

**MARIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING MINUTES**

**August 2, 2004**

**Marin County Civic Center, Room #328 - San Rafael, California**

*Commissioners Present:* Allan Berland, Chairman  
Steve Thompson, Vice Chairman  
Hank Barner  
Don Dickenson  
Randy Greenberg  
Jo Julin

*Commissioners Absent:* Wade Holland

*Staff Present:* Alex Hinds, Director, Community Development Agency  
Brian Crawford, Deputy Director, Planning Services  
Michele Rodriguez, Principal Planner  
Tom Lai, Principal Planner  
David Zaltsman, County Counsel  
Dr. Meredith, Director, Health and Human Services  
Dawn Weisz, Planner  
Kristin Drumm, Planner  
Jessica Woods, Recording Secretary

*Minutes Approved on:* **September 13, 2004**

Convened at 1:05 p.m.  
Adjourned at 6:01 p.m.  
Reconvened at 6:42 p.m.  
Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

1. ROUTINE TRANSACTIONS:

- a. M/s, Julin/Barner, and passed unanimously of those present, to incorporate the staff reports into the Minutes. Motion passed 6/0 (Commissioner Holland absent).
- b. Continuances:

Tom Lai, Principal Planner, discussed the Rock Quarry visit and explained that the Quarry welcomed individual groups of Commissioners to meet at the site, but the general public would not have permission. He reminded the Commission that the purpose of the visit is to view the site and no discussion should take place in regard to the merits and issues of the Quarry. He further added that the Quarry is amenable to have two members of the public accompany the Planning Commission during the site visits.

David Zaltsman, County Counsel, noted that any time there is a quorum of the Commission it is considered a public meeting. Therefore, if the property owners would not allow the public to be present, then the Commission should attend in groups less than four. County Counsel Zaltsman further noted that each Commissioner has the right to inspect the property.

Commissioner Dickenson expressed concern that the same information be provided at the site visit if two or more groups tour the site. County Counsel Zaltsman suggested the application form be modified to allow the Planning Commission to tour the site.

Alex Hinds, Agency Director, noted that 1) the Commission has the option of attending the site visit in smaller groups or deciding not to go; 2) photographs can be taken to represent the site for those who are not able to visit the site.

Chairman Berland suggested meeting on a Saturday in order to avoid the safety concerns during hours of operation. Planner Lai explained that staff had no objection to visiting the site on a Saturday. The Commission decided it would be best to visit the site during the week and with the public present.

Commissioner Greenberg believed every effort should be made for the public to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Thompson felt the Commission would be better served having written material provided by staff.

Principal Planner Lai indicated that a Quarry representative could be present at the next meeting in order to answer the Commission's concerns and respond to the request.

Principal Planner Lai consulted with the Moritz owners and they requested two separate field trips of the Commission to participate in a site visit. Commissioner Thompson believed it is more beneficial for all Commissioners to be present at the meeting.

Chairman Berland agreed with staff preparing a summary of what occurred at the meeting.

Brian Crawford, Deputy Director, noted that staff must post and circulate the agenda 72 hours before a public site visit. Planner Lai explained that Mr. Ferguson would be invited to attend the next meeting in order to address the concerns of the Commission. The Commission requested meeting at 11:00 a.m. as an entire group in regard to the Moritz site visit. Staff agreed.

c. Minutes: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and June 7, 2004

*M/s, Thompson/Julin, to approve the April 12<sup>th</sup> Minutes as amended. Motion passed 5/0 (Commissioner Greenberg abstained and Commissioner Holland absent).*

*M/s, Julin/Thompson, to approve the June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004 Minutes as amended. Motion passed 6/0 (Commissioner Holland absent).*

2. COMMUNICATIONS - The Commission acknowledged several pieces of correspondence for their review.

3. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION (LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER) - None

#### 4. DRAFT MARIN COUNTYWIDE PLAN

Public hearing on the Draft Countywide Plan – Socioeconomic Environment.

