



**SANTA VENETIA COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Summary Minutes**

Tuesday, September 9, 2014  
7:00-9:00 pm  
Marin County Civic Center, Room 315  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94903

**Members Present**

Giselle Block  
Bonnie Monte  
Jane Brand  
Russ Greenfield  
Mary Hanley  
Gary Robards  
Oscar Segura

**Staff**

Jack Liebster, Planning Manager  
Christine Gimmler, Senior Planner

**1. Summary Minutes**

The Advisory Committee accepted the summary minutes from July 8, 2014.

**2. Discussion of Administrative Draft of Santa Venetia Community Plan**

The Committee discussed the administrative draft of the Santa Venetia Community Plan and shared their comments with staff. Overall, committee members were pleased with the appearance and contents of the plan. During the discussion, staff responded to questions and described some of the general principles that had been followed in preparing the document including: 1) providing an overview of various issues of interest to give residents an understanding of the topic in a broad sense as well as information on where to go for further detailed information; 2) including summaries of existing policies, regulations and guidelines in one place while referring readers to the actual documents for full details; 3) avoiding modifications to policies that should be implemented consistently on a countywide basis (such as natural resource protection); and 4) minimizing duplication between various chapters within the document. Staff also noted where revisions had been made in response to input from the committee.

The committee discussed proposed Land Use Policy LU-1 ("Future Development") in some detail. There was general support for the text as proposed by staff, which incorporates the concept of a comprehensive planning approach and proactive community outreach for larger projects, without specifically endorsing the Master Plan process for any particular property. Finally, staff acknowledged that the time available to review the draft plan had been limited and encouraged committee members to provide any additional comments on the administrative draft by Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **3. Upcoming meeting and hearing schedule**

Staff reviewed the upcoming community plan meeting and hearing schedule, which includes a community meeting to present the draft plan on October 7<sup>th</sup> followed by consideration of the Draft Community Plan by the Planning Commission on October 27<sup>th</sup> and the Board of Supervisors on November 25<sup>th</sup>. As previously mentioned, the hearing schedule has been designed to allow review and adoption of the plan before the end of 2014 to coincide with Santa Venetia's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Staff thanked committee members for helping to publicize the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting by distributing flyers at the SVNA Labor Day on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional notices will be mailed to all Santa Venetia households prior to the Planning Commission hearing.

### **4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.