

**Excerpt from the draft minutes of the
City of Albany Planning & Zoning Commission
Meeting of October 23, 2007**

*(The following minutes have not been reviewed or approved by the
Planning and Zoning Commission)*

Roll Call

Present: Arkin, Hitchcock, Maass, Moss, Panian

Absent:

Staff present: Planning & Building Manager Jeff Bond, Assistant Planner Amber
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Item 6e: Waterfront Planning Process Final Report.

*Staff Recommendation: Discuss Final Report and provide comments to the City Council
if desired.*

Planning Manager Bond delivered the staff report. Commissioner Panian stated that the report provided a simple, easy roadmap, which provided helpful recommendations, which was exactly what was wanted.

Commissioner Maas believes that the report provided a good opportunity for everyone to be educated on potential options at the waterfront. He added that local input should be provided before a competition is considered.

Commissioner Arkin is not positive that a competition is the best tool but believes it has potential to bring in creative options. He reminded everyone that Magna has not expressed a willingness to participate in planning.

Commissioner Hitchcock believes that a competition is a good tool and that most attendants reviewing the designs are not design professionals. She also stated that a competition makes a statement.

Commissioner Moss stated that a design competition gives everyone a "what could be," which is exciting. He believes that to stimulate interest, the competition should not have a limit on the number of entries.

The Commission did not make a motion on the item but overall were optimistic and enthusiastic about next steps described in the report.