



**Wednesday, January 25, 2017**  
**Minutes of the Joint Special Meeting of the**  
**South Pasadena City Council and Planning Commission**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Joint Special Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council and Planning Commission was called to order by Mayor Cacciotti on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Planning Commissioners Braun, Morrish and Tom; Secretary Koldus; Chair Dahl; Councilmembers Joe, Khubesrian, and Mahmud; Mayor Pro Tem Schneider; and Mayor Cacciotti.

**Absent:** None.

**City Staff**

**Present:** Sergio Gonzalez, City Manager; Evelyn G. Zneimer, City Clerk/Agency Secretary; and Anthony J. Mejia, Chief City Clerk, were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Cacciotti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Presentation of General Plan and Mission Street Specific Plan Update by Rangwala Associates**

Planning and Building Director Watkins introduced Kaizer Rangwala, Principal of Rangwala Associates, who narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled "South Pasadena, a complete city" and responded to City Council and Planning Commission inquiries.

Mr. Rangwala explained the roles of the General Plan Advisory Committee and the Focus Groups, noting that Focus Groups will be discussing specific issues and policies proposed for the General Plan; stated that expanded descriptions of each Focus Group will be updated on the General Plan website.

In response to City Council inquiries, Planning and Building Director Watkins clarified the streetscape boundaries of the Mission Street Specific Plan; stated that specific policies could be developed for certain focus areas that are identified during the General Plan update process.

Mayor Cacciotti opened the Public Comment period.

Bianca Richards, South Pasadena resident, voiced concern that the volunteer application was not clear regarding the differences between the Advisory Committee and Focus Groups; questioned whether the General Plan survey will be made available in alternate languages.

Kim Hughes, South Pasadena resident, suggested that the General Plan update should re-address policy issues related to the Ostrich Farm and Fair Oaks Avenue focus areas; questioned and received clarification that the "Our Prosperous Community" is the focus group related to economic development; questioned whether the General Plan will address the financial implications of proposed policies and land uses.

Ron Rosen, South Pasadena resident, suggested possible revisions to the General Plan survey, noting that certain questions do not allow for editorial comments or to indicate that you prefer the status quo.

Commissioner Braun and Councilmember Mahmud requested that the General Plan survey allow for editorial comments following each section.

In response to City Council inquiry, Planning and Building Director Watkins advised that residents are encouraged to participate in Focus Group meetings, whether as a formal member of the group or as a member of the public.

Mary Ferrar, South Pasadena resident, questioned and received clarification that volunteer applications will be screened by City staff, and in consultation with the General Plan Ad Hoc Committee, residents will be assigned to specific focus groups.

There being no others desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Cacciotti closed the Public Comment period.

The City Council and Planning Commission encourage all residents to participate in the General Plan meetings and workshops.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cacciotti adjourned the Joint City Council/Planning Commission meeting at 8:10 p.m.

  
Evelyn G. Zneimer  
City Clerk

  
Michael A. Cacciotti  
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on February 15, 2017.