

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE - PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF: OCTOBER 25, 2007**

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:

ABEYANCE - GPA-24203 - GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: CITY OF LAS VEGAS - Request to adopt an updated Public Buildings Element and revise the 2020 Master Plan

C.C: 11/21/07

PROTESTS RECEIVED BEFORE:

APPROVALS RECEIVED BEFORE:

Planning Commission Mtg.

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City Council Meeting

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RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVAL

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Conditions (Not Applicable) and Staff Report
2. Supporting Documentation
3. Justification Letter
4. Submitted at meeting Public Buildings Element Addendum and PowerPoint Presentation by staff

Motion made by GLENN TROWBRIDGE to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

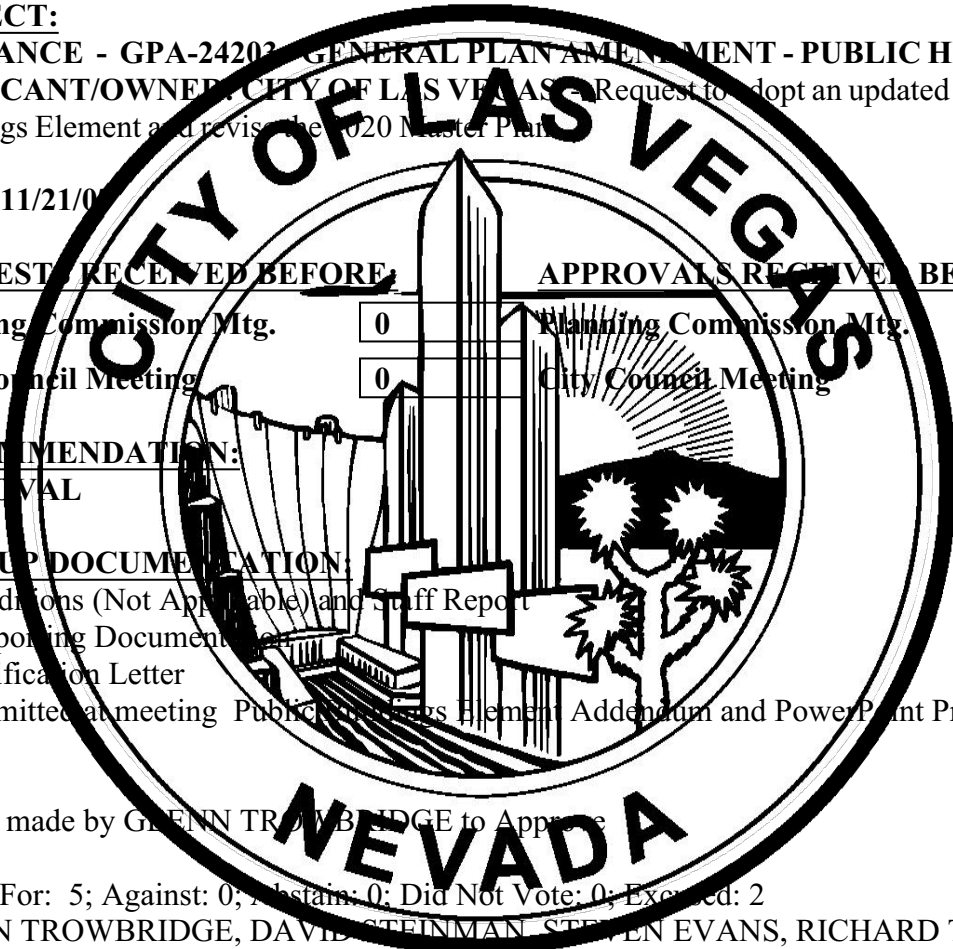
GLENN TROWBRIDGE, DAVID STEINMAN, STEVEN EVANS, RICHARD TRUESDELL, SAM DUNNAM; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-LEO DAVENPORT, BYRON GOYNES)

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER TRUESDELL declared the Public Hearing open for Items 21, 22 and 26.

FLINN FAGG, Planning and Development Department, introduced VALERIE SOILHI, Planning Supervisor with the Planning and Development Department, stating she had overseen the General Plan Amendments (GPAs) being presented to the Commissioners. He also submitted three addenda, one for each GPA, noting the addenda did not change staffs recommendation for the applications and consisted primarily of language corrections.

MS. SOILHI utilized a PowerPoint presentation which was made a part of the final minutes. Regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Element, she noted the City has increased the



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amount of park space per resident and acknowledged more improvements were still needed. She also listed the key recommendations for the Parks Element. With regard to the Public Buildings Element, MS. SOILHI noted its intent and goals and listed key recommendations. She also stated the goals and key recommendations for the Transit element as well as the City's efforts to involve the public in the Master Plan Amendment process.

MR. FAGG informed COMMISSIONER EVANS that the Public Buildings element did not specifically address acquisition of land for public facilities, but it did note what the City's project needs would be. MR. FAGG stated that the City is eligible for land acquisition through other governmental agencies and clarified that the document indicated where fire and police stations should be located in developing areas.

COMMISSIONER TROWBRIDGE congratulated staff on their work, complimenting the inclusion of increased maintenance for parks facilities and service standards established by sector. He suggested that a replacement schedule for parks facilities be added to assist in budgeting and he also recommended that the City work with adjacent jurisdictions on placement and development of future parks. COMMISSIONER TRUEDELLE concluded by suggesting that the public facilities description be more specific and that high density projects be tied to park access.

COMMISSIONER EVANS suggested that public transit also be tied to high density projects and MR. FAGG explained that a public transit element would be presented to the Commissioners at a future meeting. MR. FAGG also noted that all jurisdictions in the Las Vegas Valley shared the goal of 2.5 acres of park facilities per one thousand residents.

In response to COMMISSIONER EVANS' question regarding the City's population currently outside of walking distance to a park, MS. SOILHI explained that the Parks element recommended that the City focus its efforts on the most densely populated areas.

In response to COMMISSIONER STEINMAN'S question regarding the relationship between Kyle Canyon and other developing areas, MR. FAGG explained the intent was to consider each area individually. MARGO WHEELER, Director of the Planning and Development Department, acknowledged that the language in that part of the report was unclear and assured COMMISSIONER STEINMAN that the language would be clarified before the items were presented to the City Council.

COMMISSIONER TRUESDELL expressed his appreciation of the sustainability references to the public building process, but added that the City should also encourage innovative building designs for its public facilities. He also underscored the importance of linking public facilities to public transit.

COMMISSIONER TRUESDELL declared the Public Hearing closed for Items 21, 22 and 26.