

Mayor Rob Schroder called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. He welcomed everyone and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to provide information on the progress of the General Plan Update.

Present: Janet Kennedy, Councilmember; Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor; Rob Schroder, Mayor.
Excused: Michael Menesini and Mark Ross, Councilmembers

Planning Commission

Present: Donna Allen, AnaMarie Avila Farias, Jeffrey Keller, Rachel Ford, and Paul Kelly
Excused: Lynette Tanner-Busby, Chair, Harriett Burt, and Michael Marchiano

General Plan Task Force:

Present: Victor Carniglia, Chair and Jenny Fitzgerald.

Planning Manager Terry Blount provided an overview of the General Plan including establishing performance criteria and standards for reviewing project, engage the community in policy choices and to assure community authorship and involvement. He also reviewed the accomplishments to date. Mr. Blount introduced Jeff Baird of Baird and Driskell.

Mr. Baird reviewed the public involvement in the process and community outreach, publicity, and the preliminary agenda for the public workshops.

Councilmember Kennedy asked if the old General Plan had been reviewed to see what needs to be changed. Mr. Baird said it will be done, including a review of the various specific plans. Planning Manager Terry Blount said that the first step is a broad overview, with a more detailed review of each to follow.

Planning Commissioner Donna Allen asked if the content of the workshops will be the same as the information presented on the webpage and in the coffee meetings with the partner groups. Mr. Blount stated that the structure should be the same but the coffee meetings would allow a more indepth discussion. Mayor Schroder suggested that Pine Meadows Golf Course be included as a partner group.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked how much consideration should be given to areas being considered for annexation by the City. Mr. Baird confirmed that areas within the sphere of influence or the City's planning area will have an opportunity for input.

Councilmember Kennedy expressed confidence in the ability and diversity of the large task force. She also expressed appreciation of Mr. Baird being involved in the process, noting that the process for the Housing Task Force was very successful.

Commissioner Paul Kelly said that it could be helpful to involve members of the Student Council from both Alhambra and College Park High Schools.

It was recommended that the workshops be advertised in the bulletins of the local schools.

Both Planning Manager Blount and Mr. Baird commended Victor Carniglia and Jenny Fitzgerald for their work on the General Plan Task Force. Mayor Schroder expressed his appreciation for their commitment as well.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m. to the Regular City Council meeting of October 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Approved by the City Council,

Rob Schroder, Mayor

Mercy G. Cabral, Deputy City Clerk – 11/17/10