

**CPC AUGUST 23, 2005
GENERAL PLAN WORKSHOP**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Mullaney - Wave analogy that growth is inevitable. Other cities reached build-out and stopped growing. Discussed problems with growth including traffic congestion, existing facilities deficiencies, and lower park standards.

Brian Martin - Questioned an industrial land use designation in San Ysidro.

CPC COMMENTS

Jim Denton- Rancho Bernardo
Happy with general flavor
Maps do not reflect the look of the community in 20 years.

Tom Traver- Midway
P.145. A “no net loss”(of industrial lands) policy wouldn’t work for Midway. Would eliminate what they want to do. Industrial only development would not correct facility deficiencies.

Buzz Gibbs - Kearny Mesa
No net loss should be a goal not a policy. People are generally happy with the Economic Prosperity Element.. EP-A.1 should be more flexible. Development shouldn’t have to wait for transit. EP-A.9-should say “may” be identified.
EP B.2- note that Kearny Mesa is an auto-oriented urban area, should not discourage auto-oriented commercial.
EP C-9-do not encourage multi-family.
Base sector uses are north of Montgomery Field.

Leo Wilson- Uptown Planners
Glad to see the Noise Element. Uptown is being turned into a suburb. They enjoy commercial and entertainment uses. Need tight insulation standards. Need a more stable population policy. He likes the distinctive neighborhoods section (of the Urban Design Element). He heard a one hour General Plan (GP) presentation at their planning group meeting. We need to think about build-out – the coastal strip has 1% of land, and 10% of population.
Difficult to change San Diego into an urban city.

- Pat Shields- Golden Hill
Support city Staff, but sees the GP document as useless. Golden Hill Elementary example. The school district went through back door to build in a canyon. Historic district-County staff tried to bend the rules. Need a “community bill of rights.” Will not tolerate city corruption. Need an element to empower community planning groups (CPGs).
- Laura Riebau- Eastern Area.
Still reviewing the GP document. Balanced communities has been a goal for many years. Would like to see enforcement.
Why not have a 2nd water treatment plant? Want desalination, reclamation.
Urban Design Element calls for harmony, but in reality there is not harmony in the built environment (re: housing).
- Cynthia Conger - Peninsula
Upset with 20 year planning horizon. Airport LUCP – school siting issue. City makes decisions.
Role in existing needs. Redevelopment takes money away from general fund-should go back to the community. Deferring amendments to planning boards is awful. Bonds can pay for airport.
Cannot keep densifying.
- Jeff Stevens - Mira Mesa
We need a new airport.
Too much fluff in the GP-childhood obesity example.
Nice words that don’t link with housing.
Camino Ruiz village example – site wasn’t recommended by the group. Now a proposal is in without facilities/transit.
City of Villages should be considered “experimental.”
- Jim Varnadore - City Heights
Transit issues
Not much about role of planning groups
Wants to assign veto power to CPGs
Strategic Framework Element City of Villages map was flawed.
Implementation focus is on poorer communities.
- Guy Pruess - Skyline Paradise Hills
Parking Management section - footnotes do not validate. Parking is worth the cost. Parking is needed.
In-lieu fees are worthless, see ME-74.

- Judy Elliot Normal Heights – Facilities
They lack infrastructure, same as past 30 years. Impact of infill on facilities. How do we get out of deficit? Doesn't see how we can get out of deficit, let alone add density. Politicians don't support taxes. Will not support plan. CPGs want a greater role, need veto power.
- Mel Ingalls- Otay Mesa –
EPE, pg. 10 goes with new ideas about Otay Mesa. Comments on history of Otay Mesa
Brown field property is a detriment to the city, but could be potential asset/financial solution to the city with office and residential.
- Eric Germain- Tierrasanta
Too much fluff and repetition, social engineering
Will suggest proposed wording to protect communities from TOD (transit-oriented development).
Need a procedure to designate open space
Wants to raise FBAs
GP Mobility Element is a “jihad” against the automobile (ME D3)
Insane to emphasize walkability over cars
Questioned the 2.4 usable acres park standard.
p.168 – direct lift from CPI (Center on Policy Initiatives) report totally unacceptable, do not raise taxes. CPG Bill of Rights.
- Jan Johnson - Otay Mesa/Nestor
Don't continue to override CPG recommendations
Too much subsidized housing
- Cindy Moore - Serra Mesa
Infrastructure and facilities are inadequate
Parking studies not adequately done.
Community plans not updated.
CPGs need more input.
Lots of good things too.
- Vicky Granowitz- Greater North Park
Brush management discussion needed. Noise impacts on regional parks and communities. Example: Special events noise impacts, too many parades in regional parks.
Historic preservation - surveys need to be completed. Want to see demolition permits.
Apartment to condo process a problem.
Consider compost toilets as a conservation measure.

- M. Freedman - San Ysidro
CPC comments should be compiled and distributed
- John Pilch- Navajo
What impact does GP have on community plan updates?
- Tamara Silverstein- Scripps Ranch
There are sites on the map which the group does not want.
Questioned meaning of the City of Villages map.
- Paul Robinson- Centre City
Age of the EIR question (adopted on 2002).
Status of housing element question
- Steve Laub - College Area
Social engineering and science fiction
Restrictions on commercial development are not healthy regarding
the draft policy to protect viable commercial and industries.
Need coordinated planning with state and federal institutions –
military housing
Encourage and applaud flexibility in park standards.
Industrial - where is shortage of industrial land, need a study on
shortage. How do we compete with other cities/states for good
jobs?
- Lee Ritnor - Eastern Area /Rolando
Commercial and industrial corridors need redevelopment.
Walkability doesn't always work.
Need more roads, need to determine where lights are and are not
needed. Need prioritization.
- Lee Campbell - Tierrasanta
Read Friends of San Diego handout regarding deficiencies.
Caltrans reference not found.
Likes Yuba City General Plan; it is a good example for a
community plan. Add level of service standards
- Reynaldo Pisano Southeastern
Noise standards needs to be reduced by use of abatement materials.
Public facility updates should have the input of CPGs
Park standards
- Jim Varnadore - Do not send PDF files. He cannot open them.