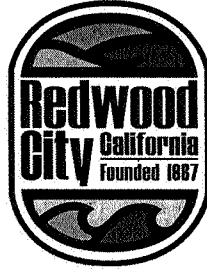


AGENDA

PLANNING COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING
JOINT STUDY SESSION
March 31, 2009
7:00 PM



650-780-7233
City Council Chambers*
City Hall

1017 Middlefield Road
Redwood City
*Accessible to Disabled

1. ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 7, 2008; October 14, 2008; October 21, 2008; and November 25, 2008

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

This agenda category is limited to 15 minutes to be allocated for items not on the agenda as determined by the Chair. If you wish to address the Planning Commission under Oral Communications, please complete a Speaker's Card and give it to the Secretary.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR - NO ITEMS

5. REDWOOD CITY NEW GENERAL PLAN – DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT JOINT STUDY SESSION WITH HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Project Description: Proposed Draft Housing of the New General Plan

Recommendation: Review and comment on the proposed Draft Housing Element. Take public testimony as appropriate.

Project Contact: Tom Passanisi, Principal Planner, 650-780-7237;
tpassanisi@redwoodcity.org

6. MATTERS OF COMMISSION INTEREST

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the Planning Commission Meeting on April 7, 2009, at City Hall Council Chambers, 1017 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, CA 94063

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Memo

To: Chair Radcliff and Members of the Planning Commission
Chair Brosseau and Members of the Housing and Human Concerns Committee

From: Jill Ekas, Planning Manager
Tom Passanisi, Principal Planner
Pat Webb, Housing and Redevelopment Manager
Debbi Jones-Thomas, Housing Coordinator

Date: March 24, 2009

Re: Draft Housing Element

The staff report for this item is the Draft Housing Element of the New General Plan which was distributed to you under separate cover on March 24. For your meeting on March 31, staff is recommending that both the Housing and Human Concerns Committee and Planning Commission review, comment, and take public testimony on the document. The Draft Housing Element is one of the most important documents in the New General Plan as it specifies ways in which the housing needs of existing and future resident populations in Redwood City can be met. This Element must be updated periodically, consistent with State Housing Element law, and each draft Housing Element must be reviewed by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). This Housing Element covers a period extending from adoption to June 30, 2014.

The Redwood City Housing Element identifies the existing and projected need for housing in the community in terms of affordability, availability, adequacy, and accessibility. In the Goals and Policies section, the Element sets forth a strategy to address the City's identified housing needs, including specific implementing programs and activities.

The New General Plan consultant/staff team will be available to answer any of your questions. Following your meeting, staff will then make the necessary revisions and forward the document to HCD for its 60 day review. Staff will update both the Planning Commission and the Housing and Human Concerns Committee as to the

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extent and nature of the HCD comments. The entire New General Plan will be completed fall, 2009.

Members of the Senior Affairs Commission are also being encouraged to attend the joint study session and provide comments about the Housing Element to the Housing and Human Concerns Committee and Planning Commission.