

General Plan Advisory Committee

Meeting #4

May 28, 2019

SUMMARY

Introduction

On Tuesday, May 28th, 2019 the City convened the fourth meeting of the General Plan Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the community survey results and the emerging themes for the General Plan that rose to the top out of the survey results. Esmeralda Garcia recapped the previous meetings and work to date then summarized the results of each of the community survey questions, facilitating discussion on how those results reflect the wants and needs of the community.

Additionally, the meeting determined the respective goals and objectives for the next GPAC meeting and the next community workshop, scheduled tentatively in the Senior Citizens' Center on June 29th (facility request pending).

The following is a summary of the Committee's discussion.

Summary of GPAC Meeting #3 Minutes

- *Pedestrian safety is a concern along Atlantic and Washington Boulevards, especially when crossing the street*
 - Reaction: GPAC should have a summary of the ped/bike group's progress.

Community Survey Results

All comments on survey results due by next Monday (June 3rd).

- Need more connection with other groups (e.g. Bike/Ped).
- Why didn't housing rise to the top in the survey results? Is it hard to visualize for respondents?
 - Visual cues are helpful.

Emerging Themes

- There is a connection between the following themes listed:
 - Sense of community
 - Quality services for all
 - Family-oriented
- There might be a reason to merge the following themes:
 - Small town-like
 - Strong neighborhoods
- There is a need to connect the silos.
 - e.g. through bike/ped group.
- Commerce is a clean community, except near businesses.
 - e.g. area by Jack-in-the-Box
 - Commerce needs a sense of corporate citizenship.
 - ****clean corridors****
- Safety—Atlantic is NOT safe.

Specific reactions:

- **Small town-like**
 - In addition to the list given, Commerce is also:
 - Siloed.
 - Little towns.
 - Geography segregates the neighborhoods.
- **Healthy community**
 - Advocate the City as a Green business-friendly community with strong amenities.

Vision and Guiding Principles – Examples

Committee members reacted positively to the following:

- Cudahy
 - Protect and enhance community health and the environment
- Pasadena Land Use Element
 - Balance Areas of Stability
 - Commerce should try—especially for residential and industry.

Action Items/Next Steps

- Next community workshop: June 29th

- Goals: get input/feedback on vision and themes.
- Next GPAC topics:
 - June: Mobility?
 - July: Workshop results and GP alternatives.

The team reaffirmed to meet the 4th Tuesday of each month. The committee will reconvene on June 25th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.