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Planning Commission Minutes  
December 14, 2004 – 7:00 PM

Commissioners: *Present:* Asselmeier, Barrett, Dargie\*, Harris, McAllister, Rose  
von Raesfeld

\* Chair

Staff: George White, Assistant Director, Community Development  
Irene Borba, Senior Planner  
Anne Windsor, Administrative Secretary

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**ROLL CALL:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** M/S Barrett/Rose to approve the minutes of November 23, 2004 as amended

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Commissioner Barrett attended the Planning Commissioner's seminar at Sonoma State University – will pass out information to other commissioners. Rockridge: noticed two things, eucalyptus trees on Western were cut down; there is a huge hole on the site fronting Windsor Drive. George White addressed both issues for Commissioner Barrett.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Handout by Gary Binger passed out at places.

**APPEAL STATEMENT:** Was noted on the agenda.

**LEGAL RECOURSE STATEMENT:** Was noted on the agenda.

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**COMMISSION BUSINESS:**

**I. PETALUMA ARTS COUNCIL**

**Informational presentation on Public Art by the Petaluma Arts Council.**

Alison Marks, Petaluma Arts Council: Gave some background and vision for a public art program.

1 Edwin Hamilton, Petaluma Arts Council: Presented examples of public art.

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3 Commissioner McAllister: I think it would be great to get this program going. Believe  
4 it can be a win win situation for the community and the developers.

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6 Commissioner Asselmeier: I believe the Southgate project would have benefited from a  
7 public art element.

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9 Allison Marks: We are looking forward to this program being part of the planning  
10 process.

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12 Commissioner Barrett: The Rivertown apartments just came to SPARC and I think it  
13 would have been beneficial to have artist on board for that project. I believe public art  
14 more than pays for itself.

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17 Public hearing began at 7:50

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19 **NEW BUSINESS:**

20 **PUBLIC HEARING:**

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22 **II. ELLIS CREEK WATER RECYCLING FACILITY, 4014 Lakeville**

23 **Highway**

24 APN: 005-009-023; 068-001-023, 024 & 025; 068-010-026, and 017-170-002

25 **File: 04-PRE-0631**

26 **Planner: Irene Borba**

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28 **The applicant is requesting a recommendation to the City Council to approve**  
29 **a General Plan Amendment to the land use designation of**  
30 **Public/Institutional, Rezoning to Planned Community District (PCD) and**  
31 **Rezoning from Agricultural to Planned Community District (PCD),**  
32 **Modification of The Urban Growth Boundaries (UGB), and Annexation into**  
33 **the City of Petaluma.**

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35 Irene Borba presented the staff report.

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37 **Public hearing opened/closed.**

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39 M/S McAllister/Barrett to forward a recommendation to the council to approve a General  
40 Plan Amendment to the land use designation of Public/Institutional, Prezone to Planned  
41 Community District and Rezone from Agricultural to Planned Community District,  
42 Modify the Urban Growth Boundary and Annexation into the City of Petaluma.

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44 Commissioner Barrett: I believe it is a fabulous project.

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46 Chair Dargie: It is a very exciting project.

1 Commissioner McAllister: This project will be a good example for other developments.

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3 Public hearing ended at 8:25 p.m.  
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6 **III. LIAISON REPORTS:**

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8 **a. City Council:** None.  
9 **b. SPARC:** Rivertown Apartments was approved; change in condition for  
10 Rockridge; Napolitano/Mulenkamp addition approved in the A Street  
11 Historic District; preliminary review of the Birches on Wood Sorrel  
12 **c. Petaluma Bicycle Advisory Committee:** First Street Town homes.  
13 **d. Tree Advisory Committee:** Discussion of 100-year old tree removed on  
14 West Street.  
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18 **Adjournment: 8:30**  
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