Agency Director Hinds summarized the staff report and recommended that the Commission review the administrative record; conduct a public hearing; and continue the public hearing to Monday, August 9, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.

Dawn Weisz, Planner, summarized the Socioeconomic Element as follows:

- Framework
- The Vision
- Key Trends and Issues
  - Economy
  - Childcare
  - Public Safety
  - Community Participation
  - Diversity
  - Education
  - Environmental Justice
  - Public Health
  - Arts and Culture
  - Historical and Archaeological Resources
  - Parks and Recreation

Michele Rodriguez, Principal Planner discussed the following Economic Goals:

- Goal EC-1: A vibrant economy
  - Existing and Targeted Business
  - Targeted Industries Screening Criteria
  - Policies
  - Implementing programs
- Goal EC-2: Social equity in the workplace
  - Policies
  - Implementing programs
- Goal CH-1: Additional childcare facilities
  - Policies
  - Implementing programs

In response to Commissioner Greenberg's question in regard to a strong and diverse economy on page 4-2, Principal Planner Rodriguez responded that the key is looking to the future and the kinds of economic changes that companies must make to continue to be profitable. Agency Director Hinds pointed out that there is a fundamental principle in both ecology and economy, that diversity adds stability. Agency Director Hinds pointed out that there is a fundamental principle in both ecology and economy, that diversity adds stability.

In response to Commissioner Greenberg's question regarding the language on page 4-3 under Economy, Agency Director Hinds responded that agriculture is still struggling economically.

In response to Commissioner Greenberg's concern about the statement disagreeing with the Table on page 4-24 in regard to Childcare, Planner Weisz agreed to clarify this section.

In response to Commissioner Greenberg's question about the word "*minor*" under EC-1.d, Agency Director Hinds agreed to review the language and add a definition to the glossary.

Commissioner Julin discussed page 4-4 and noted that the sentence did not reflect her view and experience. She also noted that there is a tremendous amount of volunteerism, in particular in San Anselmo. Planner Weisz agreed

there is a high level of community participation in Marin County, but they referred to the voting statistics broken down by race and geographic location, which is from the census data. Commissioner Julin recommended rewording the statement indicating that it is based on ethnicity. Planner Weisz recommended changing the word “generally” to “very.”

Commissioner Barner believed successes and possibilities for joint projects such as the Buck Institute should be discussed in the Plan as well.

Principal Planner Rodriguez noted that the next phase of the Targeted Industries Study is to take each major industry such as health and agriculture and conduct a meeting to find out what their vision is, any obstacles and strategies needed for each that are needed to grow. Staff also noted that EC-1.3 on page 4-16 would address initiating a collaborative process.

The hearing was opened to the public.

Dr. Larry Meredith, Director, Health and Human Services, explained that the Community Development Agency and Public Health Department have worked closely over the past few years on how public health relates to the material before the Commission. He added that good public health is invisible such as water and air. The major issues in the County have to do with what is driving the cost of health care. Eighty percent of the current health care dollars is addressing chronic disabling conditions, many of which are preventable. The Center for Disease Control conducts an analysis, and staff provided a graphic from the CDC in regard to the determinants of health. They reviewed what is related to the quality of life and in that regard they reviewed the following clusters: Genetic Predisposition; Behavioral Patterns; Environmental Exposures; Social Circumstances; and Health Care. He also noted that currently they work with the Buck Institute on aging and cancer. He explained that increased access to fresh fruits and vegetables is positive; zoning should address access to tobacco; and they are working with schools to encourage healthy food. They are very pleased with the draft document and the working relationship, which would continue to evolve. They will continue to refine the concepts in the document as well as provide the necessary documentation.

In response to Commissioner Dickenson’s questions regarding the pie charts, Dr. Meredith responded that the 2000 Community Health Survey was used regarding Marin life style and access to health care, Marin is relatively small, so they do not always have data that are tracked in the manner that CDC has tracked then. He explained that he would investigate whether he could provide more current data to augment this chart.

Commissioner Dickenson stated that more local information provided in the Plan would be beneficial.

