1 2	CITY OF MORENO VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR CONTINUED MEETING
3	CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER – 14177 FREDERICK STREET
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5	Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM
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8	CALL TO ORDER
9	CHAIR LOWELL Cood evening ledies and gentlement. I would like to call to
10 11	<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I would like to call to order this Regular Continuation Meeting of the Planning Commission. There was
12	a typo on the Agenda. It says Special Meeting, but it is actually a Continued
13	Regular Meeting. Today is Thursday, February 9, 2017. The time is a little bit
14	after 7:00. It is 7:08 PM. I would like to call the meeting to order. Could we have
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20	Commissioners Present:
21	Commissioner Korzec
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26	Vice Chair Barnes
27	Chair Lowell
28	Commissioner Ramirez - Excused Absent
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31	Staff Present:
32	Rick Sandzimier, Planning Official
33	Paul Early, Assistant City Attorney
34 35	Erica Tadeo, Senior Administrative Specialist Claudia Manrique, Case Planner
36	Michael Lloyd, Traffic Engineer
37	Eric Lewis, City Traffic Engineer
38	Chris Ormsby, Senior Planner
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41	Speakers:
42	RD Hayes
43	Suzanne Potter
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7	CHAIR LOWELL - Commissioner Gonzalez, could you lead us in the Pledge of
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10	COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ – I will.
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13	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
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16	CHAIR LOWELL - Thank you very much. Would anybody like to make a
17	motion to approve tonight's Agenda?
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23	COMMISSIONER BAKER – I so move.
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25	CHAIR LOWELL - We have a motion by Commissioner Baker. Do we have a
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30	<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – We have many seconds. All in favor, say aye.
31 32	COMMISSIONER KORZEC - Aye.
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36	COMMISSIONER SIMS - Aye.
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38	COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ – Aye.
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40	<u>COMMISSIONER NICKEL</u> – Aye.
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42 43	CHAIR LOWELL - Aye.
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46	CHAIR LOWELL - All opposed, say nay. Any abstentions?

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Opposed – 0

Motion carries 7 - 0

<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – The motion passes 7-0. Tonight's Agenda is officially approved. That moves us onto our Consent Calendar items, which I do not believe we have any.

CONSENT CALENDAR

 All matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and all will be enacted by one rollcall vote. There will be no discussion of these items unless Members of the Planning Commission request specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – Approval of Minutes is next, which, again, we don't have any.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PROCEDURE

Any person wishing to address the Commission on any matter, either under Public Comments section of the Agenda or scheduled items or public hearings, must fill out a "Request to Speak" form available at the door. The completed form must be submitted to the Secretary prior to the Agenda item being called by the Chairperson. In speaking to the Commission, member of the public may be limited to three minutes per person, except for the applicant for entitlement. The Commission may establish an overall time limit for comments on a particular Agenda item. Members of the public must direct their questions to the Chairperson of the Commission and not to other members of the Commission, the applicant, the Staff, or the audience. Additionally, there is an ADA note. Upon request, this Agenda will be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any person with a disability who requires a modification

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or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting should direct their request to Guy Pagan, our ADA Coordinator, at (951) 413-3120 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. The 48-hour notification will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

CHAIR LOWELL — That moves us onto Public Comments on Non-Public Hearing Items, which I do believe we have a few Speaker Slips. A couple people turned in duplicate slips. We're going to limit.....you're limited to one speaking opportunity at a time so, if you have a slip, please turn it in now, and we will start calling you up one by one. Also, since this is a continuation meeting, if your Non-Public Hearing Item comments lean toward a Public Hearing Item that is on tonight's Agenda, I will be cutting you off and asking you to withhold your comments for the next time you can speak, which would be at the City Council Meeting. The Public Comments have closed on this Agenda item and, if you do start speaking towards this, it won't be on the record, so I would recommend holding your......I'm sorry, I'd recommend holding your opinions and desires and wishes and comments until the City Council Meeting if and when this item is moved onto City Council. With that said, who would our first speaker be?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST Darisa Vargas – Kathleen Dale.

<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – Ms. Dale, come on up. And who would the next one be? Could you read off a couple of them?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST ERICA TADEO – George Hague and R.D. Hayes.

CHAIR LOWELL – Thank you.

SPEAKER KATHLEEN DALE – It's awfully high.

<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – You can bring it down.

<u>SPEAKER KATHLEEN DALE</u> — Good evening, my name is Kathleen Dale. I'm a life-long Moreno Valley resident and retired from a 35-year career as a planner and an environmental consultant. I wanted to just address you on three matters that are relevant to your general authority and function. The first one is regarding the information that comes to you in applicant presentations and staff reports and Staff comments during your hearing matters, and I hope you are all listening carefully to what's being said and that you're understanding when misinformation is put into the record and striking that misinformation from your knowledge base for your deliberations. I think also it's important that when misinformation has

been presented to you, and in fact this happens in your written staff reports as well, that you should express to the public that there was misinformation in the record and that you have not considered that in your deliberations. In your Rules of Procedure, there is a requirement for disclosures and one aspect of those disclosures has to do with a recused member and not having conversations with that recused member about the project. So, if any of you have something to disclose, I hope that you do that on a regular basis. The third item has to do with your.....with one of your authorities, and I don't know if this has been explained to you but, in the Municipal Code, Section that establishes the Parks Commission, you actually have the authority to refer matters to the Parks Commission for review. And so, if you have a project that involves a General Plan Amendment that affects future park facilities, you really, before you take action on that, should refer that to the Parks Commission for their recommendation before you take action. Thank you.

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CHAIR LOWELL – Thank you. Mr. George Hague.

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SPEAKER GEORGE HAGUE – Good evening, George Hague. Restating a few of the things I said last time. Once again, the Planning Department is your Staff. Do not let them treat you as if you are their subordinates. You need to realize that you can and should direct them, and hopefully you will. This City does not do the best job in preparing the Planning Commissioners. If you go online and just Google Planning Commission responsibilities, you'll see cities that have fairly decent documents that help Commissioners understand their role and functions of what they should and should not do, and I would recommend that for everybody sitting up there at this time. I, again, thank you prior to hearing a project that involves historical or environmental perhaps damage that you should have the input from that county.....or that committee here in this city. Same thing goes with parks. You need to get the input from them first, and you should direct Staff to require that. That's your job is to direct Staff to do that. We had quite a few people here last time. We have guite a few people here this time. I was promised, for example, that the tables along the side of the wall would be removed that people are now sitting on and chairs would be put in their place. As you can see, that was not done. So, once again, we have people standing in the back so they can be in the main room. Now, I hope the Planning Commission recommends to Staff that, during a City Council Meeting, something needs to be done. Because, during a normal Council Meeting, this room is fairly full. Add 100 people to that. So, what recommendation will this Planning Commission make to Staff in order to make it so that people can be at the meeting before the City Council and be able to sit and listen and not be turned away at the door like last time because there were not enough chairs? If this is not Special Meeting before the City Council, you're not doing the best by the people in this city. So hopefully you will do that. I hope you will also, when you have time, look further into the responsibilities of the Planning Commission. And I will this time, and in the future, be watching to see if you do list those who are associated with a project if you've been talking to them or anybody that is a

proponent of the project and that you list those people prior to your vote. That's very responsible for the public to hear that from those who are making decisions. And I thank you very much for your time this evening, and I appreciate you having this hearing at this time when we can be here by ourselves without three or four other items prior to the project. You probably appreciate that also. You have a good evening.

<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – Thank you, Mr. Hague. RD Hayes followed by Suzanne Potter followed by Susan Zeitz. That's fine. You can pull the microphone down.

