

## General Plan Advisory Committee

Meeting #6

July 30, 2019

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### SUMMARY

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#### Introduction

On Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the City convened the sixth meeting of the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC). The focus of the meeting was to elicit input about new land uses in Commerce.

#### Previous Meeting Recap

The comment regarding motels is general.

- *The group discussed that motels along Atlantic Boulevard are an eyesore and undesirable.*

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

#### Areas for Opportunity

Ms. García introduced an aerial map of Commerce displaying assets and major corridors, an updated map based upon feedback from June's meeting of the GPAC, and a legend depicting uses that resulted from the community visual survey that was distributed during the first phase of community engagement. She facilitated a discussion to gather ideas about new uses the GPAC members would like to see in different parts of the city and exactly where they should be.

GPAC members had the following comments:

- Address existing issues in the General Plan.
  - Homelessness is increasing annually in the region and the Plan should consider how to provide for that population.
  - Parking spaces, both on and off-street, for residents are a major need throughout Commerce.
  - Amenities for day workers vs. amenities for permanent residents are disproportionate in favor of day workers who do not live in Commerce.
- Ensure careful planning if I-710 freeway is improved.
  - Provide site(s) for relocation of displaced residents.
  - Consider community benefits as a development requirement.
- Consider proposed Metro light-rail station as a unique opportunity for a vibrant plan area.
- Consider a transit-oriented development (TOD) near the proposed Metro light-rail station.
  - Maximize the use of land near the Metro station.
  - Balance parking availability between residents and transit users. Provide parking as a premium for residents and consider shared parking options.
  - Make the TOD equitable and accessible for all.
- Enhance the Target shopping center and leverage success of food trucks and local businesses.
- Consider diverse types of business.
  - Some industrial areas could be converted to other land uses.
  - Commerce is currently the #3 port city in the U.S.
- Add a life skills center in Commerce.
- Provide better connections within the Bristow neighborhood.
  - Create bike corridors.
- Provide homeless shelter/center services in the Veteran's Park neighborhood.

### **Action Items/Next Steps**

- The GPAC members can email comments on the previous meeting summary to General Plan team by August 5, 2019.

The team reminded the committee members that the next meeting will take place on August 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.



