

CITY OF ARCATA
PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Approved January 24, 2012 by 5-0 vote

COUNCIL CHAMBER
736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521

December 13, 2011
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

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- I. **ROLL CALL.** Commissioners present: Julie Vaissade-Elcock (Vice Chair), Larry Blake, Chuck Giannini, Paul Hagen, Judith Mayer, and Daniel Tangney. Commissioners absent: Robert Flint (Chair)
- II. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS.** None
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**
 - A. Approve Minutes of November 8, 2011 – Commissioner Vaissade-Elcock noted an error on the attendance record. The minutes were unanimously approved as amended on motion by Tangney and second by Mayer.
- IV. **PUBLIC HEARINGS.**
 - A. **Humboldt State University Corporation Yard Coastal Development Permit (File # 090-037-CDP).** The project proposes use and redevelopment as a corporation yard of a 7.3-acre site owned by Humboldt State University Foundation. A portion of the proposed paving for site modifications would require filling the existing wetlands on the property. The project is appealable to the Coastal Commission.

Commissioner Blake recused himself citing a potential perceived conflict. Commissioner Mayer indicated that she works as a lecturer for the University but did not believe her relationship with the university required her recusal.

The Commission considered the referral comments and the Coastal Land Use and Development Guide (C-LUDG) § 1-0312.2.5, incidental public services; whether the conditioned project represents the least environmentally damaging feasible alternative; and whether the mitigation adequately mitigates the impact to coastal wetlands.

Staff provided a report indicating compliance with the City's LCP. Staff reported the recommendations from referral agencies were mixed. Notably, the Coastal Commission recommended denial due to noncompliance with the City's LCP. Staff proposed that the project did meet the incidental public services and nature study rationales for fill of wetlands in the Coastal Zone. The Commission considered the merits of the arguments provided by the Coastal Commission and City Staff.

The Commission reviewed the Findings for and Conditions of Approval. The Commission accepted public testimony, including that of the applicant and agent. The Commission approved the project as conditioned on motion by Hagen, second by Giannini and a 4-1-0 voice vote, Mayer voting No.
- V. **BUSINESS ITEMS.**
 - A. **City of Arcata Local Coastal Program (LCP) Status Report.** Status report on the LCP update.
- VI. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

VII. COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS.
- B. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS.

VIII. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS.

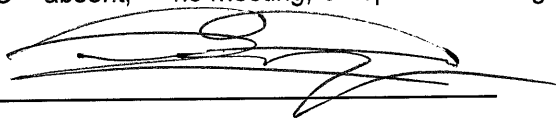
- A. General Plan / Land Use Code citywide applicability.
- B. LCP Mapping Amendments

IX. ADJOURNMENT. 8:37 p.m.

Arcata Municipal Code Section 2204.B Commissions. If any member of a commission is absent for four regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year, the secretary to the commission shall certify that fact to the Council and the Council shall thereafter declare the position on the commission to be vacant.

2011 Meetings	Jan 11	Jan 25	Feb 8	Feb 22	Mar 8	Mar 22	Apr 12	Apr 26	May 10	May 24	Jun 14	Jun 28	Jul 12	Jul 26	Aug 9	Aug 23	Sep 13	Sep 27	Oct 11	Oct 25	Nov 8	Nov 22	Dec 13	Dec 27
Larry Blake																			X	*	X	*	X	
Robert Flint	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	S	X	X	X	*	*	X	*	X	*	O	
Chuck Giannini	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	S	X	X	X	*	*	X	*	X	*	X	
Paul Hagen																			X	*	O	*	X	
Judith Mayer	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	O	S	O	X	X	*	*	X	*	X	*	X	
Daniel Tangney	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	S	O	X	X	*	*	X	*	X	*	X	
Julie Vaissade-Elcock	X	X	X	X	X	O	*	X	X	X	X	X	S	X	X	X	*	*	O	*	X	*	X	

Note: Chair Flint; Vice Chair Vaissade-Elcock. Staff Liaisons: David Loya/Joe Mateer
 X = present; O = absent; *= no meeting; S= special meeting (not considered regular attendance)

Attest: 
 David Loya, Deputy Director