In response to Commissioner Greenberg’s question about 78% of Marin adults drinking alcohol, Dr. Meredith responded that women in Marin drink more frequently than women in the Bay Area or California and it is not excessive drinking, but that Marin residents drink more often. Young people’s binge drinking is more often associated with university initiation rites, but it also occurs in high school. He further pointed out that binge drinking is five or more drinks in one sitting.

In response to comments, Dr. Meredith indicated that women drinking more often in Marin County is a contributing factor to breast cancer. He added that contributions from water are very minor. He also noted that drug use in Marin County has increased.

In response to Commissioner Barner’s question about prenatal care and genetic counseling, Dr. Meredith responded that included in the report are those potentially negative impacts on health. He added that decreasing teen births, engaging women in breast feeding for at least a year and many other topics are not covered. He believed they enjoy wonderful support in this County. They work with Planned Parenthood and all the agencies in the community to inform individuals and to make decisions that are in their best interest. He further added that he tried to take the larger concepts and include those items in the Plan, but he would be happy to try to further improve the document and make it more challenging.

Commissioner Dickenson suggested addressing the relationship to the State and Federal statistics as, for example, it would be helpful to know if Marin County drinks more or less than other counties. Dr. Meredith responded in the affirmative.

Clark Blasdell, member, Marin Economic Commission, noted that they represent 40 major employers in Marin and Sonoma as well as about 30,000 employees in both counties. He believed the percentages indicated represent all employment of the County. He then provided the Commission with his thoughts in regard to the Socioeconomic Element for their consideration.

Elissa Giambastiani, representing San Rafael Chamber of Commerce, submitted her written comments and suggestions for the Socioeconomic Element for the Commission's consideration, which she read into the record.

Commissioner Julin asked Ms. Giambastiani to establish a bullet type list of reasons why it is in the County's best interest to shop locally to be included in the Plan. Ms. Giambastiani responded in the affirmative.

Roger Roberts, representing Community Marin and Marin Conservation League, expressed concern for some of the broad open-ended policy statements and goals on page 4-13, 4-17 and 4-18, which may be contrary to the intent of the Countywide Plan and the desire to achieve sustainability. He noted that in the July 15<sup>th</sup> letter they offered some clarifying language. He further added that their letter discussed historical and archaeological resources that should be considered as well.

Byron Sigal, representing Making Space for Children, noted that the greatest need is services for younger children. They suggested recommendations to streamline the process. He noted that a conditional use permit is very difficult in regard to parking and traffic mitigation fees. He added that most parents do not arrive at once, but rather a staggered arrival and requiring a great deal of parking and the amount of traffic mitigation fees has been extremely prohibitive. He further added that any way to expedite the process of removing the land use barriers in regard to childcare would be beneficial to the community.

Betty Pagett, representing Continuum of Housing and Services, noted that written comments would be provided to the Commission for their consideration. She believed the following must be addressed: homelessness, special needs, very low income, seniors, job training, support for exercise programs, and retirement. She further recommended that the section be rewritten in order to have specific policies and programs to address these subjects for the County.

Darcy Hammonds, Resource Manager, Marin Childcare Council, noted that the Childcare Law Center focuses on childcare and law in terms of family care centers and childcare homes. She explained that their primary goals are to serve low-income families and help parents find licensed childcare in Marin County. She added that infant care and school age slots have disappeared. She also provided the Commission with the most recent 2003 Childcare Portfolio in Marin as well as a link to childcare in other counties to compare. She also agreed with the idea of increasing childcare, which is a great need in Marin County as well as in the State of California. She further added that infant care is the most expensive care to provide.

Kay Wernert, representing Marin Head Start and the Marin Childcare Commission, believed expediting the review process as well as a fee waiver would be beneficial for childcare facilities. She also indicated that once a planner understands the parking needs it is not such a big issue. She discussed the Childcare Master Plan 2002-2007, which she provided to the Commission for their review. She also pointed out that childcare is a major business in Marin, which contributes to the economy. She further stated that what is provided in the Plan is very important and the fee waiver and the planning guide is extremely important to keep daycare facilities thriving in Marin.

