

**Fort Bragg, California
March 28, 2007 (Special Joint Meeting)
Town Hall**

The City Council of the City of Fort Bragg, Agency Board of the Fort Bragg Redevelopment Agency (RDA), the Fort Bragg Planning Commission, and Community Development Advisory Board met in special session on the above date at the hour of 7:04 p.m. in the Town Hall, southwest corner of N. Main and Laurel Streets (363 N. Main Street), Fort Bragg, with Vice Mayor Dave Turner presiding.

ROLL CALL as acknowledged by Vice Mayor Turner.

**Present: Council/Agency members Dan Gjerde, Jere Melo, and Dave Turner (Absent: Meg Courtney and Mayor/Chair Doug Hammerstrom)
Commissioners Burley Cox, Becky Ellis, David Linkhart, Georgia Lucas, and Chair Mark Hannon.
Community Development Advisory Board Members Gayle Bowman, Miles Everett, and Ted Rabinowitsh. Quorum of this Committee was not present. (Absent: Chris Knoerdel, Stan Miklose, Denise Parrott, and Denise Vicars.)**

1. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

A. Conduct Green Building Workshop

Community Development Director Jones welcomed attendees and began her presentation by saying that Green Building means design and construction practices that reduce the negative impacts of buildings on the environment and occupants. It is an integrated, whole building design approach through construction techniques, materials choices, systems selection, and design. Green Building techniques benefit the environment by using recycled products, generating less waste, and using less energy. Green design and construction may cost one to five percent more up front, but can yield projects that pay for themselves in three to five years. This is done through 1) improved productivity by increased retail sales, earlier discharges from hospitals, better test scores in schools, and higher productivity in offices and factories; 2) reduction in operating and maintenance costs; and 3) reduced liability and risk management due to fewer sick buildings and less disposal of hazardous materials.

Jones went on to explain that the LEED standard is the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program of the US Green Building Council, a non-profit agency. LEED is a standard developed by architects, builders, contractors, manufacturers, environmentalists, and building owners. There are five LEED credit categories: indoor environmental quality, sustainable sites, materials/resources, energy/atmosphere, and water efficiency. Jurisdictions across the country have established Green Building programs, some voluntary and others mandatory. In designing a Green Building project, one would consider green materials and construction processes for all elements, including: design, site selection, landscaping, foundation, structural frame, interior and exterior finishes, using renewable resources, exterior finish and roofing, waste management, water efficiency and conservation, energy reduction, indoor environmental quality. Throughout the presentation, Jones provided an overview of the various benefits of a wide variety of green materials (such as energy efficiency, water efficiency, impact on indoor environmental quality, whether the materials are rapidly renewable, durability, cost and a host of other benefits). A show and tell of green materials and practices was also provided with over four large tables covered with a wide variety of materials. Unconventional Green Building methods covered in the presentation include straw bale, rammed earth, and dirt or Earth bag construction.

2. COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND PUBLIC

Staff Reports

Public Comments

3. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS, COMMISSIONERS, AND BOARDMEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

DAVE TURNER,
Vice Mayor

MARK HANNON,
Chair

ATTEST:

Nancy Philips
Administrative Secretary

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