barrett  
Council Member Bustichi  
Council Member Johnson

City Manager Comstock  
City Attorney Powell  
Police Chief Lind  
Public Wks Director Anderson  
Community Dev Director Kuhn  
Finance Director Ando  
City Clerk Ferrara  
Principal Planner Young Lind  
Recreation Division Manager Sudduth

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

VM Aguilar reported that AMBAG had discussed and approved the AMBAG 2004 population, housing unit, and employee forecast. She stated that the forecast specifically addresses issues regarding transportation plans, housing, employment, water resources, etc. She also reported that AMBAG reviewed the three county metropolitan transit district's EIR for their projects. She stated that it is now open for public comment and includes Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties.

VM Aguilar reported that she attended the national agricultural day awards ceremony. She stated that the 2005 Al Smith Friend of Agriculture award was presented Matt Zemny, the Agriculture Director at Soquel High School, who is also a Scotts Valley resident. She stated that he has been at Soquel High School for 33 years.

CM Barrett reported that the Joint City/School District Committee met and that the main topic of discussion was the School Resource Officer position.

CM Johnson reported that the Skypark Subcommittee met to discuss all available parcels at the site, who owns the parcels, and what type of acreage is there. He stated that there is still an ongoing process for the City to develop the town center and reported that the option agreement between the City of Santa Cruz and City of Scotts Valley had just been extended for two more

years. He reported that propane tanks were discussed again and the various options that are potentially available. He reported that they also discussed and reviewed some of the different types of plans that have been presented over the years and what the citizen input has been over the years.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Reed, Skypark resident, and Nokia employee at the Inprise Building presented a check from Nokia in the amount of \$2,000 to the Mayor and Sheryl McEwan for Skypark. He stated that the slogan for Nokia is "connecting people" and they believe strongly in donating to the community. Mr. Reed thanked Sheryl McEwan, Skypark resident, for all of her work on the linear park.

Sheryl McEwan stated that she has been working on grants for educational purposes, and that this donation from Nokia will be used to print brochures that will be placed at the entrances of Skypark. She stated that she also received a grant for \$2,000 for interpretive signs for habitats and the geology of the area, that will identify some of the non-native invasive plants. She also stated that they just received a grant from the San Lorenzo Valley Water District for \$2,493 that will be used for signage of the plants that will list the common name, the botanical name, and the usefulness of the plant.

## **ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA**

***M/S: Barrett/Aguilar***  
***To approve the Consent Agenda.***  
***Carried 5/0***

### **Consent Agenda:**

- A. Approve Joint City Council/RDA meeting minutes of 3-2-05 and 11-17-04
- B. Approve check register – 2-25-05
- C. Approve scheduling of public hearing for Resource Management Report

## **ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA**

***M/S: Aguilar/Barrett***  
***To approve the Regular Agenda.***  
***Carried 5/0***

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Discussion: Planning Commission request to form a sub-committee to review design review regulations, hillside regulations, and other design guideline policies**

PP Young Lind presented the written staff report and responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Marigonda stated that he feels this is an important issue for discussion because of a recent situation where a property owner did not comply with their conditions of approval as established by the Planning Commission.

VM Aguilar clarified with staff that this was an issue that dealt more with a specific condition of approval that had not been met, as opposed to a guideline issue. She stated that she is concerned about forming a subcommittee because the regulations and guidelines already exist. She feels it is more appropriate to update the General Plan when money and staff is available.

CM Johnson stated that he feels it would be a good idea to go forward with the subcommittee because it allows for involvement by the public. He stated that a very small amount of staff time will be required and it would be a good thing.

CM Barrett stated that he would like to see the General Plan updated, and he does not see the need for the subcommittee at this time.

CM Bustichi stated that he sees the need for this process; however, he does not feel that a subcommittee is the best way to handle this situation. He would support staff reviewing these types of issues on a case by case basis and bringing them forward to the Planning Commission. He does not feel it is the City's place to regulate homeowners.

Mayor Marigonda stated that he is very concerned that the resident in this specific situation broke the agreement that they had made. He asked CDD Kuhn if the formation of a subcommittee would be a burden on staff.

CDD Kuhn stated that she could not be sure about the burden on staff at this time. She recommended the Planning Commission work as a group to review the guidelines and regulations. She agrees there may be some value to updating things, however, she stated it could probably be done at the Planning Commission and staff level instead of a subcommittee.