David Kimball, Bolinas resident, stated that Kaiser Permanente has a sizeable presence in Marin County and their goals for prevention are very similar to public health goals and there may be useful information from Kaiser that would be beneficial to the County. He then asked the following question, "*In 15 years what would be ideal for the County to have completed in terms of socioeconomic policies and programs that would make a difference?*"

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Dickenson discussed the proposed policies about streamlining the permit for childcare facilities and asked about the County's regulations. Deputy Director Crawford responded that the County regulates large family daycare centers and small facilities are not regulated by the County. He further noted that staff established a lower cost use permit fee of \$500 for family daycare facilities. Staff added that there are restrictions for noticing for large daycare facilities as well. Staff agreed to summarize the chart in the Plan. Staff also suggested allowing the possibility of an administrative approval of a use permit for daycare facilities.

In response to Commissioner Dickenson's question, Deputy Director Crawford agreed to review the text. Staff also noted that FAR is a function of conventional zoning districts and the FAR bonus would not be applicable to planned zones and other accessory structures. Commissioner Greenberg recommended including language in that regard.

Commissioner Barner believed safe havens in fire stations should be researched in terms of the availability for children or homeless. He also discussed purchasing local foods such as distributing coupons for locally grown produce, which would help the local vendors and provide a source and type of food for those on restricted incomes.

In response to Commissioner Dickenson's question about traffic mitigation fees, Mr. Sigal responded that the County calculates the fees using national trip generation figures. However, the State law indicates that the local jurisdictions cannot require unreasonable fees and currently the Childcare Law Center is investigating that matter.

In response to Commissioner Thompson's question about traffic mitigation fees being amortized over 15 years, Mr. Sigal responded that it is theoretically possible, but most individuals would leave the County and locate to Petaluma which doesn't charge the fee.

Commissioner Greenberg suggested waiving the fee for those children that come from less than a half a mile away, which would encourage those to solicit local businesses as well as encourage people in some areas to create such a facility. Mr. Sigal indicated that negotiations would occur.

In response to Commissioner Barner's concern about funding, Mr. Sigal responded that most parents cannot handle the total cost of childcare. He noted that there are a tremendous amount of hardships involved in terms of childcare. He further suggested incorporating some language provided in the Childcare Master Plan into the Countywide Plan.

Commissioner Thompson recommended using the Novato model in terms of waiving the permit requirement for childcare.

Commissioner Barner recommended reviewing the results of Novato before making a decision after researching if Novato has adverse effects.

Agency Director Hinds agreed to have a program exploring the possibility of feasibility in regard to waiving the permit requirement.

Commissioner Greenberg would not support a complete waiver, but streamlining administrative procedures would be appropriate in her view.

***Explore feasibility of waiving the application requirements or having a streamlined administrative process?***  
The Commission was deadlocked.

***Explore expediting administrative process for Centers for children between ages 9 and 14?***  
The Commission unanimously agreed.

***The Commission agreed to consider reducing the whole or partial fee waiver.***

Commissioner Dickenson recommended removing the term “*permitting.*” The Commission agreed.

#### **Page 4.3 – Public Safety**

Commissioner Julin noted that the word, “*Statewide*” is used incorrectly.

#### **Page 4-3-4.4 – Community Participation**

Commissioner Julin reiterated her idea of civic participation and volunteerism should be expanded.

Commissioner Dickenson recommended inserting the word “*minority population.*” Also the term “*very*” would be used instead of “*generally.*”

Agency Director Hinds believed they should better define this section rather than being presumptuous. Chairman Berland recommended stating, “*not all segments of the population are represented.*”

Commissioner Julin raised caution of drawing a conclusion without having the necessary data and asked staff to include a citation. Planner Weisz responded that there is an Affirmative Action Committee and one of their reports could be used as a citation.