SPEAKER RD HAYES – Thank you. I am here to speak to the general promise that is here in the city that growth under these circumstances is good. I came to this city in 1972 before it was a city. Twelve years before it was a city because it was small like the town city county seat that I came from back East. It took off with cancerous growth. And it has been studied and published in magazines of state jurisdiction that, when a population becomes over 100,000, you're going to become desperate to maintain the police and fire and basic services without anything else. And the more you get larger, the more you're going to have to trim everything off. And the only way you're going to be able to survive is by federal subsidies. I looked today and you see all of the various small units around that are going good that you would think would be supported by the City and instead they are supported by the federal government rats. The senior center is one of the items that I know.....I'm a member of the Friends of the Senior Center. The growth is not necessarily good when it is choking the people. You are going to run into the.....in fact, I think, perhaps now, they have already run into the problem that the services cost more than really you can afford without taking temporary things such as setting out new subdivisions and that sort of thing to get enough funds to run the operations. I thank you for your attention.

<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – Thank you very much, Mr. Hayes. We have Suzanne Potter followed by Susan Zeitz followed by Marcia Narog.

SPEAKER SUZANNE POTTER – Good evening, my name is Suzanne Potter. I'm a resident of the Sterling Ranch area of Moreno Valley. I'm also Rotarian and as a Rotarian we have a four-way test that we.....of the things that we think, say, or do. First, is it the truth? Second, is it fair to all concerned? Third, is it beneficial to all concerned? And, fourth, will it build goodwill and better friendships? In light of that, I think I wanted to bring up a few things that I think are facts, well-known facts, that when the Planning Commission, I'm sure, needs to consider the benefit of the community not just of a few. A well-known fact, California's Affordable Housing shortage of production has been more than 100,000 annually but not for the last 10 years, and Moreno Valley is no exception to that. Home ownership in California is at the lowest level since the 1940s. Another well-known fact, living in the same community you work in is one of the most beneficial things economically and socially and educationally for the residents of that community. Moreno Valley Unified School District is the largest

employer in the city and yet it is amazing that a large percentage of that staff do not live in this community. As a retired educator, there is no single more important factor for a child's success than to have their parents involved in their education. If you don't live in the community that you work in, that's a hard thing to do. One of the other things that is really important, I think, is our safety. Improved streets, provide safe places to walk and to ride. Some areas you have nothing but gullies and eroded hillsides, so I hope that you take these things into consideration when you make your deliberations. Thank you.

<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – Thank you, Ms. Potter. Susan Zeitz followed by Marcia Narog.

SPEAKER SUSAN ZEITZ - Hi. Susan Zeitz, 26386 Ironwood Avenue. A Moreno Valley resident for 34 years I believe it is. I hope that you take into account the history of the planned usage for Moreno Valley. I hope that you have done your due diligence in studying the land usage in Moreno Valley. I hope that you take into the consideration the past rulings maintaining the current zonings. I hope that you realize you work for us and the past.....for the past 34 years, we have had many citizens who have come to a lot of the meetings to ensure that the zonings stay the way that the zonings are and trying to maintain the lifestyle that we have come to....that we came here for; that we have moved here for. And that not everybody can afford to live in the areas that we live, but you know, that's just how it is. I can't live at the beach. I can't afford it. I can't live in Hollywood. I can't afford it. So trying to change zonings to make it more affordable for people is not the answer. That doesn't benefit the majority of the people who already live here. That only benefits the people who own the land who want to do it for the money. They don't care about anything else. They don't care about the people who have been here so thank you.

CHAIR LOWELL – Thank you very much. And Marcia Narog.

SPEAKER MARCIA NAROG — Good evening, my name is Marcia Narog, and I live at 11475 Carrie Lane in the northeast sector of Moreno Valley. One of the things I am here to talk about is planning. When I first voted for the City to incorporate, we were hoping that it would be better planning than what happened under the County's overview. So, in light of that, we all would like to be able to plan on how the Planning Commission makes recommendations, and we'd also like to be able to plan on how the City decides on what's going on. I have a very specific item that I would like to bring to you tonight. It is able a FEMA grant that was awarded for our specific private road where I live. I live on a private road and a public road. I'm on a corner. I'm on a nexus of a low-lying stream where drainages come from two directions. The FEMA grant was supposed to correct the drainage in our neighborhood, and it was supposed to help improve the streets that I live on so that the future 10- or 50- or 100-year floods wouldn't be causing problems. I bring this up because I have been in contact with the City previously, every three to six months, because I wanted to be involved in the

planning since it will involve my private property. So, in light of this, I would like to be able to get some input on how I can expect the planning to go forward because they have come out and they have identified where the utilities and the water lines are again, and I haven't been contacted by the City as I had requested for what the future plans are going to be. So, if any body could help me out with this, and if anybody could help me out with being able to rely on the City's plans and the General Plan and the FEMA money, I would really

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PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER - Mr. Chairman.

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<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – Yes, Mr. Sandzimier.

appreciate it. So thank you very much.

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<u>PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER</u> — I'll get her information, and we'll get a hold of her and see if we can follow up on that.

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<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – I'd appreciate that. Thank you. Last call for Speaker Slips on Non-Public Hearing Items, going once, going twice....

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COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ – Oh, that gentleman right there.

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<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – If you could come up and state your name please and then could you fill out a pink slip after the fact? You can just come on up, and we'll take care of the paperwork when you're done.

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<u>SPEAKER SIEGFRIED DANKREYIER</u> – I will fill out a sheet, and I didn't intend to speak but nevertheless.....

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CHAIR LOWELL – Can you state your name please?

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SPEAKER SIEGFRIED Dankmeyer – My name is Siegfried Dankmeyer, 26992 Sandy Lane. I think that I have the only property, which is so to speak, cheekon-cheek, with the development. I have heard all kinds of comments. Of course, I was at the last meeting with most of the statements about spreading your arms, not listening even if the window is closed, not listening to the neighbors jukebox or TV and all these things. We heard about technical things. I have not, and I got my hearing aids in, I think I have not heard a word about money. And, as you all know, money talks, and this is what I want to say briefly because I moved to where we live in 1986. We have enjoyed the hillsides. Our kids grew up there and the only admonishment I had to give them was watch out for the snakes. So, and we still have snakes, but that's another issue. But, I also have told them for the last 30 years, enjoy it while it lasts because, one of these days, the big machines will show up and do a number on this piece of land. As you know, there is not much land of that quality left in Moreno Valley, and I knew some of.....the lady just mentioned when the City was incorporated. I knew some of these people when the City was founded. There were people in there like Mr.

- 1 Scott who had his interest, and then there were people like Judy Nieburger.
- 2 which were kind of idealistic in that, hey what we can do if we take that away
- from the County? The County didn't have any interest, so, they said, well okay 3
- 4 it's another project. So the planning and the administration from that time on has
- gone steadily downhill. And I don't come to all these meetings, very, very
- seldom. I used to be, in the early 90s, I used to be on the Design of Review 6
- 7 Board, which the City had, and the Planning Staff came and brought a stack of
- 8 envelopes a couple of feet high, and I would study that stuff and look over it. I'm
- 9 a design professional, so I would make overlays and how it could make better
- 10 and well, in fact, my wife didn't know I was like that but I spent all weekend trying

to make something better. 11

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13 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Thank you very much.

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15 **SPEAKER SIEGFRIED DANKREYIER** – That's my nature, but we have these meetings and these so-called developers who...... 16

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CHAIR LOWELL – Your three minutes are up. If you could rap it up.

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20 **SPEAKER SIEGFRIED DANKREYIER** – How many minutes I have left?

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CHAIR LOWELL - You're over now.

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24 **SPEAKER SIEGFRIED DANKREYIER** – Okay.

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26 **CHAIR LOWELL** – I appreciate it.

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28 **SPEAKER SIEGFRIED DANKREYIER** – Thanks.

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30 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Thank you.

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32 **SPEAKER SIEGFRIED DANKREYIER** – Because I have all kinds of things to 33 say.

