

**THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
MEETING AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

June 30, 2004

A Special Meeting of The Regents of the University of California meeting as a Committee of the Whole was held on the above date at 1000 Broadway, Suite 109, Oakland.

Present: Regents Johnson, Kozberg, Marcus, Montoya, Murray, and Seigler; Advisory member Anderson

In attendance: Associate Secretary Shaw, General Counsel Holst, Senior Vice President Mullinix, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 10:40 a.m. with Committee Chair Marcus presiding.

1. READING OF NOTICE OF MEETING

For the record, it was confirmed that notice was given in compliance with the Bylaws and Standing Orders for a Special Meeting of The Regents meeting as a Committee of the Whole, for this date and time, for the purpose of receiving public comment.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Committee on Grounds and Buildings Chair Marcus explained that the Board had been convened as a Committee of the Whole in order to permit members of the public an opportunity to comment on University-related matters. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the subjects noted.

Committee on Grounds and Buildings:

Item 102: Certification of Environmental Impact Report and Approval of Design, Ranch View Terrace Faculty and Staff Housing, Santa Cruz Campus

- A. Ms. Marie Beckham, a volunteer at the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum, was opposed to the construction of Ranch View Terrace on the grounds that it would block the arboretum's ocean views.
- B. Mr. Mark Traugott, a UC Santa Cruz professor, noted that after salaries, housing was cited by potential employees as their biggest block to accepting positions on the campus. He was supportive of the development of faculty and staff housing at Ranch View Terrace.

Item 103: Certification of Environmental Impact Report, Amendment of Master Plan, and Approval of Design, University Village Redevelopment Step 2 Project, Berkeley Campus

- C. Mr. Allan Maris, representing the Albany City Council and speaking on behalf of Albany Fire Marshall Marc McGinn and City Planner David Dowswell, presented a letter from Albany Mayor Ely in which he noted that the City had endeavored to work with University staff and officials and was concerned about a number of issues, including the fiscal impacts of adding 805 new housing units for people who will not be paying property taxes to support city services to the Village, which places an unfair burden on Albany property owners. Of concern also are the ability of Albany to provide fire service to protect Village residents, the increased number of vehicles that will force more traffic circulation through the community, and the visual impact of the densely packed buildings. He expressed the hope that the University would come forward with a proposal to mitigate these impacts.
- D. Ms. Beth Pollard, Albany City Administrator, noted that there had been no response from the University to the fiscal analysis showing the impacts of University Village on the City of Albany. She believed that it was unfair for the University to place a financial burden on a city that does not have a campus from which it may derive commensurate benefits.
- E. Ms. Kim Linden, who lives near University Village, was concerned about the loss of the Gill Tract, which she described as part of Albany's history. She believed that the draft EIR for the project was inadequate.
- F. Mr. Lloyd Andres believed that the EIR had not adequately addressed the negative environmental consequences of increased traffic. He asked for the comments contained in the EIR to be reexamined.
- G. Mr. Jonathan Pilch, a UC Berkeley graduate, noted that the EIR suggests no mitigation measures for the loss of the Gill Tract, which he believed was a valuable resource that could be registered as agricultural land.
- H. Mr. Stuart Flashman, representing the Committee for Affordable Student Family Housing, asserted that impacts on air quality were not analyzed in the EIR. He believed that the increased rents for new housing at the Village would adversely affect the University's diversity by eliminating low-income students.
- I. Mr. Michael Beer, an Albany teacher, believed that the Gill Tract should be preserved. He noted that teachers from the school district bring students there to learn about subjects such as pest control.

- J. Ms. Amy Kaplan, a UC Berkeley graduate and employee, observed that destruction of the Gill Tract, which is a business decision for the University, affects local residents in personal ways. She urged the Committee not to certify the EIR.
- K. Mr. Peter Brownell, a member of the University Village Residents Association, also urged the Committee not to certify the EIR. He was concerned about the demolition of low-cost housing.

Item Re-48: Development of a Systemwide Sustainable Transportation Policy

Representing the Student Sustainability Coalition:

- L. Mr. Arthur Coulston recalled that he had worked to develop the University's green building policy, which had raised students' awareness of the importance of sustainability. He reported that his group is extending its interest to the development of a sustainable transportation policy.
- M. Mr. Edward France believed that the University needs a policy to empower the campuses to manage their short-term transportation needs and establish a long-term vision for sustainable transportation.
- N. Mr. Jonathan Gifford noted that other universities have made progress on developing a sustainable transportation policy, which he noted has benefits that go beyond limiting cars and parking.
- O. Mr. Adam Brandt stressed the importance of adopting a plan for sustainable transportation.
- P. Ms. Bridget Van Bellegham requested that a time line be set for the adoption of a sustainable transportation policy. She believed that would push forward advances that have been made on the campuses.

University-related Matters

- Q. Ms. Norah Foster, a UC Berkeley library assistant, believed that the University should use unrestricted funds to support library assistants, whose salaries have fallen far below the market, to provide merits for clerical staff, and to underwrite student fees.

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The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Attest:

Associate Secretary