

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PLAN COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009
7:00 P.M.
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER**

Call to order: The regular meeting of the Gibraltar Plan Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Tom Birmingham, chairman.

Members present: Tom Birmingham, David Boyd, Andy Coulson, Jim Jauquet and Linda Merline

Approve minutes of last meeting: *It was moved by Boyd and seconded by Jauquet to approve the minutes of December 23, 2008 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

Open discussion and correspondence: No correspondence has been received.

Bicycle transportation plan: Birmingham stated that there is interest by some communities to move ahead with the bicycle transportation plan. Brian Merkel added that the next step is to commit to proceeding with the plan and contacting the Federation with the number of municipalities that will be participating so a final cost can be determined. The land will not be able to be evaluated until late spring. *It was moved by Coulson and seconded by Boyd to recommend to the town board to have the Bike Federation proceed with the study. Motion carried unanimously.* This recommendation will be requested for placement on the next town board agenda. Funds in the amount of \$7,000 have been budget for this item.

Future park and recreation area recommendations: Birmingham stated the Parks and Lands Committee prepared the report and recommendations which were reviewed at the commission meeting. It was agreed at that time recommendations for specific actions that the town board would authorize to achieve the goals. Birmingham recommended that Parks & Lands take the recommendations presentation to the town board. Mrs. Kinsey-Jauquet detailed the short list of priorities.

- 1 Acquire land on either side of the beach. Explore grant opportunities and check with other communities that have gone before in land acquisition, check legal options. Stewardship and/or Waterfront grant possibilities.
- 2 Bike Path: Primarily due to safety issues. Paths both around the exterior of the village and also through the village. Possible path along Bluff to the Town Center. Wider sidewalks for pedestrians and bikes.
- 3 Collaborative use of facilities – Gibraltar Area Schools, Auditorium, Airport property
- 4 Additional land for parks: A park of 5-25 acres possible locations: airport or Spring Road area. A recreational park for group activities, shelters for families and multi-use trails.

Don Freix of the Airport Commission stated the Airport Commission has requested an updated master plan for 2009 from the Bureau of Aeronautics. Requests for expansion near the volleyball court could be considered. Dick Skare stated a recreation plan was made in the 1990's.

It was moved by Coulson and seconded by Merline that these specific actions be recommended to the town board for the growth of parks and recreational facilities in our community. Motion carried unanimously. The recommendation is being brought forward by both the Plan Commission and the Parks & Lands Committee. Mrs. Kinsey-Jauquet will be presenting. This will be requested for inclusion on the March town board agenda. Birmingham thanked the Parks & Lands Committee for their work.

20-year comprehensive plan renewal; Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resource Element: The proposed schedule for the plan was discussed. It is a working document and will be modified as necessary. Birmingham stated that Mark Walter's recommendation that the Commission concentrate on reviewing the goals and objectives of each element ensuring they are good for the next 5 years. The data in the plan is census driven and will be updated in different process.

Jauquet stated the value of reviewing the county plan. It may address items that could be considered. The county's plan has not been adopted to date. The county is to align with all the individual communities plans not the communities adjusting to align with the county plan.

The goals, objectives and recommended policies were read and the following comments made.

Chapter 2

Agricultural and Natural Resources

Goal #1 Still valid

Objective 1.1

Recommended Policy 1.1a: Relying on the county identification using aerial maps and on site review. Research by Foth allows wetland determination by elevation. Intent was that the way the county identified wetlands was not effective. There is work to be done.

Jauquet felt the town could issue its own building permit. The Commission agreed it is a policy that could be pursued if it can be done.

Recommended policy 1.1.d: The current offset is 35'. Commission agreed to keep the policy in.

Objective 1.2: Still valid

Recommended Policy 1.2a: Ongoing work to be continued on sub 1-4.

Recommended Policy 1.2b: The county is trying but there are not the resources.

Recommended Policy 1.2c: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.2d: Keep in and continue promoting.

Recommended Policy 1.2e: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.2f: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.2g: County requirement as part of the building permit application. Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.2h: Not done yet but keep in, rack brochures.

Recommended Policy 1.2i: Keep in

Objective 1.3: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.3a: Keep in. Identify by scientific inventory. Ask the county to reconsider under the original criteria.

Recommended Policy 1.3b: Current recommendations being sent to town board.

Recommended Policy 1.3c: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.3d: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.3e: Keep in - newsletter

Recommended Policy 1.3f: Keep in

Objective 1.4: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.4a: Keep in - newsletter

Recommended Policy 1.4b: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.4c: Keep in

Goal # 2

Objective 2.1:

Recommended Policy 2.1a: Keep in, currently doing

Recommended Policy 2.1b: Keep in, we will

Recommended Policy 2.1c: Keep in, ongoing

Recommended Policy 2.1d: Done through overlay

Recommended Policy 2.1e: Done on an ongoing basis

Recommended Policy 2.1f: Keep in - newsletter

Recommended Policy 2.1g: Parks & Lands ongoing

Objective 2.2: Do not have one per se, revisit at 10 year renewal

Objective 2.3: Guidelines, best practices, website

Objective 2.4: Ongoing

Objective 2.5:

Recommended Policy 2.5a: Quarries have not done yet.

Recommended Policy 2.5b: Done, there are no new sites, land use and zoning overlay address.

Objective 2.6: Continue trying to meet

Goal #3

Objective 3.1:

Recommended Policy 3.1a: Zoning overlay addresses

Recommended Policy 3.1b: Zoning overlay addresses

Cultural Resources

Goal #1

Objective 1.1

Recommended Policy 1.1a: Keep in

Objective 1.2:

Recommended Policy 1.2a: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.2b: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.2c: Keep currently best practices may lead to ordinances

Objective 1.3:

Recommended Policy 1.3a: Not done yet.

Recommended Policy 1.3b: Occurring

Goal #2

Objective 2.1: Work has been done.

Objective 2.2: Visit when in the economic development chapter

Recommended Policy 2.2a: Work has been done with best practices and a district in place

Recommended Policy 2.2b: Not done

Recommended Policy 2.2c: Keep in

Goal #3

Objective 3.1:

Recommended Policy 3.1a: Done by GHA

Goal #4

Objective 4.1: Keep in

Objective 4.2: Keep in

Goal #5

Next meeting bring additions or changes. Finalize review of Chapter 2 and initial review of Housing and Population Element.

Sustainability: Dick Skare recommended choosing a project and having the town promote it. Suggestions—community compost, recycling containers. Parks & Lands is working on recycling containers. Boyd will contact Mark Walter for May 26th meeting.

Committee reports:

- a. Preservation: Nothing to report.
- b. Ground and surface water protection: Nothing to report.
- c. Official map: Jauquet stated changes are being made after which the maps will be presented to the town board.
- d. Housing: Nothing to report.
- e. Transportation: Nothing to report.
- f. Education: Some brochures have been set up outside the Assessor's office.

Set next meeting date: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: *It was moved by Jauquet and seconded by Boyd to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer