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ADJOURNED REGULAR JOINT MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Thursday, March 4, 2004 7:00 PM

**EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY &
DOWNTOWN VISION WORKSHOP**

THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF PUBLIC OPPORTUNITIES TO
DISCUSS EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY & THE FUTURE OF
DOWNTOWN PASO ROBLES

**MEETING LOCATION: PASO ROBLES INN BALLROOM /
CONFERENCE CENTER, 1103 SPRING STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL Councilmembers George Finigan, Jim Heggarty, Gary Nemeth, Duane Picanco and Mayor Frank Mecham

Commissioners Nicholas Ferravanti, John Hamon, Ron Johnson, Marti Kemper, Eric Mattke, Ed Steinbeck and Chairman Tom Flynn

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time the public may address the Council and Commission on items other than those scheduled on the Joint Meeting Agenda. **PLEASE SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE MICROPHONE AND BEGIN BY STATING YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS. EACH PERSON AND SUBJECT IS LIMITED TO A 3-MINUTE DISCUSSION.** Any person or subject requiring more than three minutes may be scheduled for a future Council or Commission meeting or referred to committee or staff. Those persons wishing to speak on any item scheduled on the agenda will be given an opportunity to do so at the time that item is being considered.

DISCUSSION

1. Earthquake Recovery & Downtown Vision Workshop

R. Lata, Community Development Director

Citizens, property and business owners, community organizations, design professionals, interested public, advisory bodies, Planning Commission, and City Council will all be encouraged to actively participate in a discussion regarding what has happened as a result of the December 22 earthquake and how the City can best move forward. The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments and Cal Poly SLO are participating and providing program support. The meeting will be facilitated by John Dunn.

The first workshop on February 19 focused on seeking public input on a wide range of related topics. The second workshop will explore options based on input received at the February 19 meeting and will begin the process of determining future process/plans for reconstruction, particularly as related to buildings that are slated for demolition and other structures that were impacted by the earthquake.

OPTIONS:

- a. Receive and file related comments, directing staff to compile the input received, make the information available on the City's web site (www.prcity.com), and to analyze its contents in terms of alternatives to be presented as soon as feasible for formal consideration by the Planning Commission and/or City Council.
- b. Determine that an additional workshop is needed and schedule a workshop for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2004, in the Library/City Hall Conference Center.
- c. Amend or modify the options above.

VOICE VOTE

COUNCIL

ADJOURNMENT

- Seismic Safety Commission meeting 3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2004, at the Paso Robles Inn, 1103 Spring Street, Paso Robles
- 2004 CDBG Funds Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2004, at the Library/City Hall Conference Center, 1000 Spring Street
- Hearing on the San Simeon Earthquake (a Seismic Safety Commission meeting) 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2004, at the Paso Robles Inn, 1103 Spring Street, Paso Robles

PLANNING COMMISSION

ADJOURNMENT

- To the Development Review Committee Meeting at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2004, in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at City Hall, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles

Summary of Points Raised (and number of persons addressing the same topic):
Downtown Vision Workshop, February 19, 2004
Paso Robles Inn Ballroom, 7:00 PM

Land Use Patterns:

- Pursue opportunities for mixed use development (4)
- Include residential development in upper floors (2)

Traffic / Circulation / Parking:

- Call for less auto orientation / more pedestrian orientation (6)
- Parking structure needed (5)
- Need downtown public transit (3)
- Provide wider sidewalks, seating, displays (3)
- Fix / improve / enhance alleys (3)
- Avoid [pedestrian only] mall (3)
- A 4-way stop sign is needed at intersection of Pine and 13th Streets (2)
- Parking is a constraint for downtown development
- Do not widen streets
- In favor of diagonal parking
- Explore one-way streets

Community Design in General:

- Avoid a specific design theme – maintain eclectic architecture (7)
- Maintain historic character / preserve essence of Paso Robles (5)
- Paso Robles needs a “real” not contrived downtown (2)
- Focus on quality / maintain the integrity of downtown (2)
- Paso Robles Inn can be used as design element / focus
- Consider theme / link to wine
- During reconstruction, provide attractive safety barriers with peep holes for all
- Preserve interior materials / design, not just façades
- Caution re multi-story structures / wall of tall buildings along the park
- Architecture is a function of safety and economics
- Focus on what creates a “sense of place” / review what we have
- Rebuild as things were / replicate

Community Design, Specific Recommendations:

- Need replacement for Clock Tower (4)
- Oak Tree in City Park as memorial for earthquake (2)
- Need to replace previous sign at City southern entrance
- Refurbish Fox Theater

Regulatory Process / Options:

- Need Architectural Review Commission (4)
- Consider design competition for buildings, City Park Memorial (2)
- Use current Main Street Guidelines for reconstruction (2)
- Request for City to hire / contract with Historic Preservation Architect (2)
- Need replacement for Flamson auditorium (2)
- Avoid unnecessary regulation / constraints on property owners
- Need for government to provide guidelines and “teeth” for enforcement
- What is the status of Vine Street Design Guidelines?
- Limit number of building permits per year to focus City priorities

Downtown Promotion / Attractions:

- Sulfur springs are City asset that should be capitalized (3)
- Need to keep businesses downtown; more fairs and activities would help (2)
- Provide financial incentives for downtown revitalization
- Need downtown bulletin board
- Music broadcast in downtown

Public Safety:

- Need to retrofit balance of unreinforced masonry structures (3)
- Retrofit is worth the investment / we believe in the value of retrofit

In addition to the foregoing, there were a number of other questions posed and specific suggestions made. This summary focuses on those that have a specific policy implication for the City’s role in the reconstruction process. Please see the set of 30 note sheets on the City’s web site (www.prcity.com) for additional details.