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35 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Thank you very much. If you could provide your Speaker Slip to the Staff, I would appreciate it. 36

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38 **SPEAKER SIEGFRIED DANKREYIER** – Pardon me?

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40 **CHAIR LOWELL** – If you could provide that pink slip to the Staff.

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42 **SPEAKER SIEGFRIED DANKREYIER** – I did not.

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44 **CHAIR LOWELL** – If you could do that, I would appreciate it.

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46 **SPEAKER SIEGFRIED DANKREYIER** – I will do that and give it to you.

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5 6	CHAIR LOWELL - Thank you.	
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9 10	CHAIR LOWELL - Have a seat please	. Thank you.
11 12	SPEAKER SIEGFRIED DANKREYIER	- Obviously
13 14	CHAIR LOWELL - Can you have a sea	at please? You're times up. Thank you.
15 16	SPEAKER SIEGFRIED DANKREYIER	– I just was asking you
17 18	CHAIR LOWELL - Yeah, times up.	
19 20 21	SPEAKER SIEGFRIED DANKREYIER give you two pink slips?	 Well I have a lot more to say. Can I
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29 30 31 32	PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS	
33 34 35 36 37 38	1. Case:	Ironwood Village - General Plan Amendment, Change of Zone, Tentative Tract Map 37001, and Design Guidelines for a 181 lot Single-Family Residential Development
39 40	Applicant:	Global Investment & Development, LLC
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1 2 3	Location:	Ironwood Avenue, east of Nason Street and west of Oliver Street (APN: 473- 160-004)
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9	Proposal:	Continuance of Ironwood Village -
10		General Plan Amendment, Change of
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission take the following action:

APPROVE Resolution No. 2017-15, 2017-16, and 2017-17 and thereby **RECOMMEND** that the City Council:

1. **CERTIFY** a Mitigated Negative Declaration, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines; and

2. APPROVE the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program prepared for General Plan Amendment Application No. PEN16-0077 (PA15-0037), Change of Zone Application No. PEN16-0078 (PA15-0038), Tentative Tract Map 37001 Application No. PEN16-0079 (PA15-0039) and Plot Plan Application PEN16-0080 (PA15-0040) for the Ironwood Village Design Guidelines pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines; and

3. **APPROVE** Resolution No. 2017-05 and thereby **APPROVE** General Plan Amendment Application No. PEN16-0077 (PA15-0037); and

 APPROVE Resolution No. 2017-06 and thereby APPROVE Change of Zone Application No. PEN16-0078 (PA15-0038); and

5. **APPROVE** Resolution No. 2017-07 and thereby **APPROVE** Tentative Tract Map 37001 and the Ironwood Village Design Guidelines, subject to the attached Conditions of Approval included as Exhibit A and attached Design Guidelines included as Exhibit B to Resolution 2017-07.

1	VICE CHAIR BARNES - Thank you, Chair Lowell. As you know, the Staff
2	Report and discussion with the Applicant and the Public Hearing portion of the
3	meeting took place at the previous meeting. We are here this eveningI
1	apologize. We are here this evening for the deliberation portion of the case. Mr
5	Sandzimier, should we have a brief summary or anything or do we just wade in?

<u>PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER</u> — We've completed the Staff presentation. You guys concluded the deliberation so the only thing we should have is, Commissioner Gonzalez who was not here at the last meeting......I know I did receive an email from him but, if he could just disclose, for the record, how he has brought himself up to speed on this particular item, that would be appropriate. And then you guys can go into your deliberations.

VICE CHAIR BARNES – Thank you.

 <u>COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ</u> – Good evening. I listened to the meeting, to the Public Comments portion of this item. I read over the various correspondence and emails of our residents who have concerns regarding the project, and I did a thorough review of the documents as I do on every project that I sit on. So that's how I brought myself up to speed. Thank you.

<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Thank you, Commissioner. Alright, with that being said, deliberation is open. Would anybody like to make the initial comments? No, I don't have the magic button, so Commissioner Sims.

<u>COMMISSIONER SIMS</u> – I have questions of Staff. I have some questions of Staff, so on....it's my understanding that there's a certain limit on the number of General Plan Amendments that the City can approve every year. Is that true?

<u>PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER</u> – That is true. We can approve any particular element of the General Plan four times per year.

COMMISSIONER SIMS – Is the four times a year, is that on a fiscal basis or on a calendar year basis?

<u>PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER</u> – It would be on a calendar year basis.

COMMISSIONER SIMS – So I think we did one. We've done one so far this year then. Is that correct? I believe there was a fringe. At the last meeting, there was a fringe.

<u>PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER</u> – You guys have considered one project that does have a General Plan Amendment. This item is a second one. The City Council is the formal approving body on any legislative action so the item's not technically approved yet because it still needs to go to the City

1 2 3	Council, so there have been no General Plan Amendments approved this year, but you guys gave considered one other one. That is true.
4 5 6 7 8	<u>COMMISSIONER SIMS</u> — Okay and then my next question is on this primary animal keeping overlay that was done for the, kind of the northeast quadrant of the city. Is there any other besides the one that's directly south of the 60, you know, from Redlands, between Redlands and generally Nason? Are there any other primary animal keeping overlay areas within the city?
9 10 11 12 13	<u>PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER</u> – No. I believe the exhibits that we gave you in the previous Staff Report showed all of the PAKO. Do we have that exhibit still? We can put that exhibit back up.
14 15	<u>COMMISSIONER SIMS</u> – I have it in front of me. So this exhibit right here is the extent of the entire animal keeping areas?
16 17 18	PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER - Yes.
19 20	COMMISSIONER SIMS - Okay. That's mine.
21 22 23 24 25 26	<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Alright. Anyone else? Alright, while you guys think about it, I have some questions for Staff but it has to do with the regulations that govern half-acre lots. One question pertains to septic. Are there any rules or requirements, or pending rules or requirements, that would affect the viability of half-acre lots on septic as moving forward?
27 28 29 30 31 32	<u>PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER</u> — No. The provisions for using a septic system is, if you need a private sewage system with your development, you would make a proposal for that. If you are in proximity to an existing sewer system, then the expectation is that you would tie into that existing sewer system. In this particular case, there is no existing sewer system for the loss to tie into, so it would beI don't know if that answers your question.
33 34 35	<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – I think so. So, at this point, half-acre lots with septic are perfectly viable. Is that the minimum size for septic?
36 37	PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER - That I don't know.
38 39	COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ - Yes, yes.
40 41	VICE CHAIR BARNES – Okay, alright.

VICE CHAIR BARNES – Okay, alright.

- <u>PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER</u> I think that we should have the Staff answer the question. I know that there's some other noise in the 43
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- background but I'd prefer for the record that the Staff answer the questions. 45
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TRAFFIC ENGINEER MICHAEL LLOYD — Good evening, Vice Chair, Michael Lloyd with Land Development. To answer your question, half-acre lots are the minimum size. That's per county health requirements. As of October of last year, they approved a local agency management program that deals with septics and, within that document, that provides the rules for the city, as well as the county. It does establish half acre as the minimum.

<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Okay, and no discussion of any possible change to that moving forward?

TRAFFIC ENGINEER MICHAEL LLOYD – I'm not aware of any.

<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Okay. Thanks very much. Another question I had, as it relates to half-acre lots, is water usage for landscape and irrigation. Being in a drought, or coming out of a drought, I know water usage is critical. Are there any conflicts between the goals of reducing water usage and the Municipal Code, Code Compliance issues with maintaining your property landscaped? Any conflicts in that?