#### **Page 4-13 – Economy**

Commissioner Greenberg believed this is problematic in relation to housing and questioned the intent of the policy. Commissioner Greenberg asked staff “adequate” and “appropriate” and by whose standards. Principal Planner Rodriguez discussed EC-1.h regarding vacant and under-utilized land and she suggested adding some clarifying language.

Commissioner Julin believed they should include a statement supporting locally owned businesses, which is really important in strengthening the community. Agency Director Hinds agreed as well as adding them to “*Why is it important?*”

Commissioner Greenberg believed big-box retailers should be discouraged. Staff recommended discussing that aspect with legal counsel.

Commissioner Dickenson stated that chain operations are greatly used in Marin.

Commissioner Julin noted that San Francisco established a threshold for big-box retailers and asked staff to provide a copy of that ordinance for their review. She also desired to view in writing what San Francisco established for chain stores because chain stores have an effect on certain businesses in the community in regard to local businesses thriving.

#### **EC-1.1**

Commissioner Dickenson pointed out that the wording is very general. Agency Director Hinds noted that the Commission could support business included in Figure 4-2. The Commission agreed.

#### **Page 4-15**

Commissioner Greenberg questioned Figure 4.2 regarding primary and secondary. Staff agreed to clarify.

Commissioner Greenberg also questioned the term “*average*” and suggested having information provided about the survey that was conducted. Staff agreed to review the wording.

#### **Page 4-12**

Commissioner Barner discussed Marin’s job base and believed it adds confusion. Commissioner Greenberg suggested removing the last sentence because it does not relate to the heading. Agency Director Hinds responded that there is a lot of relevance to transportation issues in Marin. Commissioner Greenberg suggested stating that 66% live and work in the County. Staff agreed, but noted that the calculations would be checked.



**Page 4-18 – EC-2.1**

Commissioner Greenberg expressed concern for the term “*expanding*.” Agency Director Hinds suggested stating, “*expand jobs for County residents*.”

Agency Director Hinds noted that staff could try to provide an increased opportunity to live and work in the County, but staff also believed schools and public institutions should provide a small percentage of employee housing as well.

The public hearing was opened.

Jack Krystal, San Rafael resident, proposed adding the following to the “Economy” section under key trends such as visitors, tourist, health care, senior care, childcare, lower income jobs, and hotels should be taken into account. He commented on EC-1.d on page 4.17 and suggested deleting “*minor*” and cover all project review. He further believed inducement should be kept in mind for childcare.

The public hearing was closed.

***Chairman Berland announced at 6:01 p.m. that the Commission would take a dinner recess and then reconvene with further discussion on the Socioeconomic Element.***

Ms. Weisz provided the Commission with the following information:

**Public Safety, Community Participation, Diversity, Education, Environmental Justice, Programs.**

- Goal PS-1: Safe Neighborhoods
  - Policies
  - Implementing programs
- Goal PS-2: Decreased crime
  - Policies
  - Implementing programs
- Goal PS-3: Effective emergency and disaster and preparedness
  - Policies
  - Implementing programs

**Community Participation**

- Goals CP-1: Broad and diverse participation
  - Policies
  - Implementing programs

**Diversity**

- Goal DIV: 1 Celebrating diversity
  - Policies
  - Implementing programs

**Education:**

- Goal EDU-1: Adequate school facilities
  - Policies
  - Implementing programs
- Goal EDU-2: Ample educational opportunities
  - Policies
  - Implementing programs

**Environmental Justice**

- Goal EJ-1: Environmental juices
  - Policies
  - Implementing programs

## ***Public Safety***

### **Page 4-38 -PS-3.f**

Commissioner Dickenson asked staff if there is still a plan to build a new building on the Civic Center property. Agency Director Hinds agreed to research.

### **Page 4-33**

Commissioner Greenberg questioned the language regarding domestic violence. Planner Weisz responded that this data was provided by the Sheriff's Department, which would be further researched. Agency Director Hinds noted that the District Attorney indicated that it runs across a full spectrum, but staff agreed to review in more detail.

