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# SPECIAL Planning Commission Meeting

Location: Novato City Hall, 901 Sherman Avenue

September 22, 2014

## MINUTES

**Present:** Robert Jordan, Chair  
Curtis Havel  
Jay Strauss  
Peter Tiernan  
Susan Wernick

**Absent:** Dan Dawson, Vice Chair

**Staff Present:** Bob Brown, Community Development Director

### CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order.

### APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA:

M/s, Tiernan/Havel, Ayes 5 (Jordan, Wernick, Strauss, Havel, Tiernan), Noes 0, Absent: 1 (Dawson) to approve the final agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None

### CONSENT CALENDAR:

#### **1. APPROVAL OF PC MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2014 (DD,CH,JS,PT,SW)**

M/s, Tiernan/Havel. Ayes: 4 (Havel, Strauss, Tiernan, Wernick), Noes: 0, Absent: 1 (Dawson), Abstain (Jordan) to approve the minutes of August 4, 2014.

**CONTINUED ITEMS:** None

### NEW ITEMS:

**2. PRESENTATION OF RESULTS FROM NORTH REDWOOD STREETScape (BB)**

**Provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding design options for improvements to the North Redwood Boulevard for inclusion into the Draft General Plan.**

**No environmental review is required. This information will be incorporated into the General Plan update process and an environmental review will be prepared for that document.**

Community Development Director Brown introduced the item, providing a brief summary of the background of the streetscape design charrette. Design Review Commissioner Patrick MacLeamy and transportation consultant David Parisi presented the results of the charrette, including an overview of two design concepts generated to elicit community discussion.

Chair Mark Birnbaum of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission and Susan Stompe of the Streetscape Committee provided input, supporting the concept of improvements to N. Redwood Boulevard.

The Planning Commissioners unanimously supported an approach that could be implemented incrementally and in the near term, favoring the Grand Boulevard scheme which would accomplish improvements for bicycle and pedestrian use as well as aesthetic upgrades, avoiding issues such as reducing the number of travel lanes which could be problematic based on potential future traffic generation. The Commission comments will be provided to the City Council for their consideration.

**3. PRESENTATION: INTRODUCTION TO THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND REVIEW OF EXISTING POLICIES AND PROGRAMS (BB)**

Community Development Director Brown provided a presentation on the General Plan Update project, including suggested objectives and a description of the update process focusing on Commission and public input opportunities. The next phase of the Update work – evaluating the policies and programs contained in the existing 1996 General Plan, was discussed in detail, including “homework” that will entail consideration of staff recommendations for retention, modification or deletion of policies/programs for each individual chapter (element) of the General Plan.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** None

**UPCOMING AGENDAS AND QUORUMS:** (STAFF)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Adjourned by the Chair at 9:26 p.m.