<u>CASE PLANNER CLAUDIA MANRIQUE</u> — No. There's no conflicts, and we have chapter 9.17.070, which addresses some water efficiency requirements for all landscaping of all single-family homes, as well as the development standard section chapter 9.030.040, which talks about front yard landscaping. It's now required in lots of half-acre size as long as there are five or more units. That was one of the latest Code Amendments that you approved last summer. Previous to that, only street trees were required for the half-acre lots, but now there's no difference in the landscape standards for half acre or the proposed R3 and R5.

VICE CHAIR BARNES - Okay, alright. Thank you.

<u>COMMISSIONER SIMS</u> — Jeff, just as a note on the water....regardless if they are half or whatever these, the R5, R3, the...Eastern is the water purveyor, and they have water budget based rates and so each of the lots, assuming I don't think this project met the threshold for water supply assessment but Eastern would have, in their Master Plan, would of course had supply consideration. Each of the lots, whether, whatever size that they ultimately are, there would be a specific water-based budget for each of the houses.

<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Okay. Thank you. That's all my questions at the moment. Anyone else? This is deliberation so we're....you're welcome to.....

COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ - I......

VICE CHAIR BARNES – Putting forth your opinion.

COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ – I had my.....

<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Oh, I'm sorry. Next up, Commissioner Gonzalez.

<u>COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ</u> – And this question is for Staff. When is the next scheduled General Plan update for the City of Moreno Valley? I know it was done in 2005 or 2006.

PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER - It was approved in 2006 so we're actually in the midst of initiating that effort already. The item that came to you at your last meeting was a General Plan Annual Report and, during that Annual Report, our Senior Planner, Mark Gross, had indicated in that report that we have already establishing an AD HOC Committee to start compiling some recommendations for the scope of work for the General Plan update and then the Adopted Strategic Plan, Momentum Moreno Valley, there and specific initiatives already outlined in there. I believe they are initiatives 1.9.1, 1.9.2, 1.9.3, and 1.9.4 that outline four specific strategies that are going to be carried out over a, I believe most of them are a one-year timeframe, but the overall General Plan Update is expected to take place within a three-year period. In addition to that, the Staff has already put together one grant request to see if we can get some outside funding for that outside effort, and we're continuing to pursue that grant through SKAG, and we will look for other opportunities. Then, in our budget development that is currently under way, one of the initiatives specifically talked about putting some money in place to actually fund it. So those are the efforts that are under way. The General Plan should be updated within three years as a result of that effort.

COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ – Okay, thank you.

VICE CHAIR BARNES – Commissioner Nickel.

COMMISSIONER NICKEL – Yes, I would really like to see this project go back to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Multi-Use Trails. I did attend a small presentation on your map here and, having done the City's Original Master Plan and been a grant reviewer for RCTC on SD821 funds, there's a whole lot of problems with their trails here. And what I didn't like was, you know, people volunteer and give their time to Commissions and Boards, and a lot of the Commission and Boards do not get stipends. And they should be treated with the upmost respect. Sometimes our volunteers are worth more than Staff because they are there because they want to be there. And this was just basically dumped on the Trails Committee without really them being able to address what their needs are. After all, if you have equestrians on that committee, then they understand. Because I look at this map, and it's like I don't think horses can jump that far from Oliver over to that fire run. I'm just saying I don't think they can, so that's one of my big concerns. And then, even with the Applicant, we're talking about private park, community park....what is it? Is it

going to be open to the public? Because I can guarantee you the minute they start putting bicycles and things like that of nonresidents down through those tracks that HOA is going to have a fit. And, to encourage a trail pathway that runs along people's driveways, that's a liability I don't even think HOA's could even be insured for. So that's why I have a lot of concerns about that and.....but I really do believe it is in our purview to have Parks and Recreation review this projects on this, and as well the Multi-Use Trails. I don't know where bicycles are at now. Are they with Traffic Safety Committee, Eric? Or are they with multi-trails if they are on the roadway?

<u>CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER ERIC LEWIS</u> – It's a combination of both. Public Works is typically taking the lead on the bicycle facilities and trails remains with the Trails Board.

COMMISSIONER NICKEL – So we're dealing with bicycles that are actually considered motor vehicles when they are on the roadway, correct?

<u>CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER ERIC LEWIS</u> – That is correct.

<u>COMMISSIONER NICKEL</u> – Okay, so none of that was addressed in the Traffic Study as far as I could see so those are concerns that I have there. That's my comments for right now.

<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Thank you. Commissioner Korzec.

COMMISSIONER KORZEC — Well my comment is pretty basic, and it's basically I still don't see the compelling reason to change the zoning. I don't understand, maybe I'm misunderstanding, but I drove through our neighborhoods and I looked around. And we heard figures that 53% of the housing on the market right now is R5 housing. I don't understand what the compelling need is to put more R5 housing in right now and go into a community where people bought their homes in good faith that it would be R30 zoning without a valid reason other than someone just wants to build it. Just because somebody wants to build it doesn't mean it's the right thing. My suggestion would be to the developer maybe find a different property here with that zoning and build it but, until someone can prove to me why we need more of this in that neighborhood, I'm just not going to get it.

VICE CHAIR BARNES – Anyone?

<u>COMMISSIONER SIMS</u> – I have comments. Or is there already somebody else ahead of me?

COMMISSIONER NICKEL – Go ahead, Jeff.

<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Well I have a question for Commissioner Korzec. Just, for point of clarification, is your issue with the lot sizes or the density?

COMMISSIONER KORZEC — It's actually with both. It's changing the General Plan and making this decision when there's such a public outcry on this and, if we're not listening to the people that are here and all this paperwork, we're not doing our job. They bought their homes here. I don't live in that neighborhood so I have no vested interest. I'm a city girl, so I won't be living in your neighborhood. But I think, to me, it's an intrinsic problem in this community that we don't listen to our people. We have an area that's one of the last areas that is very pleasant to drive through. They are not saying they don't want a development there. They just don't want this type of development, so they are not against it. They bought those homes with that....with it being R30 housing. And, yes, if we had a pressing issue that we could bring here why we needed to add this, then I would consider it. I don't see the pressing issue with 53% of our housing right now that's for sale being this type of housing. Why are we going to ruin a neighborhood when there's no need for it at this time?

<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Alright, if we could limit the applause. I think everyone knows where your leanings are so.....

PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER – Mr. Chair....

<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Let's move this along as quickly as possible.

PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER – If I may just clarify one thing.

VICE CHAIR BARNES - Yes.

<u>PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER</u> – I'm sure Commissioner Korzec, in your reference to R30, it's actually zoned R2A, which is two dwelling. Your reference to R30, just so the public doesn't hear it wrong.....

COMMISSIONER KORZEC – Okay.

<u>PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER</u> – R30 would mean 30 dwellings per acre. I don't think that's what you're intending.

<u>COMMISSIONER KORZEC</u> – I'm looking at the paperwork that I have, and I took it from the paperwork.

PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER – That somebody's proposing R30?

COMMISSIONER KORZEC – No, that we're not....that they.....let me find the paperwork. Oh, I've got it wrong. R3. No, right here, what does that say?

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15 16 17	<u>COMMISSIONER KORZEC</u> – In preparing my notes, I took it directly off of the paperwork we were given.
18 19	COMMISSIONER NICKEL - Fair enough.
20 21	VICE CHAIR BARNES - Yeah.
22 23	COMMISSIONER NICKEL – A typo is a typo.
242526	<u>COMMISSIONER KORZEC</u> – So I will stand corrected if you correct it on the paperwork.
27 28	VICE CHAIR BARNES - I think we allwe're clear now.
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34 35 36 37 38 39	<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> — Well, while they look into that, to go back to my question, I would leanI would be more likely to consider a development that didn't necessarily have a density increase but did vary from the lot size because I could see the benefit, in some cases, for smaller lots clustered on a property of that size with more open space around them, so the density, the impacts, be they traffic, smog, whatever are no different so
40 41 42 43	<u>COMMISSIONER NICKEL</u> – Wait a minute. Tell them, if they can't be quiet, we're going to take a break.
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I was on the wrong page.

