Planning Commission Briefing
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Presentation Overview

- Introduction to the General Plan Project and Overview of Consultant Selection
- Summary of the General Plan Update Process
- Overview of Public Outreach and Community Involvement Plan
- Overview of Completed and Ongoing Tasks
- Discussion of Planning Commission’s Role
What is a General Plan?

- General Plans are long-range planning documents, projecting 20+ years
- A City’s General Plan is its constitution, a blueprint for the future
- The State requires every city and county in California to adopt a General Plan
- The City of Milpitas adopted its current General Plan in 1994. Since that time, new laws have been passed and new social and environmental issues have emerged, making an update timely
What is a General Plan?

- The State requires several “elements” be included in a General Plan, covering subject areas of:
  - Land Use
  - Circulation
  - Housing
  - Conservation
  - Open Space
  - Safety
  - Noise

- Elements covering other areas may also be added, such as:
Consultant Selection

- September 2015: City of Milpitas issues a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to General Plan Consultants
- October 2015: City receives qualification submittals from six firms
- December 2015: City interview panel conducted
- January 2016: Top two firms asked to submit proposals for review
- February 2016: DeNovo Planning Group selected
- April 2016: City Council reviews and approves contact with DeNovo
Summary of the Process

- Identify Community Priorities
- Existing Conditions Report
- Issues and Opportunities Reports
- Land Use Alternatives Reports
- General Plan Goals, Policies, and Programs
- Draft General Plan Update
- Environmental Impact Report
- Public Hearings - General Plan and EIR
## Community Participation and Outreach

### Participation
- Visioning Workshops (3)
- Land Use Workshops (2)
- Open-House Workshop (1)
- General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) Meetings (15)
- Council Workshops (6)
- Joint Meetings (PC/CC)
- Planning Commission Meetings (4)
- City Council Meetings (4)

### Outreach
- General Plan Website
- Community Presentations
- Newsletters
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Online Surveys
- Email updates
Three (3) Visioning Workshops will be conducted with the community at large.

The Visioning Workshops focus on gathering critical public input to identify community values and priorities and key issues for the General Plan to address.

The 1st Visioning Workshop is scheduled for:
Thursday, September 22nd at 6:30 p.m.
Barbara Lee Senior Center Community Room
40 N. Milpitas Blvd.
GPAC: Community representatives who serve as liaisons and project ambassadors.
Members of the GPAC will be selected by the Mayor and City Council from members of key community sectors.

The GPAC will assist the project team in developing General Plan Goals, Policies, Actions, and the Land Use Map.

The result of the GPAC’s time together will be a Draft General Plan prepared and submitted to the Planning Commission and City Council for further review, input, and refinement.
Completed Tasks

- Consultant selection
- Data collection
- Website launch: milpitas.generalplan.org
- Driving tour with Consultant
- Began drafting Existing Conditions Report
- Scheduled first Visioning Workshop
- Council Presentation

Pending Tasks

- Planning Commission Presentation
- Completion of Existing Conditions Report
- Establish GPAC
- Begin drafting Issues and Opportunities Report
- Conduct first Visioning Workshop
- Schedule 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} Visioning Workshops
CITY OF MILPITAS GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND EIR

PROJECT SCHEDULE

De Novo Planning Group

Updated September 2016
Planning Commission’s Role

• The Planning Commission is the key advising body to City Council

• Commission will review and provide recommendation to City Council on:
  – Land Use Alternatives
  – Preferred Land Use Map and Corresponding Fiscal Impacts Analysis
  – Draft and Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
  – Draft and Final General Plan
Discussion

ASSETS
• What do you value most about Milpitas?
• What makes this a special place to live or work?

CHALLENGES
• What issues are facing the city that need to be addressed in the General Plan?

VISION
• What ideas do you have for the future of Milpitas?
• What would make your community better?
• What would you like to see accomplished by 2030?
NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING

Please join the City of Milpitas at our first Visioning Workshop for the General Plan Update Project!

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 22nd, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Barbara Lee Senior Center Community Room
40 North Milpitas Boulevard, Milpitas

Free parking is available in the Senior Center parking lot directly adjacent to Milpitas City Hall (entrance on Milpitas Boulevard).

*Light refreshments will be served.*

The entire Milpitas community is encouraged to participate in the General Plan Update Project!
Please tell your friends and neighbors!

For more information, please visit: [http://milpitas.generalplan.org](http://milpitas.generalplan.org)

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