



**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 15th.

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 7th followed by consideration of the Draft Community Plan by the Planning Commission on October 27th and the Board of Supervisors on November 25th. 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 100th anniversary. Staff thanked committee members for helping to publicize the October 7th meeting by distributing flyers at the SVNA Labor Day on September 1st. 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.