

After brief discussion, no action was taken.

State Bill (SB) 375

Al Zelinka, Planning Manager, provided the Committee with a brief overview of SB 375. State law now required cities to develop plans to reduce green house gas emissions, including such things as having housing centered near public transportation, higher density housing, and increased public transportation options.

Member Lambros provided additional detail and clarified that SB 375 was not simply addressing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), but total emissions.

Director Godlewski explained that the GPAC had set the tone with the focus areas identified, and staff would work with the goals and policies to accommodate the dictates of AB 32 and SB 375.

A member of the public suggested looking at affordable housing near public transportation, and Director Godlewski confirmed that housing integration was part of SB 375.

After Committee discussion, no action was taken.

Review and discuss Draft General Plan Structure Outline handout (12-15-09)

Mr. St. Paul reviewed the "Fullerton Plan" outline which had been provided to the Members at the last meeting. He asked the Committee if they had any comments on the direction staff had taken; the Committee had no comment. Mr. St. Paul continued by explaining Part II was organized into four primary elements; The Fullerton Built Environment, The Fullerton Economy, The Fullerton Community, and The Fullerton Natural Environment. He again asked the Committee if there were any missing topics or other changes needed.

Public Comments.

A member of the public asked if accountability was separate or included under each item, and Mr. Zelinka responded that it would be identified throughout the plan, and Part III would package it all together.

Chair Stopper questioned why Childcare had been included under The Fullerton Community, when the GPAC had previously voted to remove this topic, and Member Fitzgerald confirmed that it had, but questioned what Human Services included. Mr. Zelinka responded that Human Services would possible include items such as assisted living facilities and food for the hungry. Member Fitzgerald believed that Aging in Place and Childcare should be included under Human Services.

Chair Stopper asked what Technology included, and Mr. Zelinka responded it would include items such as fiberoptics (INET), telecommunication programs, and even recruiting technology-type businesses. Chair Stopper suggested a more meaningful title to clarify the topic better.

A member of the public commented on the need to include police technology, i.e. traffic monitoring technology, and new police computer technology.

Member Buck commented on the need to include Education Community, not just Education, as it represented the sum of all the parts related to education within the City. He also commented that Community should include getting more people involved in active living within the City.

Member Lambros believed the list was broad and included many people within the City. He commented that churches and social organizations (i.e. Rotary Club) were not included.

Chair Stopper asked if the mandatory elements had been included in the outline, and Mr. St. Paul responded affirmatively.

A member of the public, Jeff Townsend, asked where the Police Department, Fire Department, and paramedics were included, and Mr. Zelinka responded they were integrated throughout the General Plan, under such items as Infrastructure & Services and Hazards.

Member Lambros asked about hospitals and medical facilities, and Mr. Zelinka explained they would be included under community services.

A member of the public, Matt Leslie, asked if Childcare and Aging in Place would affect everyone, whereas Human Services would be a collection of services that would not necessarily affect everyone. Mr. Zelinka responded that Human Services could affect everyone, i.e. homelessness – we may not be homeless right now, but we could be at some point.

A member of the public asked if the various service organizations would be listed, and Director Godlewski responded they would be lumped together as one item, with examples listed.

MOTION made by Committee Member Bennett, SECONDED by Committee Member Richmond, CARRIED unanimously, that the proposed outline be approved with the changes mentioned.

General Plan Policy Development

Mr. Zelinka explained the Policy Development Matrix that had been provided to the GPAC, and explained that staff had attempted to organize the community's input around four master topics under the outline.

Mr. Zelinka proposed the GPAC break into four groups, and each group would take one master element to work on, after which the team would report back to the GPAC and public, and the full GPAC would work together to come up with the final draft document.

Vice Chair Griffin asked if the Committee did not want to take this approach, then how would it be done. Mr. Zelinka explained that staff would then work it out and bring it back to the GPAC for their and the public's input.

Chair Stopper acknowledged that it would be more work for the GPAC, but it would save time overall.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to have staff provide the Committee with a complete draft outline, one week before the meeting, to allow them ample time to review. Then, at the next meeting, the Committee could decide how they wanted to proceed. This would also allow those Members not at this meeting an opportunity to provide input.

AGENDA FORECAST

The next meeting was scheduled for March 16, 2009.

STAFF/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

Mr. St. Paul advised the Committee that staff had received comments back on the Housing Element, and that staff was working with the consultants and HCD to respond. Chair Stopper requested the Committee be given an opportunity to review the final document prior to its going forward to the City Council.

Mr. St. Paul informed the Committee the future GPAC agendas and supporting documents would be sent via email. Hard copies would be sent only for very large document, or at the request of a Committee Member.

Member Buck asked the status of the Bike Element, and Mr. St. Paul responded that staff was working on it, and it would go to the Bicycle Users Sub-Committee for review prior to its coming before the GPAC.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stopper adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.