

AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2007

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Whitehurst called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. in the Board Chambers on the third floor of the Merced County Administration Building, located at 2222 'M' Street, Merced, California.

II. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Present: Tony Whitehurst, Chairman
Frederick Honore, Vice Chairman
Gail McCullough
Al Romero
Scott Malta
Rick Eason

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Robert A. Lewis, ALUC Secretary
James Holland, ALUC Planning Staff
Kim Anderson, ALUC Acting Recording Secretary

Legal Staff: Bob Gabriele, ALUC Legal Counsel

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: M/S EASON/MCCULLOUGH, AND CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF 6-0, THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2007 WITH A CORRECTION BEING ON THE 5-0 VOTE; SHOULD READ 6-0. THE CORRECTION WAS MADE.

IV. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

V. NON-HEARING ITEMS

NONE

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. ROBERT LEWIS GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE PMB RETAIL DEVELOPMENT IN LOS BANOS. HE STATES THAT CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST ALUC MEETING REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO GATHER INPUT FOR A PROPOSED RETAIL FACILITY (PMB IN LOS BANOS) THAT IS WITHIN THE ALUC COMPATIBILITY PLAN. FEEDBACK WAS GIVEN AND THE PROPOSAL WAS FOUND TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PLAN. CONFIRMATION HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED ABOUT THE RELOCATION OF THE LOS BANOS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, BUT THE COUNTY HAS REQUESTED THE CITY TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION UPON THE PROPOSAL.

B. JAMES HOLLAND, ALUC STAFF PLANNER, GAVE A REVIEW OF THE LOS BANOS GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT.

DWAYNE CHISAM, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY OF LOS BANOS, WILL WORK WITH ALUC STAFF TO DEVELOP REGULATIONS THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO MOVE FORWARD TO BE CONSISTENT WITH CITY OF LOS BANOS GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT.

CHAIRMAN WHITEHURST STATES THAT THE EXCHANGE WITH THE CITY HAS BEEN VERY PRODUCTIVE AND IS HOPING THEY ARE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE CITY OF LOS BANOS THEIR WILLINGNESS TO COLLABORATE ON A PLAN SO INCONSISTENCIES ARE AVOIDED.

COMMISSIONER MCCULLOUGH ASKED IF THE AREA WOULD BE A DEFINITIVE PLACE FOR THE AIRPORT LOCATION. MR. CHISAM STATES THAT LOCATING THE AREA WILL TAKE SOME TIME. CITY COUNCIL WILL BE MAKING A DECISION IN 6 MONTHS. THIS HAS BEEN A LONG TERM GOAL AND THEY WANT TO MOVE QUICKLY. THERE IS SUFFICIENT REVENUE FOR THE STUDY.

CHAIRMAN WHITEHURST STATES THAT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT STUDIES FOR RELOCATION ALONE DO NOT REDUCE IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED LAND USES THAT SHOW IN THE GENERAL PLAN.

COMMISSIONER MALTA HAD CONFUSION WITH THE MAP SUBMITTED WITH THE STAFF REPORT. MR. LEWIS STATES THAT THE MAP IN THE STAFF REPORT SHOWS THE EXISTING AND THE PROPOSED SCHOOL SITES. THE MULTI COLOR MAP SHOWS THE CITY OF LOS BANOS PROPOSED GENERAL PLAN UPDATE LAND USE PLAN.

COMMISSIONER HONORE ASKED WHAT THE TIMING WILL BE TO COMPLETE THE STUDY. MR. CHISAM ANSWERED THAT THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT IS BEING PREPARED AND THE PLAN FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION WILL BE IN THE SPRING.

CHAIRMAN WHITEHURST WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING SCHEDULED BEFORE THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MARCH MEETING TO REVIEW THE DISCUSSION WITH THE CITY COUNCIL.

MOTION: M/S MALTA - MCCULLOUGH, AND CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF 6-0, THE COMMISSION AGREES TO INITIATE COMMUNICATION WITH THE CITY OF LOS BANOS TO START A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO CLARIFY AND ELIMINATE THE INTERNAL INCONSISTENCIES.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:55 P.M.