

**City of Aliso Viejo
General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC)
Minutes for November 19, 2002**

The first of three in a series of Advisory Committee meetings for the Aliso Viejo General Plan was called to order by Wayne Loftus, City of Aliso Viejo General Plan Coordinator, at 7:35 pm at the City of Aliso Viejo Council Chambers, 12 Journey, Aliso Viejo, California.

Participants invited and present:

GPAC (General Plan Advisory Committee) Members:

Carmen L. Vali-Cave, Mayor
Barry Liberman
Kevin M. Tiber
Linda Benjamin
Lori E. Trottier, ACIP
Michael A. Fischer
Nancy Tilove
Raymond DeLeon, PhD.
Steven M. Spiegel
Wade Kloos

City Staff/Council Member/Consultants:

Bill Woollett, City Manager
Dave Norman, Assistant City Manager
John Whitman, City Engineer & Director of Public Works
Clint Sherrod, Director of Planning Service
Wayne Loftus, General Plan Coordinator
Karl Warkomski, Council Member
Jeffery A. Henderson, AICP, Cotton/Bridges/Associates
John E. Bridges, FAICP, Cotton/Bridges/Associates
Yara Fisher, AICP, Cotton/Bridges/Associates
Kate Keena, Keena Communications, General Plan Public Relations Consultant
Barbara Thomas, Keena Communications, General Plan Public Relations Consultant

Aliso Viejo Residents:

Edward Kotkin

GPAC Committee Members Absent:

David Bendall
Greg Ficke, Councilman
John Hull
Rae Ann Dill
Scott A. Hardy

1. **Self Introductions:**

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Loftus, the City's General Plan Coordinator, at 7:35 pm. Wayne Loftus turned the meeting over to John Bridges, Managing Principal, Cotton/Bridges/Associates. John Bridges invited GPAC members to participate in self introductions.

2. **Role of GPAC:**

The main role of the GPAC is to serve as a liaison between the community and the General Plan team.

- Identify high priority issues to ensure that they are addressed through the General Plan process
- Craft community vision statement for Aliso Viejo
- Establish baseline conditions by learning more about Aliso Viejo from the impact of long time residents

3. **Examine Options for Land Use and Circulation:**

Two of the meetings are dedicated to the evaluation of land use and circulation alternatives.

- Recommend goals, policies and programs to implement long-term plans included in the General Plan
- Review land use and circulation issues and develop a preferred strategy, followed by goals, policies and programs to implement change
- Recommend a preferred land use and circulation alternative for City Council's consideration; could be up to four or more alternatives for various sites

4. **Issues Memo:**

The following are items for discussion:

- How much and where is there land left to be developed? What is the land zoned for?
- What percentage of people who live in Aliso Viejo work in Aliso Viejo?
- What is the percentage of residents that leave the City for work and how long is their commute?
- Consider various means to obtain the above information

Jeffrey A. Henderson, Senior Associate for Cotton/Bridges Associates, reviewed the Issues Memo and informed the committee that the document should serve as a preliminary draft of the issues that should be addressed within the General Plan. Jeffrey asked that GPAC members review it and if needed, add to it and return to Wayne Loftus at the City.

5. **Preparation of a Land Use Map to show:**

- Vacant parcels will be shown
- Map should include information about existing development
- Planned Community Document; existing plan, any entitlements, and what opportunities may exist.
- Identifying land use by color code for the various land uses

- Land use plan will show how uses are grouped -- business park currently includes many diverse uses

6. Circulation Element:

- Terry Austin of Austin-Foust Associates will participate as part of the General Plan team to address transportation and circulation needs including circulation options
- School traffic which peaks two times per day is referred to as a “hot spot”
- Existing and proposed trails connection to overall system including trail links
- Code enforcement should be considered as part of each element and could be a good revenue generator for the City

7. Vision Principles:

Yara Fisher, Associate, Cotton/Bridges Associates, facilitated a visioning exercise for GPAC members. Yara asked GPAC members to rank the principles based on the member’s opinion of importance. Results will then be calculated and given to committee members to review. The GPAC members were asked to “lobby” some of the issues that they believe should remain in the top ten. Committee members were asked to re-rank the principles based on lobbying efforts. Results were calculated, processed, and reviewed with the committee. The final ranking is attached.

Results of Prioritizing Vision Principles: See attached sheet

In closing:

The meeting ended at 9:20 pm.

Next meeting:

- January 21, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – A notice will be sent to GPAC members. (NOTE: The meeting previously scheduled for January 7 has been postponed. The GPAC will now meet on January 21 and February 4, 2003.)

Minutes Respectfully Submitted:

Minutes Reviewed/Approved:

Barbara J. Thomas
Keena Communications
Public Relations

Wayne Loftus
General Plan Coordinator