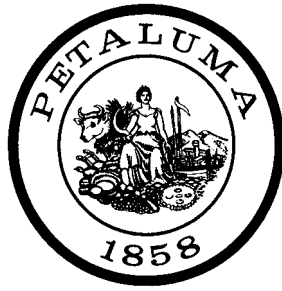


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3 **Planning Commission Minutes**
4 **October 14, 2003 - 7:00 PM**

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6 Commissioners: *Present:* Asselmeier, Dargie, Healy, McAllister, Rose, von Raesfeld

7 *Absent:* Barrett

8 * Chair

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10 Staff: George White, Assistant Director, Community Development

11 Mike Moore, Community Development Director

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14 **ROLL CALL:**

15 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of September 23, 2003 approved as amended.

17 M/S von Raesfeld/Rose.

18 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

19 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None.

20 **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** None.

21 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

22 **APPEAL STATEMENT:** N/A

23 **LEGAL RECOURSE STATEMENT:** N/A

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26 The public meeting began @ 7:00

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28 **COMMISSION BUSINESS:**

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30 **I. DISCUSSION WITH CITY MANAGER OF THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES**
31 **AND ROLE OF THE COMMISSION WITHIN THE CITY OF**
32 **PETALUMA ORGANIZATION**

33 **City Manager: Michael Bierman**

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35 The City Manager addressed the Commission. He provided background on his reasons
36 for addressing the Planning Commission. He indicated that he expected no changes to the

1 Planning Commission makeup or role within the organization. He spoke of a possible
2 change in the development review process by which, for projects that require City
3 Council, Planning Commission and SPARC approval, the SPARC portion would precede
4 the Planning Commission review rather than follow Council review as is the case now.
5 This would mean that once the Council reviewed a project it could receive final approval
6 and not have to go on to design review.

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8 Various Commission members provided comments on the suggested change in process.
9 Most were favorable to the idea but several Commissioners desired to see the details of
10 the proposal and asked if the Council would ultimately approve such a change. Mike
11 Moore indicated that such a change would typically be done by a Resolution of the
12 Council and that this general subject was scheduled to be discussed on October 27. If a
13 change were directed, the Resolution would be followed by specific Municipal Code
14 changes in the upcoming development code update process.

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18 **II. LIAISON REPORTS:**

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20 **a. City Council:** None
21 **b. SPARC:** George White read an email from Chair Barrett regarding
22 preliminary reviews of a New Bank of America at Plaza South Shopping
23 Center, a mixed use project on the Gina Pitler property known as Haystack
24 Landing and a new office/warehouse project at the end of Technology
25 Lane.
26 **c. Petaluma Bicycle Advisory Committee:** Pamela Asselmeier provided a
27 recap of recent project reviews.
28 **d. Tree Advisory Committee:** George White, for Chair Barrett, indicated
29 that on 10/15/03 a peace tree planting would occur at Wickersham Park.
30 The public was invited.

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33 **Adjournment:** 7:41