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Open Space and Habitat Commission Minutes
23 Russell Blvd.
Monday, May 4, 2009
6:30 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: Kemble Pope, Marc Hoshovsky

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

Assigned Staff: Mitch Sears

Council Liaison: Lamar Heystek

1. Agenda

Approved unanimously.

2. Minutes

April 16, 2009 minutes approved unanimously with minor correction.

3. Public Communications

None.

4. Commission Goals – 2008 – Working Group Reports/Recommendations

Community Farms Working Group – Following Commission discussion on options to update the General Plan to include the concept of community farms, the Commission took the following actions related to community farms:

On a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Aptekar the Commission accepted the working group report on the community farms concept and recommended that it be included as a resource document to be provided to the City.

The motion was approved 6-0

On a motion by Commissioner Aptekar, seconded by Commissioner Davis, approved option 1 from the working group recommending the amendments to the General Plan focus on community farms.

The motion was approved 6-0

Commissioner Davis will present a draft amendment to the Urban Agricultural transition Area section of the General Plan for Commission consideration at the June Commission meeting.

Open Space Definition Working Group – Following Commission discussion, the Commission took the following action related to the definition of open space:

On a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Chung, the Commission no longer would pursue a standardized definition of open space.

The motion was approved 6-0

The Commission noted that its annual goals for 2009/10 would include analysis leading to the creation of a system to categorize open space for the purposes of clearly defining management and policy responsibilities.

Commission annual goals for 2009 – The Commission discussed the establishment of annual goals for 2009. By consent, the Commission agreed to the following:

- Annual goal table should be expanded to include continuing business (carry over goals/actions from previous years)
- Inclusion of an implementation timeline for goals.
- Carry over Goal 2008-1 Wildlife inventory (Phases 2 & 3)
- Carry over Goal 2008-2 Public use of open space (Objective/ Actions 3 & 4)
- Carry over Goal 2008-3 Review open space acquisition priorities
- Replace Goal 2008-4 with new open space categorization system
- New goal – Community Farms promotion and incentives

The Commission will consider draft 2009/10 goals at its June meeting.

5. Staff/Commission Communications

- Commission Liaison reports – No reports were given.
- Next meeting: Monday, May 4, 2009.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.