



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE SOLVANG
DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Council Chambers
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, CA 93463

July 22, 2021
Thursday
5:00 p.m.

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Committee Members Patrick Cavanaugh, Joy Culley, Brian Deputy, Esther Jacobsen Bates, and Jennifer Dryden Hess

STAFF: Xenia Bradford, City Manager/Planning Director; David Packard, Assistant to the City Manager; Chelsea O'Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Vice Chair Jacobsen Bates led in the Pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, AS AMENDED

City Manager/Planning Director Xenia Bradford announced the minutes from the meeting of June 17, 2021, were not included in the agenda packet and will be acted upon at the next DRC meeting.

Chair Cavanaugh made minor typographical corrections to the agenda.

Motion by Committee Member Jacobsen Bates to approve the agenda, as amended, seconded by Committee Member Culley, and carried, unanimously, 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING ON JUNE 17, 2021

This item was continued to and will be acted upon at the next DRC meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chair Cavanaugh opened public comments on items not on the agenda.

There were no public comments.

Chair Cavanaugh closed public comments.

2. GENERAL PLAN VISION & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Review draft Vision & Guiding Principles developed by General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC). Provide comment and recommendations for Planning Commission and Council review.

City Manager/Planning Director Bradford introduced the item and deferred to Rick Rust and Brent Gibbons, Mintier Harnish, for a presentation.

Rick Rust and Brent Gibbons, Mintier Harnish, narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding the General Plan Vision and Guiding principles.

Committee Member Jacobsen Bates suggested deleting "supporting life-long learning" in the Vision Statement and incorporating, "live, learn, work, play and visit" after "cultures".

Chair Cavanaugh suggested changing "We are" to "It is" and adding the word, "Traditional" before "Danish architecture".

Vice Chair Jacobsen Bates suggested adding, "Old World" before "architecture".

Discussion followed regarding "We are" versus "We will be", people versus place and the need for consistency throughout the document.

Mr. Gibbons reported the intent was for the GPU to be community driven and noted the recommended changes will be presented to the GPAC for their consideration. He continued with his presentation addressing details of the GPAC recommended Guiding Principles.

Discussion followed regarding changing "proceeded" to "preceded", changing "those who followed them" to "their successors", adding "safe" after "charming", changing "that can attract" to "that attracts", adding "Old World" before "Danish village", changing "existing and new" to "new and existing", changing "visitors and residents" to "residents and visitors", changing "locally-owned businesses" to "local businesses" and adding "goods" before "services".

The Committee expressed concerns regarding the use of "locally-owned businesses" as being too exclusionary.

Discussion continued regarding adding "diverse" in front of "residential neighborhoods".

Vice Chair Jacobsen Bates suggested the following language for Cultural Resources: "Residents and visitors value the unique character of our historic and cultural assets. The downtown Danish village, museums, art venues, and theaters provide educational, social and emotional richness."

Discussion followed regarding trails, infrastructure, making "partnership" plural, adding "all" to natural resources, and adding a "," after "infrastructure".

Discussion followed regarding adding "a wide range" to the statement on housing, the possibility of addressing density in housing such as multi-family housing, adding a statement indicating equal protection under the law under Good Governance and adding "fair" before "equitable".

Mr. Gibbons reviewed next steps.

3. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS - None

4. CITY STAFF COMMENTS


A. Calendar for 2021

City Manager/Planning Director Bradford discussed the DRC calendar for 2021 and noted upcoming meetings of the Planning Commission and City Council to review the General Plan Vision and Guiding Principles.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

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City Manager/City Clerk