

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

December 10, 2003

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at 1000 Broadway, Suite 109, Oakland, California.

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

In attendance: Regent-designate Novack, Associate Secretary Shaw, General Counsel Holst, Senior Vice President Mullinix, Chancellor Vanderhoef, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 10 a.m. with Committee on Grounds and Buildings Chair Marcus presiding.

1. READING OF NOTICE OF MEETING

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Committee Chair Marcus explained that the Committee 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 Regents concerning the Committee on Grounds and Buildings, September 4, 2003, Item 105 – *Albany Village Housing Update, Berkeley Campus*:

- A. Mr. Michael Beer, an Albany School District teacher, commented that the rents in University Village should be affordable. He suggested that the Gill Tract, which is used for agricultural research, be maintained as open space in order to satisfy the community.
- B. Ms. Amy Kaplan, a Berkeley undergraduate representing Urban Roots, commented that the 14-acre Gill Tract should not be developed and that it was her group's mission to have it maintained for agriculture research. She reported that Urban Roots had produced an innovative design for the sustainable development of University Village that incorporates the Gill Tract.
- C. Mr. Lloyd Andrew, representing Urban Roots, noted that only 8 acres of the original 104 acres of the Gill Tract remains undeveloped and that it was one

of the last open spaces in the area. He believed it should be made into an “eco park” and suggested that it could sustain a commercial farm.

- D. Ms. Kim Linden, representing Urban Roots, hoped that the University would create in University Village something beneficial for the community and future generations. She believed that the Urban Roots development design addressed the needs of all the stakeholders and reported that it had substantial community support.
- E. Mr. Peter Brownell, representing the Village Residents Association, reported that he was a Berkeley graduate student residing in University Village. He was concerned that the University’s plan would result in housing units that were too expensive for students.
- F. Ms. Helen Poynton, a Berkeley graduate student representing the Village Residents Association, stated that previous University Village housing had been affordable for families. She was concerned that vulnerable populations would not be able to afford the rents called for in the University’s plan.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Attest:

Associate Secretary