

**Alta Planning Commission  
Public Hearing Minutes  
November 15, 2011**

The Alta Planning Commission held an open house at Our Lady of the Snows on November 15, 2011 from 5:30-6:45pm to discuss proposed changes to the Town of Alta's General Plan. The two items discussed were the vision statement and the commercial element. Following the open house, a formal public hearing was held at 6:45pm.

Planning Commission members in attendance included Skip Branch, Joan Degiorgio, Roger Bourke and Rob Voye. Town of Alta staff present included John Guldner and Claire Runge. Town of Alta attorney Kimberly Chytraus was also present as was Town of Alta Mayor Tom Pollard. Members of the public present included: Meg Ryan, Onno Wieringa, Tana Wieringa, Jen Clancy, John Pruitt, Susannah Bone, Maura Olivos, Karen Travis, Gregg Davis, David Gellner, Paul Huber, Adrienne Ruderman, Bob Allen, Kylie North, Marcus Dippo, Merebea Danforth, Creighton Hart, Mimi Levitt, Harris Sondak, Allison Spencer, and Mindy Springer.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GENERAL PLAN**

Mr. Branch opened the public hearing to receive comments on the proposed changes to the General Plan. The two items up for discussion were the vision statement and the commercial element components of the General Plan.

Paul Huber expressed comments concerning the commercial element. Mr. Huber expressed the desire to have 100% coverage on commercial land.

Karen Travis expressed that most things on the vision statement will not happen unless we attract more commercial business and get more taxes. The vision statement omits the importance of getting more business, which should be the Town's number one priority in the vision statement.

Creighton Hart asked about a discrepancy between the map and text of the commercial element. Mr. Guldner clarified the discrepancy.

Maura Olivos made two comments about the vision statement. The first comment was that the vision statement needs to focus on building recreational stewardship and awareness through education. The second comment is that the vision statement needs to commit to and improve the basic services in the Town.

Allsion Spencer seconded Ms. Olivos' comment about the need to emphasize education in the vision statement and that education component should be tied into responsibility. Ms. Spencer also asked if in section 3.17 of the commercial element if that multi-use facility is designated on the map. Ms. Runge replied that it was not.

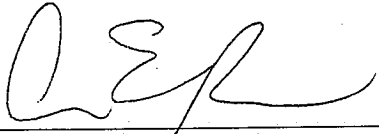
Maura Olivos felt that the vision statement was a nice start and made some great points but could be shortened. Ms. Olivos thought that the vision statement should focus on intent versus stating history and facts. Ms. Olivos also thought that it seemed choppy and could flow better.

Harris Sondak felt opposed to statements like "Alta needs" (e.g. line 25) and felt it would be better to say "Alta could benefit from." Mr. Sondak felt this would be less declarative and more beneficial.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Mr. Branch closed the public hearing. Mr. Voyer moved to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Bourke seconded the motion with all Planning Commission members that were present voting in the affirmative.

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These minutes were passed and approved on the fifteenth day of November, 2011.



Claire E. Runge  
Assistant Town Administrator