VICE CHAIR BARNES – Okay.

VICE CHAIR BARNES – Alright.

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subdivision work, and I have to compliment the developer. I think they did, and

put in R3. And there were 64 lots in my subdivision, and our neighborhood got

all wound up and they said, oh, oh we can't have R2, or we can't have R3. So,

his team, I think they did a really nice job on....for a layout. However, I have

COMMISSIONER SIMS – So I'm a civil engineer by trade. I used to do

COMMISSIONER KORZEC – Okay, I had that wrong. I was on the wrong page.

<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Okay. So that we can hear each other speak, please

COMMISSIONER KORZEC – Okay, I will correct this. I had all this paperwork.

COMMISSIONER KORZEC – Okay, so I do correct that but my point is still the

COMMISSIONER KORZEC – You can ask me all the questions you want, but I

VICE CHAIR BARNES – Okay. I just wanted to clarification as to what

COMMISSIONER KORZEC – Off of the wrong page. My concerns were that we

have a lot of housing already on the market of this type. We're going into a

neighborhood where people bought homes in good faith that there would be a certain expectation of the land use, and we're going to change it when I don't

understand why, at this point, it needs to be changed. This is a General Plan,

and I just can't see us coming back each time a developer or somebody wants to do something different and us.....we can consider it, but my point is I feel for all

the people in this book that have come here that have spoken up and said they

same. I don't understand why we need a zoning change.

don't see the need for it at this time in that neighborhood.

COMMISSIONER KORZEC – Because I was reading.......

VICE CHAIR BARNES – What your concerns were......

don't want this change. That's as simple as I can be.

VICE CHAIR BARNES – Anyone else? Commissioner Sims.

pondered on this for quite some time and, for full disclosure, I live on a tract with half-acre lots. I'm on the south side of the freeway. And I remember, I remember 10 years ago or so, Richmond American came in and they wanted to

anyhow, and I was the only person out of the 64 that said no. You know, I supported the R3 for that particular subdivision that went in. And my reason was I've lived out there since 1994 and there's probably, out of the 64 lots, there's probably 10 that have a front yard and probably five that have a back yard. It's, you know, we have curb gutter. We have street lights, but we don't, you know, people have a half acre and its in....I tend to have a fundamental belief that people have a hard time keeping up to a nice maintenance of a half acre. That's just my fundamental belief because I've lived in it for 22 years. However, when I drive every day through the R3 lots, they are really nice. They have an HOA. They are well maintained. They have CCR's. It's nice. So that's how I preface it. I struggled with this situation. I tend to believe, though, over the last several years, this City has worked very, very hard at what's good for the City. So a big decision was made to do a General Plan Amendment and a whole quadrant of the City east of Redlands got converted from an agricultural thing and got moved into industrial logistics. That was a huge decision for the city. Some people like Some people don't, but that decision was made. Here we have a general.....now we're going to the last remaining kind of undeveloped area in the city, the northeast quadrant where there is some development, but this is primarily R2. It's a primary area for keeping animals with the overload, and I just think we're.....I personally believe it's asking the City to a fatigue point of wholesale changes because this is one of those, once the nose of the camel gets under the tent, this it'll keep going. And so I guess my fundamental belief is I'm not opposed. I think it is a well-designed tract. I personally like the tract. I think it was well done. I don't agree though with not doing.....I think, if we're going to start doing more General Plan Amendments, this area is the last kind of bastion of the city that can have people that want to have animal keeping and have a rural lifestyle. And, if we're going to do it, we should do a comprehensive look at the General Plan rather than piece mail one piece at a time. That's my two cents.

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COMMISSIONER NICKEL – I agree. Can I speak?

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<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Yes, of course you may.

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COMMISSIONER NICKEL – Can I go first?

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VICE CHAIR BARNES - Commissioner.....

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COMMISSIONER NICKEL – No, it's okay.

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<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – He's next on the list. Commissioner Gonzalez.

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<u>COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ</u> — I also want to provide some comments and feedback and also disclosure. I also live on a half acre. I live on the south side in the, actually in the southern part of the PAKO. And, you know, I moved to an area where the reason I moved out there was to spread my wings, and not

actually hear my neighbors, and my family can grow, and my kids can play and whatnot but I also understand the every community, every section of the city needs a variety where all of us can enjoy the area. We all need multi-family housing. We all need single-family homes. We all need half-acre homes. Different strokes for different folks. I fundamentally believe that. But, in echoing Mr. Sims comments, I kind of prefaced to Planning Director, Rick, that I think that we, if we're going down that path, we really need to wait and see what the true General Plan Update will say. What's a comprehensive look at what the community? Because everyone is going to have input on that and that's going to be in a few years so I think, and, maybe at that point, there will be a shift and the community will decide otherwise. But, at this time, I think that the plan in place is suitable. And, another thing, if the developer is willing to relook at this site for maybe an R2 perspective, that's always welcome. But I want to say that the General Plan Update is coming. It's right around the corner. I think that a comprehensive look will have a better product at the end versus, you know, if we look and approve this one, what stops someone else from proposing something in the area that will require another General Plan Amendment so those are my comments for now. And I will wait to hear further ones.

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VICE CHAIR BARNES – Commissioner Nickel.

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<u>COMMISSIONER NICKEL</u> – Well I only live on a 7300 square foot lot, but I like it. Okay, I have a question for Staff. Why is San Manuel not included in the Native American contracts out of curiosity? Can anybody explain?

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<u>SENIOR PLANNER CHRIS ORMSBY</u> — AB52 requires us as a city to send the notice to certain tribes, and there is a list of tribes. I believe that is one of the tribes we send to but, if they don't respond within the 30 days, then they didn't ask for consultations so there would not be that formal consultation with them.

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<u>COMMISSIONER NICKEL</u> – Okay and my other concern is nowhere did the Applicant make, in any of these documents, unless I missed it, did not mention the burrows that are in the area. There is no mention, and that's a big issue. And I think they are still protected aren't they?

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<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – I can't answer that. I don't know.

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COMMISSIONER NICKEL – I mean, unless you run into them because they are not crossing at a 45 degree angle.

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<u>COMMISSIONER NICKEL</u> — Yeah, no, my husband informed me they don't cross the street at 45 degree angles. I was like, really? Okay. After a near miss, so that's a concern. I'm not comfortable, again, I'm not comfortable even forwarding this up to Council because it's missing a lot, and I feel a lot of the

work hasn't been done. And everybody is always talking about eliminating the need for a commute. Well, you know, we have a hospital in town, and I could wager that most of the doctors do not live in town because we do not have the high-end housing. When Anaheim Hills was created, that's mostly where all the Orange County doctors moved to unless they were at the beach, and we're in a really difficult crisis with getting doctors to stay in this region. Loma Linda cannot even keep their med students in this region. And, right now, the big place for young doctors to go with families is Temecula. There's five hospitals down there. It's wonderful if you're a trauma doctor on call. And the way I look at this is we'll never get to a level one trauma center from a level two unless we start getting some high-end homes for the professionals within the hospital. And the difference between a level one and a level two is whether you live or die if you have a dissecting abdominal aneurysm. And being an old critical care nurse and having a husband who does blood banking, that's important. And some of us here are approaching the age where we really might need those services. Yeah, I can't, yeah.....I mean, the county hospital does not do open heart surgeries. A lot of people don't realize that, so that's the other reason I look at it. You know, you've got to start having high-end housing to attract those professionals to stay here and not leave and stay in town. And the fact that the lack of healthcare is basically what I cut my teeth on when my family first moved here was the concern of children being hit by cars and there was no access, immediate access, to healthcare. So that's the other thing why you have to have something to entice the doctors to stay.

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<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Anyone else? Mr. Sandzimier.

