

Community Planners Committee (CPC) General Plan Subcommittee
Land Use and Community Planning Element
Meeting Summary

The CPC Subcommittee on the General Plan update met on February 17, 2006. The purpose of this meeting was to review the working draft of the Land Use and Community Planning Element and to prepare motions for CPC consideration at their meeting on February 28, 2006.

The subcommittee members reviewed and discussed all proposed sections of the element and several motions were made throughout this review. The following represents a summary of major points brought up by the subcommittee members. Specific motions from the subcommittee will be distributed to CPC when they are available.

- It was discussed that current land use designations and the variety of designations that exist today help communities maintain their character.
- Some existing land use designations (i.e. private recreation, golf course, and zoological park) do not seem to fit under the proposed community plan designations of open space, population-based and natural resource-based parks. Perhaps create another community plan designation, such as private recreation to accommodate these types of uses.
- Change “blueprint” to “guide” throughout the element when making reference to the General Plan.
- Key employment areas should be protected from encroachment from incompatible non-industrial uses rather than just non-industrial uses.
- There is a need to maintain or increase the amount of employment land uses in appropriate locations aside from maintaining or increasing planned density of residential land uses in appropriate locations.
- More office use should be allowed in the scientific research and light industrial land use designations.
- New development should not occur where infrastructure does not support it.
- Add “applicable community plan” whenever there is language about not adversely affecting the General Plan so that it reads “does not adversely affect the General Plan and applicable community plan.”
- Delete policy LU-D.7. as the language allows for technical amendment initiation without the need for a public hearing when a proposed amendment is necessary to ensure the public health, safety or welfare.
- Look into potential annexations and the relationship to the City’s sphere of influence.

Subcommittee members present at the February 17, 2006 meeting: Leo Wilson, Steve Laub, Jim Varnadore, Lee Campbell, Eric Germain, Kathy Mateer and Buzz Gibbs.

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