VM Aguilar stated that she feels issues can be addressed on an as-needed basis and not necessarily on all of the 17 issues that are listed. She feels bringing it back to the Planning Commission for specific issues would be a better idea.

CM Bustichi recommended looking at specific issues and possibly streamlining some of the issues to make them more user friendly and to help bring businesses back into Scotts Valley.

CM Johnson stated that he does not see the need for a subcommittee at this time. He stated that we need to work toward a more streamlined process that is not as burdensome.

Mayor Marigonda stated that he liked the suggestion of CDD Kuhn to scale down, be more specific on certain issues, and have the Planning Commission and staff work together.

VM Aguilar agreed with CM Bustichi's recommendation to have the Planning

Commission look at specific issues and fine tuning. Consensus given.

## 2. **Continued discussion: 2005/06 Budget**

CM Comstock presented the written staff report and responded to questions from Council.

RDM Sudduth reviewed recreation programs, the budget, and the recreation subsidy history chart that was included in the Council packet, and responded to questions from Council.

VM Aguilar stated that she had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda because she feels there is an opportunity for the City to make money on the swim program, which is the only program that has a deficit.

CM Barrett clarified that the newspaper article that recently came out regarding contracting out had stated that the City spends \$9,800 per month for median maintenance, and that cost is actually \$9,800 per year.

CM Bustichi stated that we may need to look at some tough choices as we go through the budget process.

CM Johnson stated that he feels the citizens of Scotts Valley have a high expectation of services, and cuts will have an affect on this.

VM Aguilar thanked the volunteers that contribute their time to the City for helping to make the City what it is.

Mayor Marigonda encouraged the citizens to participate in the budget hearing process.

## 3. **Discussion: Scotts Valley Community Center marketing**

RDM Sudduth presented the written staff report and responded to questions from Council.

CM Bustichi recommended having the Chamber of Commerce take on the marketing of the Community Center.

VM Aguilar recommended going out for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the marketing of the Community Center. She stated that the Chamber has an excellent staff, however, she isn't sure that the Chamber of Commerce has the expertise or the time to handle the marketing.

CM Johnson stated that he would prefer someone who had more expertise and a vested interest.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

## 4. **First reading and introduction: Ordinance No. 142.4, amending Chapter 14.01, Section 14.01.040 of Title 14 of the Scotts Valley**

**Municipal Code pertaining to Redevelopment Agency affordable housing unit production requirements**

CDD Kuhn presented the written staff report and responded to questions from Council.

VM Aguilar recommended changing the wording on page 7, Item K5, as follows:

“The city council further finds that it is an objective of this chapter to provide housing opportunities for very-low-, low-, and moderate-income households living and working in the city, on a priority basis and that a preference criteria system shall be developed and implemented by the agency *has been implemented by the agency and may be amended from time to time.*”

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED                      7:25 PM

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED                      7:26 PM

***M/S: Johnson/Barrett***

***To introduce Ordinance No. 142.4 amending Title 14 of the Scotts Valley Municipal Code relating to Redevelopment Agency affordable housing production requirements, as amended above, and waive the reading thereof.***

***Carried 5/0***

**REGULAR AGENDA**

(Resumed)

5. **First reading and introduction: Ordinance No. 175.2, amending Chapter 7.10 to add Section 7.10.050 entitled Skateboard Park Closure to Title 7 of the Scotts Valley Municipal Code which pertains to City parks**

CA Powell presented the written staff report and responded to questions from Council.

***M/S: Barrett/Aguilar***

***To introduce Ordinance No. 175.2, amending Chapter 7.10 to add Section 7.10.050 entitled Skateboard Park Closure to Title 7 of the Scotts Valley Municipal Code which pertains to City parks and waive the reading thereof.***

***Carried***

6. **Future Agenda Items**

None.

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council convened to closed session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the following items:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, the City Council met in closed session to confer with their labor negotiator.
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9c, the City Council met in closed session to confer with their legal counsel regarding potential for litigation – five cases.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The City Council reconvened to open session at 8:00 p.m.

**REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Marigonda announced that there was nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved:

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Paul Marigonda  
Mayor / Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Tracy A. Ferrara  
City Clerk / Secretary