Commissioner Barner believed service providers should be encouraged to become multilingual in order to provide the proper service to the community. Planner Weisz agreed to add it to the Public Safety section as well as under the Education section.

## ***Community Participation***

Commissioner Greenberg discussed the background section and suggested stating, "*community participation and public decision making is essential to good government.*"

### **Page 4-44 - CP.1.2**

Commissioner Dickenson questioned the term "*ensure.*" Commissioner Thompson suggested stating, "*encourage.*"

### **Page 4-45**

Commissioner Julin suggested adding the following language as an implementing program: "*Employ a variety of communication techniques in publicizing meetings and soliciting comments, e.g. mailings and flyers distributed via U.S. mail or by hand, in addition to electronic noticing via e-mail and web sites.*"

Commissioner Greenberg explained that the meetings are publicly noticed and additional mailing would require time and money, but people of interest should be notified in every possible way. She further recommended having major hearings televised as well.

Agency Director Hinds noted that the Board is working on a pilot program to televise major Board hearings as well as having the hearings available over the Internet.

### **Page 4-46**

Commissioner Julin believed the language in CP-1.g should be modified as encouraging broad participation from the community may be appropriate.

Commissioner Greenberg desired to know how long various members of County Commissions and Committees had served on them, to see if there is a problem that needs correction by limiting terms. Agency Director Hinds believed encouraging turnover would be appropriate, but mandatory time limits would be overkill and create additional problems.

Commissioner Julin felt vacancies should be publicized. Agency Director Hinds responded that the Board at a minimum publicizes it in the newspaper as well as on the website. Chairman Berland recommended a monthly listing of vacancies that could be mailed to homeowners' associations and community organizations. The Commission and staff agreed.

The hearing was opened to the public.

Margaret Zegart, Mill Valley resident, submitted her comments to staff and the Commission for their consideration in relation to Public Safety, Community Participation, Diversity and Education sections.

The public hearing was closed.

#### **Page 4-49 - Background**

Commissioner Greenberg questioned “*cultural confidence*” and suggested replacing with “*knowledge*” or “*understanding*.”

#### ***Education***

Commissioner Greenberg supported Ms. Zegart’s suggestion and recommended including the following: “*promote, market and expand services*” in regard to the library.

Commissioner Greenberg also commented on the Chart. Planner Weisz agreed to modify the wording.

#### **EDU-1.d**

Commissioner Julin asked staff if there is an individual from the County who could monitor what food children are being served. Planner Weisz responded that work is being conducted through Health and Human Services, so support is being provided in that regard.

Commissioner Julin requested modifying the term “*junk food*.” Planner Weisz agreed.

#### **Page 4-57 - Goal EDU-2**

Commissioner Greenberg questioned the use of the word “*diverse*” and recommended stating, “*best*.”

Chairman Berland believed a provision should be added supporting the arts in schools. Planner Weisz responded that a cross-reference could be added to the Arts section.

#### **Page 4-60**

Commissioner Barner asked staff if they are reviewing an old fashioned measuring mechanism in regard to the count indicated. Planner Weisz agreed to review an indicator in terms of another access such as the Internet.

Commissioner Barner recommended including access to all students.

#### **EDU-2.1-k**

Commissioner Dickenson suggested stating, “*throughout Marin County*.”

#### ***Environmental Justice***

#### **Page 4-63**

Commissioner Greenberg discussed the second sentence of the second paragraph, which, in her view, suggested that the County is only out to serve poor individuals. Planner Weisz responded that the definition relates to low income communities or communities of color. Commissioner Greenberg indicated that as defined in the beginning it sounded discriminatory and recommended modifying it requiring some sensitivity. Agency Director Hinds agreed to modify the language.

Commissioner Greenberg commented on the last paragraph regarding “*any and all areas of the County*,” but then there is a focus on lower income neighborhoods and asked staff to modify the language.

