



General Plan Advisory Committee Meeting #9

August 1, 2019



Meeting Overview

- Public Comments
- Element Organization
- Presentation of Draft Goal and Policy Sets:
 - Public Safety
 - Recreation and Resources
 - Public Facilities
 - Community Health and Wellness
- Sample Discussion of Goal RR-1, Parks and Recreation
- Next Steps

General Plan Organization



LAKE FOREST
GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
THREE-PHASED PROCESS



PHASE 1

PHASE 2

PHASE 3

ENVISION
LAKE FOREST

Outreach & Visioning
Data Collection
Background Studies
Opportunities & Challenges

PUBLIC OUTREACH

DEVELOP LAND USE
ALTERNATIVES AND
POLICY OPTIONS

Study Land Use
Analyze Conditions
Develop Policies
Develop General Plan

PUBLIC OUTREACH

CEQA & FINAL
GENERAL PLAN

Prepare Environmental Analysis
Public Review Period
Hearings & Action
Finalize General Plan

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Summary of the Process

Goals, Policies, and Actions

GOALS

Affirmative statement of desired future conditions, regarding a particular topic in the community, toward which effort and resources must be directed.

POLICIES

Statements, usually starting with a verb, that guide decision-making and specify an intended level of commitment to a subject.

ACTIONS

Implementation steps to ensure goals and policies are carried out

Draft Goal and Policy Sets

Round One (08/01/19)

- Public Safety
- Recreation and Resources
- Public Facilities
- Community Health and Wellness

Round Two (08/29/19)

- Land Use
- Mobility
- Economic Development
- Climate Change/Resiliency Planning

Draft Goal and Policy Sets

- Based on results and input from the Visioning Process
- Input and direction from the General Plan Advisory Committee
- Input and direction from Staff
- Results of Existing Conditions Report

Draft Goal and Policy Sets

- All Draft Goal and Policy Sets:
 - Address the requirements of state law
 - Seek to avoid or mitigate environmental impacts
 - Are grounded in sound community planning techniques
 - Reflect the goals and priorities of the community
 - Ensure internal consistency with other elements

Final Element Format

- The Goal and Policy Sets serve as the foundation for what will become the “Final” General Plan Elements
- Final Elements will include:
 - Additional relevant background text
 - Graphics
 - Exhibits
- The majority of this supporting information has already been reviewed by the GPAC as part of the Existing Conditions Report, Issues and Challenges Report, Community Vision, and Land Use Themes Report

GPAC Responsibility



Role of the GPAC

- The GPAC is an Advisory Committee
- Consultant team and City Staff will record for feedback for consideration
- It is the GPAC's responsibility to ensure that the approach reflects local community issues and priorities and is responsive to the direction provided throughout the process
- GPAC is not responsible for approving the policy document

What to Look For

- Goals should be ambitious but attainable. Do you agree that with adherence to the policies, the goals listed are feasible within the next twenty years?
- Pay special attention to the verb (i.e. “action”) associated with each policy. Does it convey the right level of commitment?
- Are there any glaring omissions that you think should be addressed?
- Be ready to discuss critical key ideas, recommendations, or suggestions (typos, format issues, etc. can be discussed separately)

Example Discussion: RR-1

- Is the goal attainable?
- Do the “action” words/verbs identified for each policy represent the appropriate level of City commitment to the topic?
- Are there any other issues that you think should be addressed?
- Do you think any implementation actions are “masquerading” as policies? To answer this question, ask yourself this after reading a policy:
 - “Is this completed and how can I tell that it is complete”? If the process is always ongoing, it should be a policy, not an action

Next Steps



Next Steps

- GPAC will reconvene on Thursday **August 29 2019** to discuss your feedback on the Draft Goal and Policy sets presented tonight
- The remaining Draft Goal and Policy sets will be provided at that meeting, for your review over the following three weeks
- One meeting has been added to the end of the GPAC calendar to accommodate a thorough review of Draft Goal and Policy sets
- Final meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday September 18, 2019**