



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

POLICE DEPARTMENT MURAL ROOM

MONDAY

AUGUST 25, 2008

7:00 P.M.

- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stopper at 7:04 p.m.
- PRESENT:** GPAC Members Batinich, Bennett, Buck, Bushala, Durette, Griffin, Haley, Harrell, Heusser, Jaramillo, Richmond, Savage, and Stopper
- ABSENT:** Excused: GPAC Members Fitzgerald and Lambros
Unexcused: None
- STAFF PRESENT:** Director Godlewski, Senior Planner St. Paul, Administrative Assistant Pasillas
- CONSULTANT PRESENT:** RBF Principal Community Planner David Barquist and RBF Community Planner Michelle Kou
- FLAG SALUTE:** Chair Stopper
- MINUTES:** MOTION made by Committee Member Haley, SECONDED by Committee Member Harrell, and CARRIED unanimously, with Committee Member Savage abstaining, that the Minutes of the July 14, 2008 meeting be APPROVED as written.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

General Plan Update Schedule

RBF Principal Community Planner David Barquist reviewed the anticipated GPAC schedule, from the current meeting through City Council approval in January 2010. Mr. Barquist also advised the Committee of comments that had been received from the State on the Housing Element. RBF was currently working on responses to those comments, and would provide a revised version of the Housing Element, along with the State comments and City's responses, to the Committee at its next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the presentation of the Housing Element to the Planning Commission, and why a lined out version was provided to the Commission rather than the final document. It was the consensus of the Committee that only the final document should move forward, and appendices could be provided with the various drafts. Director Godlewski explained that the document staff had originally presented to the GPAC was intended to meet

State law, and that document had been provided to the Planning Commission to help them better understand the thought process and how the changes were made.

Public Comments.

Katie Dalton stated it would be helpful to have a GPAC discussion prior to presentation of the Updated General Plan to the Planning Commission.

Denny Bean suggested staff type in individual edits to items being discussed so that when Committee discussion was complete a final version would be available.

After general discussion, no action was taken.

General Plan Structure

Mr. Barquist distributed a General Plan Guidelines CD to the Committee, and discussed the guidelines, and the structure that would be followed during the update process.

Public Comments.

Katie Dalton asked when the appropriate time would be to push for a separate Historic Preservation Element, and Director Godlewski responded the table of contents for the General Plan would be addressed at the September 29, 2008 meeting.

After general discussion, no action was taken.

Finalize Vision Statement

Staff provided the Committee with the most recent draft of the Vision Statement, and Member Bennett also provided a draft copy that he believed reflected where the Committee had left off.

After Committee discussion and modifications, the following motion was made.

MOTION by Committee Member Bennett, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Griffin that the following would be the Vision Statement of the General Plan:

I. Our City

Fullerton is a city with a small-town feel, a culturally and ethnically diverse population, and a strong sense of community. We cherish our history while welcoming newcomers and being invigorated by them.

Since its beginnings as an agricultural economy built on citrus production and rail transportation, settlers have created distinctive neighborhoods that reflect different eras in this region's growth. Fullerton's hills and flatlands are now covered with family homes, schools and parks in place of orange groves, but our original town site, with its mature trees and thoughtfully preserved historic structures, still points to our legacy.

Today our small-town feel is preserved in a 21st -century city that provides the best in economic diversity, higher education, health services, arts and culture. Our residents value their active, healthy lifestyle and the environmental attributes and resources that support it.

This is Fullerton's heritage.

II. Our Vision

Based on our shared heritage and community values, the following statement expresses our aspirations for the next decade and beyond to enhance quality of life for all.

Fullerton will be a city which:

- values and provides quality public safety services including emergency services, crime prevention and hazard mitigation
- enjoys a vibrant economy, benefiting from its education community resources and its diverse business base
- encourages economic diversity and creation of new jobs
- encourages growth in its tax base to support our city services and ensure adequate infrastructure
- has an increasing choice of accessible, affordable and desirable housing options which enables our children, workforce families and young professionals to make their homes here, and our seniors to remain here
- is committed to environmental sustainability in planning design, policy and practice
- values and protects its heritage; strives to preserve historic buildings and neighborhoods; embraces high aesthetic standards for new architecture and urban design
- encourages civic participation by the full spectrum of its community and reflects its concerns in official planning and decision-making
- offers a variety of transportation options
- supports community health with recreational resources, well-maintained parks, preserved open spaces, and public programs to encourage healthy lifestyles
- preserves its character by supporting community efforts dedicated to cultural activities, civic engagement, social concerns, health and safety issues, and other aspects of our quality of life; and
- maximizes its resources through joint planning with other agencies and jurisdictions.

III. Our Guiding Principles

The following principles, derived from our vision for Fullerton, will guide our General Plan process. They are touchstones for our Plan's goals, strategies and policies. As guidelines and points of reference, they tie actions to aspirations.

- Change will be harmonized with the elements of Fullerton's history and character that we value.
- Growth will be considered in the context of community needs and its contribution to our quality of life.
- Economic Sustainability - It is essential to the future we envision that our local economy remain strong.
- Environmental Sustainability will be reflected in the use of up-to-date environmental policies to ensure the present and future generations live healthier lives and do not inherit costly, resource-inefficient systems and structures.

- Mobility options of every kind will be of prime consideration in the planning of buildings, streets and paths, traffic patterns, and development of the transit center.
- Balance and equity will be sought in business development, in points of view considered in our planning processes, in housing inventory that serves all of our community, in civic participation, and in decisions that could affect aspects of our quality of life.
- Our identity as an education community and a city with distinctive neighborhoods, heritage and culture will be reinforced in plans and programs that affect how we view ourselves and are viewed by others.

Motion CARRIED unanimously.

STAFF/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

Senior Planner St. Paul informed the Committee that staff would be meeting with representatives of the various schools in the City to see what their needs were in regards to the Bicycle Element.

Mr. St Paul had received the results of the telephone survey, but had not yet reviewed them; therefore the results would be presented to the Committee at the next meeting. Member Buck urged staff to release the results as soon as possible.

Public Comments.

Shirley Gregg asked why the interviews had been conducted in English and Spanish, but not Korean, and Mr. St Paul responded that Korean translators were available if needed. Ginger Britt stated there were 64 languages available through the survey center.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stopper adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.