#### **EJ-1.2**

Commissioner Greenberg asked staff to address the language in this section as well. Commissioner Thompson suggested using the term under EJ-1.3 in regard to “*disproportioned communities*.” Staff agreed. Agency Director Hinds recommended not using the term “*citizens*” and use “*residents*” because many individuals might not be legal citizens.

#### ***Public Health Comments***

Commissioner Barner requested that the Charts be updated.

#### **Page 4-73**

Commissioner Greenberg noted that the State and National averages are not shown, which she desired in order to compare with Marin County.

**Page 4-75**

Commissioner Greenberg questioned the term “*medical home*” and requested that the meaning be better conveyed. Staff agreed.

Commissioner Greenberg expressed concern for the use of the logo as well.

**Page 4-76**

Commissioner Greenberg pointed out that there is duplicative language and requested staff’s review. Staff agreed.

The hearing was opened to the public.

Ms. Zegart provided her comments in regard to Public Health for the Commission to consider. She also noted that tourists in West Marin need emergency care services such a helicopter pad at Marin General because there is an increase in tourist population and they have a right to medical care.

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Greenberg recommended reviewing the Chart in regard to obesity. Staff agreed.

Chairman Berland commented on the breast cancer Chart to include more current data and requested information regarding the cause and point out that the County is working with private organizations such as the Buck Institute for Aging. Staff agreed.

***Arts and Culture***

**Page 4-90**

Commissioner Greenberg wondered if there has been a drop in real dollars regarding art in Marin County.

Chairman Berland and Commissioner Thompson pointed out that there is no mention about dance, music, and theater and believed it is heavily weighted to visual arts and recommended adding the addition of the dance, music, theater, and art classes in schools. Commissioner Thompson concurred. Staff agreed.

Commissioner Barner felt cheated in regard to this section because it did not indicate what is occurring in Marin and recommended an inventory of events.

Commissioner Julin agreed and asked staff if there is a ready source that would have that information available for staff. Commissioner Dickenson responded that the San Rafael General Plan has a very detailed arts and cultural section. Commissioner Julin recommended reviewing the grant proposals for information. Commissioner Greenberg recommended contacting the Marin Foundation in that regard. Commissioner Julin concurred.

Commissioner Barner believed arts and culture would attract businesses to Marin County. He also recommended contacting Harry Moore as a source for additional information. Commissioner Julin recommended contacting Paul Liberatore as well.

Chairman Berland stated that culture is a very important aspect of the community.

The public hearing was opened.

Ms. Zegart provided the Commission with her comments in relation to Arts and Culture for their review, which were submitted to staff and the Commission.

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Barner suggested taking all the available resources and establishing a program in Marin.

Chairman Berland suggested considering using a portion of the hotel tax for arts and culture.

### ***Historical and Archaeological Resources***

The public hearing was opened.

Ms. Zegart provided the Commission with her comments and suggestions, which were submitted in written form to staff and the Commission.

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Greenberg asked staff if the list of properties is a comprehensive list, and, if not, then a note should be attached because it would be misleading. Staff agreed.

### **Page 4-98**

Commissioner Barner believed when discussing affordable housing the term “*California Bungalow*” should be used in order to provide a different image.

### **Page 4-100**

Commissioner Greenberg suggested stating, “*preservation restores a sense of place, pride and history*” under “*Why is this important.*”

### **HAR-1.b**

Commissioner Greenberg recommended preparing a survey of buildings of architectural significance in order to enhance the cultural resource section. She believed important architectural buildings must be retained because they are important to the community.

Commissioner Barner reiterated his concern that Novato Historical Society is not included in the list on Figure 4-20.

Commissioner Greenberg discussed the list on 4-99 in regard to Figure 4-20 and asked staff if that is comprehensive. Planner Weisz responded that it is not a comprehensive list and a footnote would be added. Commissioner Greenberg recommended adding a reference as well.

Due to the late hour, Staff recommended continuing the Parks and Recreation discussion to the next meeting.

*Chairman Berland adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. and continued the hearing of the Countywide Plan on the Parks and Recreation section to August 9, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.*