

TOWN OF WOODSIDE

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

October 14, 2008

Independence Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside

7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Persons wishing to address the Council on any matter not on the posted agenda are invited to do so. Please note, however, that the Council is not able to undertake extended discussion or to act on non-agendized items. Such items can be referred to staff for appropriate action, which may include placement on a future agenda. This communication period is limited to five persons, three minutes each. Any additional persons wishing to be heard will be scheduled at the end of Regular Business.

INTERVIEW AND APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR PLANNING COMMISSION (DISTRICT 1)

7:35 p.m. Jennifer Gonzales

7:40 p.m. Daniel Yost

REPORTS

1. Mayor and Councilmember Communications.

COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK AT (650) 851-6790. NOTIFICATION IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING WILL ENABLE THE TOWN TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.

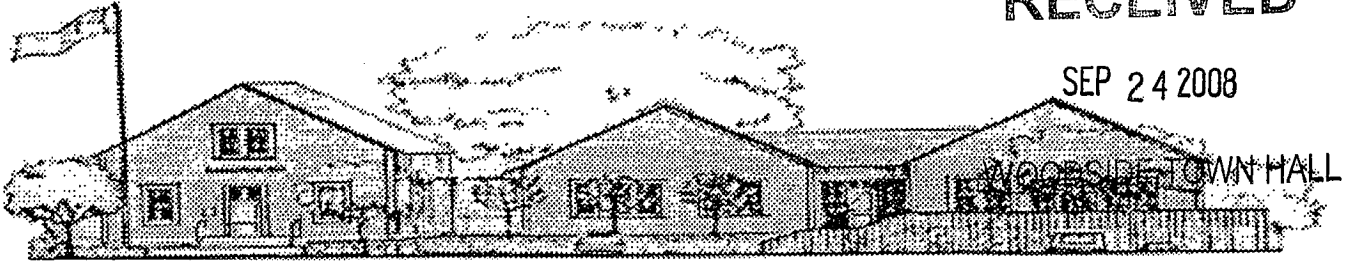
PLEASE NOTE THAT PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S OPEN MEETING RULES, THIS MEETING IS BEING AUDIO TAPED.

ANY WRITINGS OR DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO A MAJORITY OF THE TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE ADMINISTRATION COUNTER AT TOWN HALL LOCATED AT 2955 WOODSIDE ROAD DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

TOWN OF WOODSIDE

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APPLICATION: Planning Commission District 1
 Architectural and Site Review Board
 Committee _____

NAME Jennifer Gonzales PHONE [REDACTED]

E-MAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]

ADDRESS 111 Alta Mesa Rd

I have been a resident of Woodside since 1991; of San Mateo County since 1986.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND B.A. San Jose State, graduate
courses related to Elementary Education

OCCUPATION Retired Elementary School Classroom Teacher,
parent

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

EXPERIENCE IN CIVIC ACTIVITIES Open Space, Brush clearance,
roads, CERP

Filoli Nature Ed docent
Gorilla Foundation Kitchen volunteer

WOODSIDE RESIDENTS QUALIFIED TO COMMENT ON MY CAPABILITIES (include at least two references not connected officially with Town government):

Name Dick Tagg Address 124 Alta Mesa Phone [REDACTED]

Name Susan Crocker Address 171 Alta Mesa Phone [REDACTED]

Name Dana Perrine Address 175 Ravine Phone [REDACTED]
LAHIA Dr.

STATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, ASRB OR COMMITTEE'S PURPOSE.

According to the statement on the website
The Planning Commission:

1. participates in the administration of planning laws and policies
2. recommends ordinances and resolutions necessary to implement the General Plan
3. conducts public hearings to administer ^{or} implement laws and policies of the Town related to zoning, use permits, variances, etc. as assigned by the Council.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE APPOINTED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, ASRB OR COMMITTEE?

I would like the opportunity to work with the other Planning Commission members to serve the Town.

