

PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, July 16, 2003 7:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION: CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER
1000 SPRING STREET, PASO ROBLES

7:05 PM – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL Committeemembers Doug Card, Norma Duncan, Lydia Francis, Nick Gilman, Hermina Sauberman, and Matt Masia

ABSENT Committeemembers Pat Crawford, Anthony Horzen, Debra Smith and Larry Werner

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

DISCUSSION

1. STANDARDIZED ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

For the PAC to review and comment on a set of proposed standardized bylaws.

Article I, Section 3 (Membership), Subsection "c" (Term of Appointment)

Motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Gilman, and passed unanimously to recommend deletion of subsections "(1)" and "(2)", which would establish term limits and provide for reappointment after a one-term absence. The reasons offered for this recommendation included:

- PAC operates under a complex set of laws and regulations that take a relatively long time to familiarize, particularly since PAC has been meeting infrequently. (It was noted that in the next 1-2 years, as debt is retired, there will be redevelopment projects to review and make recommendations, and PAC will be meeting more regularly.)
- It is difficult to find enough people with sufficient commitment, interest, and experience to form an experienced core of PAC. If those with most of these qualities are forced to step down, the PAC could become substantially less effective, particularly as PAC's involvement in redevelopment planning is expected to increase in the next 1-2 years.

Motion was made by Gilman, seconded by Francis, and passed unanimously to delete subsection "(3)", which would limit membership to only one Council Advisory Body/Commission at a time. The reasons for this recommendation are (1) that PAC presently meets infrequently and (2) the nature of PAC as a planning body for the Redevelopment Project Area is such that its effectiveness may be enhanced with participation by members experienced in other advisory bodies.

Article I, Section 4 (Conflict of Interest)

PAC unanimously expressed a consensus to recommend deletion of this for the following reasons:

- Section 3.d requires advisory body members to adhere to the Council's Code of Ethics, which should cover conflicts of interest, making Section 4 essentially redundant.
- There seems to be an inherent conflict because PAC is supposed to include property and business owners, tenant residents, and members of existing organizations within the Redevelopment Project Area. These are people who will be affected by redevelopment activities, which may include benefit, direct or indirect, to their property and interest. For example, Nick Gilman said that if a parking structure was built on the northeast corner of 12th and Railroad Streets, his property would certainly enjoy indirect benefit.
- PAC expressed great concern with the concept of "indirect effect" on property and interest. It was argued that the concept of indirect effect does not appear to have limits.
- PAC found the prohibition on ex parte communications with the Council to be confusing.

Article I, Section 5 (Termination of Membership), Subsection d

PAC unanimously expressed a consensus to recommend deletion of this Subsection for the same reasons expressed in recommending deletion of Subsections (1) and (2) of Section 3, as stated above.

Article III, Section 1 (Regular Meetings)

PAC unanimously expressed a consensus to recommend that the third Wednesday of each month be established as a "regular" meeting date. In this recommendation, PAC did not advocate automatically scheduling a meeting on a monthly basis.

Overall Recommendation

PAC unanimously expressed a consensus to recommend that, for its bylaws, all references to "City Council" should be replaced with "Redevelopment Agency".

ADVISORY BODY COMMUNICATION

Motion by Gilman, second by Duncan, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2003 PAC meeting as presented.

OTHER PAC COMMENTS - PAC members unanimously expressed a desire for the City to provide more orientation and training for PAC members.

ADJOURNMENT - meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted:

Cindy Pilg, Executive Secretary
Approved: 04/14/04