

**DRAFT**  
**Open Space and Habitat Commission Minutes**  
**Community Chambers Conference Room**  
**Monday, March 2, 2009**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Rachel Aptekar, Helena Chung, Eric Davis, Marc Hoshovsky, Greg House, Kemble Pope, Kevin Takei (Alt), Danny Yeung

Commissioners Absent:

Commission Liaisons: Nicole Slaton (Rec and Park), Rob Hoffman (Planning)

Assigned Staff: Mitch Sears

Council Liaison: Lamar Heystek

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**1. Agenda**

Approved unanimously.

**2. Minutes**

February 2, 2009 minutes approved with corrections adding natural area recommendations approved by the Commission.

**3. Public Communications**

Jeanie Jones, representing the Cannery Park development project and the Chamber of Commerce Government Relations Committee.

**4. Commission Goals – Working Group Recommendations**

Public Access – Working Group members Hoshovsky and Aptekar briefed the Commission on the February public input meeting on greenbelts and public access to natural areas.

Following discussion, on a motion by Commissioner Chung, seconded by Commissioner Yeung, the Commission took the following action:

Recommend that the City Council approve the list of actions (attached) and incorporate them into the City's Parks Master Plan to improve public access to open space areas.

The motion passed 7-0

The Commission requested that the City's Wildlife Resource Specialist present at a future meeting on potential conflicts between public access and wildlife in sensitive habitat areas.

Community Farms - The working group considered a revised recommendation proposing a general plan amendment calling for consideration of community farms when new projects at the edge of the city are proposed. The working group will return in April with an updated recommendation, including definitions of community gardens and community farms and guidance on implementation of the concept.

Discussion on the definition of open space will be deferred until the April 2009 meeting.

**5. Staff/Commission Communications**

- Commission Liaison reports – No reports were given.
- Next meeting: Monday, April 6, 2009.

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.