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS/STRENGTHS YOU WILL BRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, ASRB OR COMMITTEE?

I have been a Woodside resident for 17 years

Look for ways to make a difference

Care very much about the community

Work hard

Like to constantly learn

Jennifer Gonzales
Signature

Sept. 23, 2008
Date

Please return application form to:

Town of Woodside
2955 Woodside Road,
P O Box 620005
Woodside, CA 94062
(650) 851-6790
FAX (650) 851-2195

WOODSIDE RESIDENTS QUALIFIED TO COMMENT ON MY CAPABILITIES (include at least two references not connected officially with Town government):

Name Suzanne Muller (Serve on Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich Parks Board together)
Address: 155 Sunrise Drive, Woodside 94062 Phone: [REDACTED]

Name Susan Lang (Served on Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich Parks Board together)
Address 250 Hardwick Road, Woodside, 94062 Phone: [REDACTED]

Name Cliff Kalinowski (Neighbor)
Address 157 Otis Avenue, Woodside 94062 Phone: [REDACTED]

STATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, ASRB OR COMMITTEE'S PURPOSE.

When Woodside voted to incorporate in 1956, it did so largely to enable the Town to take charge of its own planning and maintain the residential, rural and scenic nature of the Town. The Woodside Planning Commission plays a critical role in achieving these goals.

The General Plan, Zoning Ordinance and the Residential Design Guidelines set forth requirements for new buildings and modifications to existing structures. If a resident or builder seeks to diverge from the Zoning Ordinance, the General Plan sets up a process whereby the applicant can do so only when the Planning Commission (or the Town Council) has made certain findings. The Planning Commission is the body that is charged with making the required findings (or not) in order to decide whether or not a project should go forward if an exception is sought.

The Planning Commission also advises the Town Counsel on proposed recommendations for improvements to the General Plan or the Planning process. Given that we are in the midst of a search for a new Director of Planning and Building and about to commence an update of the General Plan, I expect that the Planning Commission will play quite an active role over the next few years.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE APPOINTED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, ASRB OR COMMITTEE?

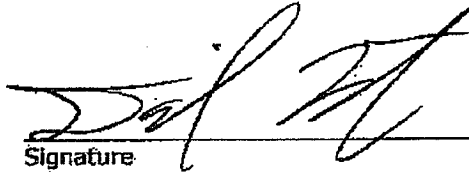
When we moved to the Peninsula we selected Woodside as our home because of its scenic character and rural feel. After a long week at work, sitting on my porch admiring the view of the western hills framed by oak and bay trees is a perfect way to relax. The maintenance of the town's rural character did not just happen. It took concerted effort and foresight by those Town residents who voted to incorporate the Town and put their energy into developing and adopting a General Plan that reflected the desire to maintain the rural, residential and scenic nature of the Town. After living here five years, I want to play a role in maintaining the town's character and I think that the Planning Commission is an ideal place to play such a role.

In addition to maintaining the town's scenic, rural and residential character, I think that the update of the General Plan (and the hiring of a new Director of Planning and Building) creates an opportunity to consider if there are other Town values that we want reflected in our General Plan. As I talk to people around Town, I have noticed that a lot of people are interested in conservation and the environment. I think that the update to the General Plan should provide encouragement for the use of "green" building techniques. That process, updating the General Plan to make it greener and bring it into line with the 21st century, is one that I would enjoy.

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS/STRENGTHS YOU WILL BRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, ASRB OR COMMITTEE?

My legal training and practice enables me to grasp complex issues quickly. I believe that this will come in handy both in getting up to speed on the process of how the Planning Commission works and preparing for the meetings. I also think that these traits will be useful as we update the General Plan.

I would bring a thoughtful and open minded approach to the Planning Commission. I believe I have the skills and disposition to be an effective Planning Commissioner. I understand that not every decision that one makes will be popular, but I think if you are fair and clear about the factors involved in each decision, that they will ultimately be respected.


Signature

10/6/08
Date

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TownClerk/Committee (1/05)