

CITY OF COTATI
MINUTES for the SPECIAL Meeting of the Planning Commission

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, November 14, 2011
TIME OF MEETING: 7:00 pm
PLACE OF MEETING: Cotati City Hall, City Council Chambers
201 West Sierra Avenue, Cotati, CA 94931

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Brady, Ford, Vice Chair Ritter and Chair Moore
Commissioners Absent: Hancock
Staff Present: Parker and Pajon
Consultants: Beth Thompson and Ben Ritchie, DeNovo Planning Group

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. For the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2011

Motion:	Commissioner Ford made a motion and Vice Chair Ritter seconded the motion to approve the October 17, 2011 minutes with the recommended change.
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Yes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

IV. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

V. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Jim Bennett of Santa Rosa spoke about ICLEI.

VI. MATTERS AT HAND

A. General Plan Update meeting #5: Community Health & Wellness

Community Development Director Parker introduced the consultants and turned the presentation over to Consultant Ben Ritchie.

Consultant Ritchie opened the Community Health & Wellness segment of the General Plan Update.

PUBLIC COMMENT opened at 7:34 pm

Christina Caracoza, Cotati citizen expressed concern that citizens aren't self reliant.

PUBLIC COMMENT closed at 7:41pm

Work Exercise

1. *In developing a goal and policy framework to address community health and wellness, what top three issues or actions should the City Prioritize?*
2. *In reviewing the 1998 General Plan policies related to community health and wellness:*
 - a. *Which 1998 General Plan goals and policies best address the concerns you identified?*
 - b. *Which priorities are not addressed in the 1998 General Plan?*

Commissioner Moore

- shutting down of the recreation department
- school gardens and better lunch options for the school district
- keep the farmers market, possibly making it year around

Commissioner Ford

- social fabric of the community, places to gather, and the recreation department
- access to a wide variety of healthy foods, policies that encourage healthier food outlets

Commissioner Brady

- improving safety for pedestrians and bicylists
- completing the safe routes to schools for Thomas Page
- educating the community on access to health foods, full service market and farmers' market

Vice Chair Ritter

- city sponsored recreation programs
- improve current facilities that we have, connectivity for walking and biking
- basic first aid training and emergency preparedness

VII. REPORTS BY STAFF

Community Development Director Parker thanked the Planning Commission and reminded them of the next Planning Commission meeting, scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2011.

VIII. REPORTS BY COMMISSION

None

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Moore at 8:03 pm

Keri L. Pajon
Planning Commission Secretary