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Open Space and Habitat Commission Minutes
Community Chambers Conference Room
Monday, February 2, 2009
6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Rachel Aptekar, Helena Chung, Eric Davis, Marc Hoshovsky,
Greg House, Kevin, Takei Danny Yeung

Commissioners Absent: Kemble Pope

Commission Liaisons: Nicole Slaton (Rec and Park), Rob Hoffman (Planning)

Assigned Staff: Mitch Sears

Council Liaison: Lamar Heystek

1. Agenda

Approved unanimously.

2. Minutes

January 5, 2009 minutes approved unanimously.

3. Public Communications

None.

4. Commission Goals – Working Group Reports

Commissioners and staff briefed the Commission on activity of the working groups: (1) Definition of open space, (2) public access to open space, and (3) community farms.

The public access to open space working group presented detailed recommendations for consideration by the Commission. Due to the limited time available for review of the recommendations, potential concern of property owners near proposed new access areas (e.g. paths on existing service roads at West Area Pond), and the pending public input meeting on February 12, 2009, the Commission deferred decision on the recommendations of the working group until the March meeting.

Following discussion, on a motion by Commissioner Yeung, seconded by Commissioner Hoshovsky, the Commission took the following action:

The public access working group shall present the “existing conditions tables from its report (tables 2 and 5), without proposed improvements, at the public input meeting on February 12, 2009.

The motion passed 6-1

The community farms working group considered a revised recommendation proposing a general plan amendment calling for consideration of community farms when new projects at the edge of the city are proposed. The working group will return in March with an updated recommendation.

Discussion on the definition of open space will be deferred until the March 2009 meeting.

5. Staff/Commission Communications

- Commission Liaison reports – No reports were given.
- Next meeting: Monday, March 2, 2009.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.