



## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 4, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, Oak Room

700 Alma Street

Menlo Park, CA 94025

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### 9:00 A.M. MORNING SESSION

Mayor Ohtaki called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. with all members present.

Introductory remarks by meeting facilitator Dr. Bill Mathis and discussion of Council background and interests.

Public Comment:

- Mitch Slomiak, Menlo Park resident (not as an Environmental Quality Commissioner), urged Council to include environmental sustainability and stewardship as part of its goals.
- Fran Dehn, Chamber of Commerce Director, spoke regarding the need to improve processes in order to attract and keep businesses in Menlo Park, developing the M-2 district and responsible land use.

### A. TEAM BUILDING DISCUSSION TO PREPARE FOR AND/OR DISCUSS GOAL SETTING ([Attachments](#))

Council discussed desired elements of a high performance City Council to maximize outcomes.

### 2:30 P.M. AFTERNOON SESSION

### B. GOAL SETTING (continued)

Public Comment:

- Henry Riggs spoke regarding residential design guidelines and improving the permitting and rezoning processes to make them more friendly for businesses.

Council discussed major initiatives for 2013 including: (1) Improvement of traffic flow on El Camino Real (2) Beautification on Santa Cruz Avenue (3) Start of the General Plan update (4) Formulation of a citizen's emergency response program (5) Updating the Economic Development Plan & increasing sales tax generators

### C. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

/s/

Pamela Aguilar  
Deputy City Clerk

Minutes accepted at the Council meeting of March 5, 2013