



**CITY COUNCIL and
PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 7:00 PM

**701 Laurel Street
City Council Chambers
Menlo Park, CA 94025**

7:00 P.M. ROLL CALL

Mayor Carlton called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. All Councilmembers were present.

Planning Commissioners present: Bressler, Combs, Ferrick, Kadwany, Onken, Strehl

Planning Commissioners absent: Eiref

Staff present: City Manager Alex McIntyre, Assistant City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, City Attorney Bill McClure, City Clerk Pamela Aguilar

Mayor Carlton led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Betty Meisner spoke regarding the City's Facebook page
- Clem Moloney spoke in favor of the General Plan update but expressed concern regarding office size, jobs ratio, traffic circulation and safety
- Diane Bailey, MenloSpark, asked Council to consider and include environmental and energy standards in the General Plan update
- Terry Epidendio expressed concern regarding increased residential units
- Jesus Jimenez spoke regarding traffic and housing and asked Council not to rush decision making and development
- Adina Levin spoke regarding housing prices and potential displacement and finding a balance

STUDY SESSION

SS1. Review and provide general direction on Draft M-2 Preferred Land Use Alternative Map ([Staff report #15-054](#))([Letter](#))([Presentation](#))

Assistant Community Development Director Justin Murphy introduced the item.

Charlie Knox of Placeworks gave a presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Rose Bickerstaff expressed concerns regarding quality of life in Belle Haven
- Rachel Bickerstaff spoke regarding traffic, the need to distribute BMR housing throughout the city and the need to complete current development projects
- Johnnie Walton spoke regarding making the Menlo Park City School District one district for the entire city
- Vicky Robledo spoke regarding more outreach to the Belle Haven community

- Reginald Harris inquired about the process for analyzing appropriate building height and the process for scaling back
- Adina Levin inquired regarding renderings and working with neighboring cities regarding traffic circulation

There was consensus by Council to extend the schedule by 60 days and directing staff to bring back an amended schedule of events at the April 14th Council meeting which will include community outreach meetings/workshops.

ADJOURNMENT at 11:17 p.m. to continue Closed Session in the Administration Building Conference Room. Councilmember Mueller is recused and did not participate.

1. Closed Session conference with legal counsel pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 regarding anticipated/existing litigation:

Case No. H040789, California Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District
Bay Area Clean Environment, Inc. v. Santa Clara County et al
Appeal from Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 112CV229236

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

There was consensus by Council not to join the amicus brief in support of the appeal.



Pamela Aguilar
City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the Council meeting of April 14, 2015.