



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025
City Council Chambers

Mayor Keith called the Special Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with all Council Members present.

Mayor Keith led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Authorize the City Manager to incorporate Council's direction and then submit the Draft Housing Element of the General Plan to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for review and comment ([Staff report #12-159](#))

Staff presentation by Justin Murphy, Development Services Manager and Jeffery Baird, Baird + Driskell ([PowerPoint](#)) ([Handout](#))

NOTE: Council Member Fergusson has a conflict of interest, due to her husband's employment with Stanford, and is recused on sites 1, 2, and 3.

Public Comment

- Terry Thygesen and Maurice Ghysels, Menlo Park City School District, pointed out the potential impacts on the school district from additional housing and requested that the City work with the school district.
- Lisa Cesario, Los Lomitas School District, pointed out the impacts to the school district and urged the Council to work with the school district.
- William Byron stated that Facebook should be include
- Adina Levin stated that housing near transit and of different size levels is important

NOTE: Council Member Fergusson left the meeting at 7:17 p.m. due to her previously noted conflict.

Public Comment Continued

- Susan Connelly spoke in opposition of the Burgess area for additional housing and asked if there was a way to change adding more housing by making existing housing available for low-income.
- John Stimson spoke in opposition of the Burgess area for additional housing.
- Don Brawner stated he would make his comments tomorrow night.

The following members of the public spoke in opposition of additional housing on Rural Lane and requested the site be removed from the housing list. Their concerns were regarding traffic congestion and safety, impacts to the school districts, lack of public transportation and the Habitat Conservation Plan.

- Bernadette DeRafael.
- Margaret Williams
- Eric Lai spoke
- Luke Vania
- Arshi Arshan
- Louise Pencavel
- Sandra Coplon
- Jennifer Kinzelberg
- Rebecca and Martin Frid-Nielson
- Arlene Lindblom
- Sydney Overland

The City Council discussed questions and concerns raised during public comment on the item as well as others.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



Margaret S. Roberts, MMC
City Clerk

Minutes accepted at the Council meeting of October 30, 2012