



TOWN OF LOOMIS
ACTION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF
LOOMIS TOWN COUNCIL
LOOMIS DEPOT
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TUESDAY

MAY 31, 2016

7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER Call to order by Mayor Baker at 7:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Baker
Councilmember Black
Councilmember Morillas
Councilmember Ucovich
Councilmember Wheeler

Absent: None

All items on the agenda will be open for public comment. Speakers are requested to restrict comments to the item as it appears on the agenda and stay within a three minute time limit. The Mayor has the discretion of limiting the total discussion time for an item.

Written Material Introduced Into the Record: Citizens wishing to introduce written material into the record at the public hearing on any item are requested to provide a copy of the written material to the Town Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT This time is reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Town Council on subjects that are not on the Agenda. The audience should be aware that the Council may not discuss details or vote on non-agenda items. Your concerns may be referred to staff or placed on the next available agenda.

There was no public comment.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA A motion was made to adopt the Agenda. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler and passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Baker, Black, Morillas, Ucovich, Wheeler

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON THE VILLAGES DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR)

The Loomis Town Council will conduct a public workshop to solicit input and comments from public agencies and the general public on the Draft EIR for the Villages at Loomis project. No action will be taken at this workshop. This workshop is intended to receive public comment on the adequacy of the Draft EIR.

The proposed project consists of a village-themed retail center, commercial and professional uses, detached single-family residential units and multiple-family residential units, parks, and open space. A total of 426 residential units are proposed along with 56,000 square feet in commercial uses and 25,000 square feet in office uses. The project would be organized into five districts, with access from Horseshoe Bar Road, Laird Street, Library Drive, an extension of Doc Barnes Drive, and King Road.

Approximately 10 acres of open space is proposed surrounding the drainage/riparian corridor in the central portion of the project site. The project would also include three passive parks on 1.25 acres, and two active parks on 0.6 acre.

SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS: The Draft EIR identifies significant impacts in the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental issue areas: land use; biological resources; cultural resources; visual resources; transportation; noise; air quality; greenhouse gas emissions; geology, soils, and seismicity; hydrology and water quality; public services and utilities; hazards and hazardous materials; and cumulative.

As described in the DEIR, many of these impacts can be fully mitigated however some cannot. These impacts would remain significant and unavoidable, and would include impacts to biological resources (4.3-6), cultural resources (4.4-1), visual resources (4.5-2), transportation (4.6-8), air quality (4.8-1), and greenhouse gas emissions (4.9-1 and 4.9-2).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeff Mitchell, Town Attorney, stated the purpose of the meeting was to accept comments on the adequacy of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and asked the audience to keep the comments to environmental impacts of the Village project.

Amanda Rose, consultant for the Village, gave a presentation on the overview of the project, requested approvals, the significant unavoidable impacts, proposed alternatives to the project, the process and next steps for the project and answered questions.

The following citizens addressed the Council regarding the DEIR:

Dennis Oliveira, Rachel Lane, asked how the Army Core of Engineers (CORE) permit from 2014, for this project, relates to the DEIR.

JoCarol Arisman, Rachel Lane, read from the CORE Permit of 2014 and asked the following:

- if we have to do a new permit for the CORE again
- who do we complain to if something goes wrong on this property

Molly Isenberg, Laird Street, concerned that the road conditions and increased traffic is not one of the significant and unavoidable impacts.

Gordon Medd, Superintendent of Loomis School District, stated the following:

- Loomis Grammar School is currently full, there would need to be significant improvements to house about 200 students from the project
- they are not opposed nor in great support but a neutral party that will house the children that come from the Village
- they ask to be considered when they go to final approval of the project to include recognition of an agreement between LUSD and the Village

Patricia Wright, Joan Way, stated the following:

- concerned with the impact on the community
- with 375+ new homes there will be over 1000 more cars per day on our roads
- Taylor Road and Horseshoe Bar Roads are already impacted
- concerned with lack infrastructure, such as sewer

Kyle Black, David Avenue, stated the following:

- width of the roads are not wide enough and will cause overflow parking in his neighborhood
- 10% reduction doesn't mitigate the amount of greenhouse gasses, the destruction of all of the trees, destruction of the historical landmarks, and environmental pollution
- 200+ students going to the local school is a significant impact
- he would like to see more of the suggested alternatives and how it mitigates the impacts

William Wright, Mareta Lane, stated the following:

- concerned about the impact on the schools
- the roads in Loomis are not very good now and this will increase traffic by 25%
- need to deal with the road impact in the EIR

Nancy Bitner:

- she lives in the mobile home park on Walnut
- how will this impact the people that walk, it is already scary to walk across Horseshoe Bar Road
- she is concerned with the Fire Department getting around

Irene Hay, Mareta Lane, stated concerns about the increased crime and if there will be enough officers on hand.

Vel Wright, Mareta Lane, stated the following:

- concerned about additional crime
- impact on the critters

Craig Sanborn, Circle Drive, stated the following:

- we need slow sustainable growth, not 426 units of high density
- we need to focus on our historical downtown core, not build another retail development that would take business away from the downtown
- the schools are already full
- traffic will be an increased problem during the construction and after it is built out
- crime will increase

Hazel Hine, Barker Road, stated the following:

- this project won't change our community
- there is no place for our older children to come back and live in Loomis at this time

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, Mayor Baker adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor

Town Clerk