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PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER – May I ask a clarification because we will be going ultimately to the City Council? If I could just ask Commissioner Nickel to elaborate a little bit on what you mean by high-end housing? Are you talking about the price point? Are you talking about the amenities or both? Can you just kind of describe that for us?

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COMMISSIONER NICKEL – Both, both. Open Space, kick back and relax. Are we talking about making all of these affordable housing? We can't do that.

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<u>PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER</u> – No. I was just asking if it was a price point issue or if it was an amenity issue because there is a difference. You can have.....

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<u>PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER</u> – Okay, so I just wanted clarification. Thank you.

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COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ – I have a question.

 <u>COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ</u> — I have a question follow Staff. Does the current General Plan have reference in going back to high-end housing to an executive housing area component of the City? Is there language that tailors an area to a certain type of housing, or is it strictly R1, R2, R3 in kind of the zoning description? Or is there an area where the City can say, hey this is where, you know, executive housing.

PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER – The General Plan and the Zoning Code don't specifically talk about high-end housing or not. It's really incumbent upon the developer or in the custom home areas. The people that build those homes, they build to a certain standard that they want and that will start driving the price. You can have small compact houses that are high priced, highly amenitized. You can have large estate lots that....I have seen some come in that have modular units that they want to put on it. It just depends on how people want to use their property. In this case, when we're looking at a larger tract, it's my understanding in talking with the Development Team, that they were looking at the amenitized larger lots. And they were still looking for a higher price point. It wasn't intended to be affordable. It wasn't going to be low-end housing. It was going to be a higher price point. That's why I was asking for the clarification. So, what we were working with them on, we were looking at the trail connections, and we were looking at what the streetscape looked like and what they were going to do with the bridges that crossed over the detention basins. Those were cost items and so they were going to drive the cost of that development a little higher but, in the end, it was intended to be feel-good amenities that helped drive the price point and the quality of the homes up. And, ideally, they would start to cater to those people, to those professionals, who maybe don't have that opportunity today here in the community. So that was a consideration, but it wasn't something that we were looking at specifically in any section or chapter of the General Plan.

COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ – Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SIMS – I have just kind of philosophically, you know, I got on the Planning Commission several years ago, and I live in....I came from Riverside. Riverside is a different city. Riverside has different amenities. Temecula has different amenities. The coast, you're going to have a different vibe and different setup. Moreno Valley inherently has an Achilles heel because it was a series of small townships within the county that had desperate planning. There was, you know, what went down was what you got and so we have parts of the City that are old. Some are older, some are newer. I think the City has, since it has incorporated, has had more logic and more attempt at trying to consolidate the best of what it can do with what it is. And I think, and I think regardless, for instance, the World Logistics people.....that was quite the uproar. But, there is a desire like the one lady mentioned, being able to work close to

home is a very, very good thing. I think Moreno Valley is doing a good job attracting jobs and trying to provide the opportunity. We probably will never have the million dollar home brackets that you can get the high dollars. There just, there's just not enough here. So at the end of the day, for me, what's driving a decision, I will probably vote no for this General Plan Amendment. associated other things, I think this is the last part of the city where people that do want to have a reasonable chance to have an upscale-type living and have primary area to keep their animals and that kind of lifestyle. That's it for Moreno Valley. There's no other places, and we should respect that. And my only last thing is, with the trail, you're....Commissioner Nickel when you said I don't know about having horse trails going down next to driveways, I don't know. I have friends in Norco. You go through Norco and there are trails everywhere, but here you're setting yourself up for a subdivision that has no animal keeping but you're going to have horses walking and pooping in your front yard. So people that live outside of the tract are going to say, that's great, my horse left you a gift. You can use it to make your flowers, but the people that are in the tract are going, hey, thanks. You know, anyways, so yeah.

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VICE CHAIR BARNES – Anyone else. Commissioner Baker.

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COMMISSIONER BAKER – Yeah I'd like to kind of just chime in on this a little bit. Ever since I've been on the Planning Commission, I keep hearing about the hillside housing, which it would be nice, but the problem we've got with that is these people that want to spend a million dollars for hillside. They want the amenities to go with it, and I'm talking not a septic tank. That want, you know, curb and gutter and the sewers and everything else and street lights. And I totally understand that, but I don't know how we're going to get the horse in front of the cart to get this done because it takes money. We don't, in this part of town, we don't even have sewage system. I think most of that north of 60 is on septic, correct? For the most part? But I think this is a good product they are putting it. It's probably just in the wrong location, but what I'd like to know is why we aren't having developers come in here and doing the half acre deal? Is that a monetary deal or? I mean, I've been on here eight years, and I've not heard one project come in with a half-acre development. I totally understand that, and I think we need it. But I don't know if this particular developer it has to do with the land, and I don't know particularly who, I guess it's Ironwood 8 Properties that owns this property. But it seems like we need to work with this owner to see if we can get a developer to do some half-acre lots up there, and it's a great area. But, you know, to put this in here, it's going to be tough. One guestion I've got of Staff here, and you know we've got R3 and R5. Is there an R4 zone in our Planning Department or in our plan or not?

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PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER - No.

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COMMISSIONER BAKER – Okay there isn't, and why isn't there one?

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Ρl	_ANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER - Allow for
	DMMISSIONER BAKER – And I understand R3 is three units an acre and R5 five units an acre. Is that correct?
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hi o	DMMISSIONER BAKER – Up to five. Okay, got it. The other thing isthe ing I was asked, on this 12-inch sewer line, that's the developerif that were come forth, he'd have to pay for that, right? That infrastructure under the 60. that correct or not?
)(RAFFIC ENGINEER MICHAEL LLOYD — Michael Lloyd with Land evelopment. The developer would work with EMWD to get that installed and buld work out that cost with EMWD.
h ar	<u>OMMISSIONER BAKER</u> – Thank you. From the Planning Department, has ere been any inquiries to you guys either in the past or coming forth, is subody interested in developed half-acre lots up there? And what's the big oldup on that ifwhy they haven't. Is it due to the utilities or the expense of bing that or is it just not cost prohibitive?
	ENIOR PLANNER CHRIS ORMSBY – Rick may have some comments on the st part of the questions but
C	OMMISSIONER BAKER - Okay.
of we	ENIOR PLANNER CHRIS ORMSBY – But, before 2008, there were a number projects. Some of those are still valid approvals for half-acre lots. In fact, e've done some extensions of time. So there was activity. There haven't been any new projects since 2008 in that regard.
	DMMISSIONER BAKER – That's an economic issue, right? Trying to drive at I imagine or somewhat?
tha	_ANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER - In the almost two-and-a-half years at I've been here, we haven't had anybody inquire with me that wants to build alf-acre lot subdivisions.
gr	DMMISSIONER BAKER – I don't totally understand that because that's a eat area up there. If I had the money, I'd go up there and do one. There's a nole lot, but I don't have the cash to do it. But it seems like, if you could put a

group of people together that would want to promote that, if you really believe in that area, which I think you do, we need to get our heads together and figure out a way to develop that.

PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER — I can tell you that, I call tell you that I have worked in other jurisdictions where I have seen them come in and a lot of times they come in because there are lots of larger neighborhoods. We work on a 400 acre or 600 acre development and you look at building a neighborhood. And you're working with one major land owner who has the wear with all or has the opportunity to create the smaller lots, the medium lots, and the larger lots, and they create that as a concept. Here, this is a fairly large development, but it is not.....

COMMISSIONER BAKER – It's 50 acres, right?

<u>PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER</u> – Right, but I'm talking about 100's of acres of land in other areas. I worked with a developer that had 23,000 acres of land.

COMMISSIONER BAKER – Wow.

PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER – And so it can be done, but it.....you have to have the wear with all. You have to have a starting point, and it is economics. There have to be certain things that starting driving the stuff. The infrastructure needs to be in place and you have to start somewhere. Those are some of the challenges out on the east end. I appreciate the tranquility you have out there. I have driven out there. It is very nice. So it's really what the vision of the City would be. We'll be looking at that stuff in the General Plan Update.

<u>COMMISSIONER BAKER</u> – The only thing I'd say is, as your group out here, I'd be going and finding who that property owner is and start twisting some arms to get something done, what you want done, because that's the only way it's going to happen guys. You've got to get that land owner in your back pocket and get him to develop half-acte lots there. I mean, we can sit here and talk about this all night but, until we can find out who controls that property, and I understand what the developer is doing, and I'd like to see that developer hop in too and maybe consider some half-acre lots there or something different than this zoning that we've got going now. That's just my thoughts on it. Okay. That's it.

<u>COMMISSIONER NICKEL</u> – Yes, my other concern about this is that, of course there is animal keeping up in that area, and that has another impact to that. I don't see these homes necessarily being appreciative of the animal smells. You know, I mean, it's okay for the people that have their animals and all, but I can actually see residents in a new tract like this calling the City and wanting to get that changed and stop having chickens, goats, horses.....that's where it starts.

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31 32 <u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – If I may, I want to make some points, and in no particular order so bear with me a bit. First of all, I think Commissioner Sims summed up many of my feelings very well. The City has been through a very contentious battle over the east end of the City, and we made some pretty substantial changes to the General Plan. As he said, the northeast corner seems to be kind of the last bastion of the larger lots and, given what we just went through, I'm not in a big hurry to chip away at that also. Now, that being said, I also think that the project, as proposed, is a very good project. And it's probably, and this is just my personal opinion, it's probably more likely to provide the highend housing that a lot of people are wanting than going out there and doing halfacre rectangular single-story lots on that 80 acres. Because I think it is a very good project. It is very creative. It's got amenities, and I think it has a lot of potential. But, as I said, I agree with Commissioner Sims that that's kind of the last bastion, and maybe it's too soon. The other thing that....the other point I want to make is I don't think we, as a body, or the City generally, as a Staff, want to get in to trying to decide where high-end homes are going to be. None of us are that smart. The last 10 years has shown us that a lot of people make mistakes. So I think our goal is to protect the local residents, the homeowners, protect the landowner and his ability to do something with his land, and we have to walk a fine line between those two. And, in this case, as the other Commissioners have said, with the General Plan coming out and what we've just been through, I am probably not ready to pull the trigger on this. And then the last thing I wanted to say is, we all live out here in Moreno Valley and some developer somewhere to the guys that are proposing this, came forward and proposed the build the home that we live in and that we like and that we're here trying to protect. And I'd be willing to bet at the Hearing for the homes that you guys live in, there were people just as passionate as yourselves fighting to protect what they, at the time, felt was something that shouldn't be changed. So let's not forget that we're here through the benefit of somebody who took the risk and put their checkbook on the line to build homes for all of us so just remember that, you know, we don't live in a vacuum so that's.....okay, that's the end of my speech.

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41 42 COMMISSIONER NICKEL – Well, Commissioner Barnes, before I became a Planning Commissioner/alternate, I came to do battle for a project that was going behind my house and, the ______, and the project was approved by the Commission, which I appealed with my husband. And, the funny thing is, the developer actually listened to everything I had to say. We sat over the kitchen table, and we did the project. Claudia worked very hard on that, and we had it all worked out by the time it got to Council. And I think they said Council approved it in about 23 seconds because both sides were happy, so you can work it out. I don't understand why the developer hasn't worked with the community.

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<u>COMMISSIONER BAKER</u> – Question on that project. Why hasn't that project been built? Do you know? I didn't know. I thought.....

<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Commissioner Sims.

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COMMISSIONER SIMS – I agree with that you said about your soapbox you got on. I like it. Anyhow, I do, from Design, I do have to take my hats off. I do think it is a great design for the project for that and I.....hopefully when the Council.... this will probably go to an appeal to the Council and whatnot and who knows what's going to happen at that. But, at the end of the day, when a General Plan Amendment goes through, hopefully there is flexibility when the General Plan Amendment goes through that there can be a way to do like clustering and things in some of these areas where you can get a desirable finished project and leave a lot of open spaces. Because I personally, a few years ago, designed a few.....if you go up Canyon Crest between Country Club, up to by Ransom by Canyon Crest right there, there is hillside development. I personally designed that, and we worked very, very closely with the City and it's, it's.....they are all nice-sized lots, and those are million dollar homes up there. So you can build on hillsides and do that stuff but.....anyhow, I guess the long story short is I think, if the City does go through a General Plan Amendment, hopefully the Council will push towards doing that with the City and all of the folks that are out here and the northeast area comes up for that. People own property, and people should be able to develop the property, and there are economic challenges to that. Not just, not for just grading and putting in a piece of pipe. There are school fees, water district fees, all these different fees and stuff so there are economic barriers that have to be climbed over for a developer to do something with the property. So I think, I tend to agree that there needs to be a rational approach when the General Plan Amendment goes so that some of this area can get cluster lots and things like that where you can get large open space and stuff like that. But that's another thing for another day.

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<u>COMMISSIONER BAKER</u> – Just out of curiosity, on that development you did up there on Canyon Crest, how did you get the utilities up there? Was that a big deal? I mean, those people didn't build those houses on....they didn't build those on septic tanks, right? Did you get sewer up there?

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COMMISSIONER SIMS – No, there's sewer, there's sewer in that area.

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<u>COMMISSIONER BAKER</u> – And that was a capital improvement on somebody's part, right?

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<u>COMMISSIONER SIMS</u> – The developer paid for it.

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COMMISSIONER BAKER – They paid for it. Okay, got it.

1 2 3	<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Anymore comments? Most people seem to have made their position fairly clear. Unless somebody has something earth shattering, I would suggest maybe somebody make a motion.
4 5	COMMISSIONER SIMS – I'll make a motion.
6 7	VICE CHAIR BARNES – Alright.
8 9 10	<u>COMMISSIONER SIMS</u> – I make a motion that the Planning Commission not approve the Staff recommendation Items one through five.
11 12	COMMISSIONER NICKEL - Second.
13 14 15	<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – I have a motion by Commissioner Sims and a second by Commissioner Nickel.
16 17	COMMISSIONER NICKEL - And my vote's not coming up.
18 19	VICE CHAIR BARNES – I don't
20 21	COMMISSIONER SIMS – So we're going to have to actually show our hands?
22 23	VICE CHAIR BARNES - Yeah, yeah we actually have to push a button guys.
24 25	COMMISSIONER NICKEL - Well it's not coming up.
26 27 28	VICE CHAIR BARNES - Yeah, I think we may have to take a
29 30	COMMISSIONER NICKEL - Rollcall
31 32 33	<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Verbal vote because I don't know how to work this thing to put it bluntly.
34 35	<u>COMMISSIONER KORZEC</u> – Could you just repeat what we're voting on because we're not voting on this. We're voting to negate this.
36 37	VICE CHAIR BARNES – The motion was to deny
38 39	COMMISSIONER KORZEC - Okay.
40 41 42	VICE CHAIR BARNES – The Staff recommendation.

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 COMMISSIONER BAKER – So then we vote yes or no on that, right?

