GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting #1 Agenda | August 28, 2019

DRAFT MEETING NOTES

OBJECTIVES

- Initiate the General Plan Advisory Committee.
- Discuss the roles and responsibilities of the General Plan Advisory Committee.
- Provide an overview of the General Plan Update.
- Brainstorm on the key issues and opportunities in the City of Thousand Oaks.

ATTENDEES

GPAC Members
- Present: Alicia Rincon, Chaise Rasheed, Dr. Chris Kimball, Darren Bovard, Dena Jenson, Dustin Woomer, Emily Dale, Fred Fukunaga, Jacqueline Emanuel, Jennifer Lobenhofer, Dr. Karen Gorback, Ken Lamont, Laura Behjan, Mic Farris, Michael Nigh, Nicholas Reale, Patrick DuRoss, Paul Shrater, Tara Carruth, Dr. Victor Hayek, Wyatt McCrea
- Absent: Amy Commans, Andy Fox, Rorie Skei

City Staff
- Andrew Powers, City Manager; Ingrid Hardy, Assistant City Manager; Tracy Noonan, City Attorney; Mark Towne, Community Development Director; Haider Alawami, Economic Development Director; Kelvin Parker, Deputy Community Development Director; Kari Finley, Planning Manager; Krystin Rice, Senior Planner; Iain Holt, Senior Planner; Tabitha McAtee, Assistant Planner; Brad Bussell, Senior Engineer

Consultant Team
- Matt Raimi and Melissa Stark, Rami + Associates

MEETING MINUTES

Introduction and Welcome
Andrew Powers, City Manager, welcome the GPAC members. GPAC members introduced themselves and shared how long they have been part of the Thousand Oaks community and in what capacity.

GPAC Roles and Responsibilities
Matt Raimi provided a brief overview of the role and responsibilities of the Advisory Committee. Ground rules for participation were also covered.
Overview of the General Plan
Matt Raimi provided a brief demographic overview of the City, a summary of what a General Plan is, key components of the Thousand Oaks General Plan Update, the project schedule and community engagement approach.

Group Discussion
The consultant team posed the following questions to the Committee. A summary of responses are as follows:

1. **What are the strengths of the City and opportunities for the future?**
   - Open space, nature and outdoor recreation
   - Public/private schools
   - CLU
   - Community spirit – small town feel
   - City is fiscally sound
   - City leadership
   - Trails, parks and playfields
   - Active civic community
   - Location – proximity to mountains and beaches
   - Affordable housing
   - Arts accessibility
   - Preservation of local history
   - Sense of pride
   - Public resource network for community members
   - Local sports programs
   - Clean
   - Opportunity to attract filming
   - Opportunity to increase non-profit sector

2. **What are the key issues and pressures facing the City now and in the future?**
   - Mobility – traffic congestion, commuting, public transportation, bikeability
   - Changes in retail
   - Homelessness
   - Housing/Lack of affordability/Choices for all lifestyles
   - Environmental sustainability (water supply)
   - Aging population
   - Arts and culture support
   - Inclusiveness of people of color and/or immigrants with civic engagement
   - Lack of entertainment options and gathering spaces
   - Infrastructure for future development
   - Attracting business (not target specific industry, need flexibility)
3. **What topics do you want to have more in-depth discussion on during GPAC meetings?**
   - Housing/Understanding density
   - Retail
   - Transportation
   - Development
   - Popular new businesses
   - Infrastructure and parking
   - City’s changing demographics/Aging Population
   - Livability
   - Trends in technology like driverless cars
   - Health and environmental justice

4. **How can you help with community engagement? What ideas do you have for reaching out to the diversity of community members?**
   - Due to time constraints, members were asked to send ideas to the project email (GP@toaks.org).

**Public Comments**
*Members of the public were given a maximum of three minutes to share any thoughts or comments. Seven community members participated in public comment.*

   - Fire resiliency
   - Noise, homelessness, safety of neighborhoods
   - Fire safety, evacuation plans
   - Need for Cultural Plan
   - Need more housing type options
   - Young adults are leaving the City
   - Climate change/Resilience/Water Scarcity
   - Need focus group for sustainability and vegetation management/wildfire

**Wrap-up and Next Steps**

Adjourn at 8:00 pm