

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL**  
**TRINIDAD PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY MAY 10, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Becker, Johnson, Fraser  
Commissioners Absent: Vanderpool  
Staff: Planner Parker

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

***Motion (Fraser/Becker) to approve the Agenda.***  
***Passed unanimously.***

**III. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no items from the floor.

**IV. AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **General Plan Update:** Discussion of the Draft Circulation Element, Figures, Background Reports, General Plan Update

Parker did not have much to report since the document had not changed since the last meeting.

*Commissioner Comments*

The Commission generally went through the document page-by-page, up through page 14, noting comments, questions and suggestions. S. Madrone was in the audience and also provided comments. Because it was a special meeting, the discussion that ensued was informal.

Substantial comments noted by page number were:

- P. 2 – the City should consider emergency preparedness in the Circulation Element, including the use of logging roads to get in or out of town if Hwy 101 were compromised.
- P. 4 – noted that Trinidad is not just a bedroom community and that is not a very accurate description; also noted that GHG emissions are tied not just to traffic patterns, but transportation options.
- P. 5 – clarified that not just lower street lights, but shielded; added 'coastal trail connections' to the bullet regarding bicycle and pedestrian safety on Scenic Drive.
- P. 7 – it was suggested that more general names for commercial business be used in case the names change in the future; there was a discussion as to whether too much background traffic data was included.
- P. 8 – discussion as to whether truck traffic needed its own section, and the validity of the statement that there were currently no problems with truck traffic.
- P. 9 – some discussion about consolidating and clarifying some of the policies.
- P. 10 – suggestion that off-street parking also be addressed.
- P. 11 – some policy clarification.
- P. 12 – discussion that the policies set too much responsibility on the City as worded, and that the City's role in alternative transportation is more to support efforts, than to actually be the responsible party; there was a specific discussion about disseminating bus schedule information.

**V. STAFF REPORT**

Planner Parker asks the Commissioners to bring their calendars to the next meeting because she will be out of town for parts of June and the regular meeting may need to be rescheduled.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

**Submitted by:**

**Sarah Caldwell**

Secretary to the Planning Commission

**Approved by:**

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**Richard Johnson**

Planning Commission Chair