1 2	the City Council. So the motion that I heard what that you make a recommendation not to approve this project, and Staff will prepare a revised
3 4	resolution document that's much shorter and simply says that.
5	VICE CHAIR BARNES – And so a yes vote would be in support of that
6 7	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PAUL EARLY - That motion to deny it.
8 9	VICE CHAIR BARNES - For lack of, okay
10 11	COMMISSIONER NICKEL - Yes.
12 13	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PAUL EARLY - Rather to recommend denial.
14 15	COMMISSIONER NICKEL - Okay.
16 17 18	<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> — Yeah, okay. Are we ready to vote? No other comments? No further motions, anything? Alright, Darisa if you could
19 20	COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ - Yes.
21 22	COMMISSIONER KORZEC – Yes.
23 24	COMMISSIONER NICKEL - Yes.
25 26	COMMISSIONER BAKER - Yes.
27 28	COMMISSIONER SIMS – Yes.
29 30 31	VICE CHAIR BARNES – Yes.
32 33 34 35	Opposed – 0
36 37 38	Motion carries 6 – 0
39 40	COMMISSIONER BAKER – It ain't over yet.
41 42	COMMISSIONER SIMS - No.
43 44	VICE CHAIR BARNES – With that, Mr. Sandzimier.

1 2	PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER – I was going to say that the wrap- up will be that this will be scheduled to go to the City Council. But, before we go
3	to the City Council, we'll bring back at your next regular meeting, that Resolution
4	for you to look at. So we're going to put that Resolution on the Agenda for the
5	next meeting. Are we going to see it, or are we just going to take it to them for
6 7	signature?
8	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PAUL EARLY - No. I think we can putwe'll
9	putjust bring a Resolution for your signature that'll be exactly worded as same
10 11	as the motion.
12	VICE CHAIR BARNES - Right, okay.
13 14	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PAUL EARLY – It doesn't have all the other
15	information in it so I don't think.
16 17	PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER – So we'll just bring it for a
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20	VICE CHAIR BARNES – Okay. Now, does that conclude this case, and I can
21 22	recall Chair Lowell?
23 24	PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER - Yes.
25	VICE CHAIR BARNES - Alright. Thank you everyone for your attendance. We
26	appreciate your involvement.
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28	COMMISSIONER NICKEL – Can we take a break? We've got to get Lowell.
29 30	VICE CHAIR BARNES – I would like to take a five minute break and recall Chair
31	Lowell if he's in earshot.
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36	CHAID LOWELL Wolcome heat ladies and contlemen With Dublic
37 38	<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – Well welcome back ladies and gentlemen. With Public Hearing Item No. 1 that was continued and now voted on. We're now onto Other
39	Commissioner Business, which I don't think we have any. I'm hearing nothing

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over there, so I think we're good.

1 2 3	<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – That moves us onto Staff Comments. Do we have any comments from Staff or for Staff?
4 5 6 7	STAFF COMMENTS
8 9 10	<u>PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER</u> – I was just going to say that our next regular meeting will be on March 23, 2017, I believe.
11 12	CHAIR LOWELL - Not February 23?
13 14 15	<u>PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER</u> – Oh, February 23, 2017. I'm sorry. I'm already thinking March. February 23, 2017. Yeah, see you in two weeks.
16 17 18	<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – Alright and that moves us onto Planning Commissioner comments.
19 20 21 22	PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
23 24 25 26 27	<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> — I have one. In the Planning Commissioner Rule of Procedure, I would like to at least discuss clarifying whether or not who can seat on what so basically how the alternates or vacant seats are handled. So maybe we can bring that up on an item next go around just to kind of put a dot on every I and cross every T to make sure everything is clear.
28 29 30	<u>PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER</u> – Alright. We'll put that on the next Agenda then for the 23 rd .
31 32	CHAIR LOWELL - Please.
33 34	PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER - Okay.
35 36	CHAIR LOWELL - Thank you.
37 38	COMMISSIONER SIMS – Are you guys going to send out the rules again?
39 40	PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER – We will include them.
41 42	COMMISSIONER SIMS – I think we cleaned those up pretty good.
13 14 15	CHAIR LOWELL - We did.
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<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Well I think the clarification that he is asking for is that we started the hearing with an empty seat and it wasn't crystal clear that, when you start with an empty seat, you can then fill it on the second hearing. Because, when we went through this before, most of the discussion centered around missing the second meeting and then coming back for the third, but we didn't really hone in on missing the first one coming in for the second.

CHAIR LOWELL – Specifically Section 1, Subsection G, No. 4.

VICE CHAIR BARNES – I know.

CHAIR LOWELL – It's just one of those things I would like to at least talk about next go around, just briefly, to make sure that it's all dotted. I talked to Paul a little bit about it and also the rules are.....they do make a decision. They do tell us what to do and how to handle the situation. I just think it could be a pinch more clear for next go around. That's it.

<u>COMMISSIONER NICKEL</u> – Would it be a good idea to put the alternates name at the top on the Agendas so that the public kind of is aware of what's going on?

<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – That was an item we were talking about earlier, so yeah I agree. It's something we can look into.

<u>COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ</u> – And also to be included in the quorum. I think that's important.

COMMISSIONER NICKEL – The alternates are getting feisty.

CHAIR LOWELL – Yeah, we can bring all of our, all of our.....

COMMISSIONER NICKEL – We're making our demands.

<u>CHAIR LOWELL</u> – Okay, any other Commissioner Comments before we adjourn?

<u>COMMISSIONER SIMS</u> — I have two. I wanted to thank Staff on the work they did do with the developer. I personally thought that it was a well-designed tract and conditioned well and so forth. So that doesn't fall.....it's not that there was a lack of good work that was done there, that wasn't what was driving me. Anyhow, don't forget there's a Valentine's Day coming up here so....

CHAIR LOWELL – Don't worry, I'll buy you flowers.

COMMISSIONER SIMS – Plan accordingly.

CHAIR LOWELL – I'll buy you flowers, Jeff.

COMMISSIONER SIMS – Some people who are forgetful.

<u>COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ</u> — I just want to say thank you to my colleagues. I know sometimes it's.....these are tough decisions, and they are passionate and emotionally driven so but I appreciate everyone's coolness under fire. And, especially at the previous meeting, you guys handled yourselves in a very professional and equitable manner so thank you, thank you for that and Staff as well. Thank you for all your hard work and putting in and being here. You know, it's already 8:35 so thank you.

VICE CHAIR BARNES – I have a question on a different subject.

CHAIR LOWELL – Vice Chair.

<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – Mr. Sandzimier, what.....as the General Plan Amendment moves forward, what will be the Commission's involvement in that process if any?

PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER — It hasn't been fully defined yet in terms of how the process is going to go. What we're doing right now is we assembled an AD HOC Committee of Staff. So that means that we've got people from each of the departments and divisions looking at every objective and basic policy in the General Plan and identifying areas where we think we should be making some recommendations for revisiting it. Depending on the full scope, we have to figure out the cost, and then we have to figure out what the process will be to engage the public, and then how to use the Commission's, how to use the City Council. There are a variety of ways of doing it. If we formed a different committee or a policy committee, say, it may be with a representative from the Commission, maybe representative from the City Council. But we haven't got there yet. So we'll keep you posted, but we just got the process rolling. It will be a three-year effort. We'll probably see a lot more activity in the first six months of the new fiscal year depending on budget and then we'll know a little bit better how we're going to go.

<u>VICE CHAIR BARNES</u> – It seems like since the Commission will be obviously reviewing and addressing projects that are affected by the General Plan that somebody from this group or the future group, whatever that looks like, should be involved maybe sooner rather than later to get incorporated things that might be important to the Commission as a general statement. I know I would like to be involved in some way or somebody from this group.

<u>COMMISSIONER NICKEL</u> – I mean, even the other Boards and Commissions like Parks and Recreation and Trails. Those types of Land Use Commissions other than us.

PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SAN	IDZIMIER - Your comments are all noted.
COMMISSIONER SIMS – I appre	eciate it.
VICE CHAIR BARNES - I know v	we've got a long time.
COMMISSIONER NICKEL - You	want to see it done, right?
VICE CHAIR BARNES - Okay, th	nank you.
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CHAIR LOWELL – Thank you ve have a good night.	ery much. Have a Happy Valentine's Day, and
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