



News from
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During Building Lull, Planning Picks Up Speed
Councilmember Gloria Kicks Off Community Plan Update Process

SAN DIEGO, CA (January 28, 2009) – San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria will today help kick off the update process for community plans in the District Three communities in Uptown, North Park and Golden Hill at a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Balboa Park Club’s Santa Fe Room.

“Community plans are the road maps for neighborhood protection and preservation,” said Councilmember Gloria. **“The community plans for Uptown, North Park and Golden Hill are all outdated and in great need of revision and public input.”**

Tonight’s meeting will officially kick off the update process for the three community plans, which is expected to take approximately two years. Councilmember Gloria, who represents all of North Park, the majority of Uptown and a portion of Golden Hill will be joined at the meeting by Council President Ben Hueso and Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer, who represent the remaining parts of Golden Hill and Uptown, respectively. Staff from the City Planning and Community Investment Department will explain the course of the updates, including the next step, the initiation of stakeholder groups in each community.

“Residents and business people want the best for their neighborhoods, and their voices are critical in the development of revised community plans,” said Gloria. **“The preservation of historic resources, the protection of community character and the fortification of appropriate land uses will be governed by these documents. I encourage all members of the public in North Park, Uptown and Golden Hill to pay close attention and participate in this process.”**

Members of the public and the media are invited and encouraged to attend tonight’s meeting, and Councilmember Gloria will be pleased to speak with the media at this event and throughout this process.

COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE KICK OFF

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Balboa Park Club – Santa Fe Room

(From Park Blvd., head west on Presidents Way. The Balboa Park Club is straight ahead just past the Organ Pavilion Parking Lot.)

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Community Plan Updates Uptown • North Park • Golden Hill

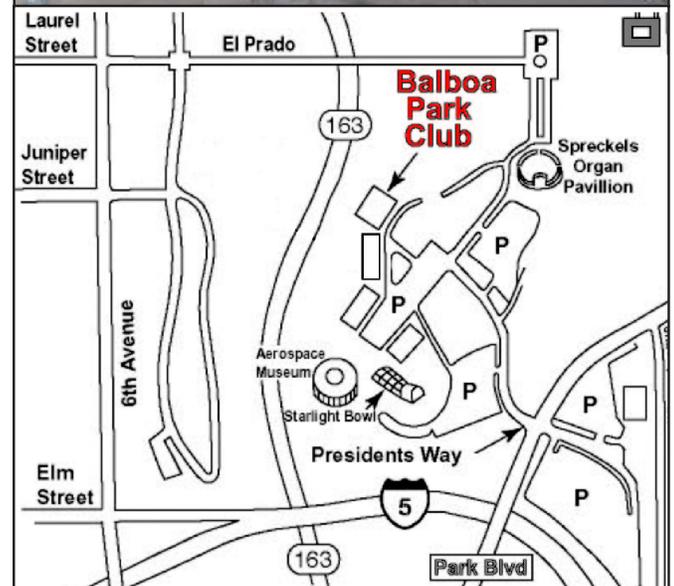
Invitation to the Initial Public Meeting to discuss the plan update process with City staff

Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2009
Time: 6:00PM
Location: Balboa Park Club – Santa Fe Room
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The City of San Diego is embarking on concurrent updates to the community plans for Golden Hill, North Park and Uptown. The community is invited to a kick-off meeting to discuss the plan update process with City staff. The agenda will include the planning framework established by the City's new General Plan, and public involvement in the process by the existing community planning groups, as well as stakeholder committees formed for this purpose. These stakeholder committees will provide the opportunity for other interested members of the community to be formally involved in the process. **Stakeholder committee formation will be discussed at this meeting.**

The recent update to the General Plan calls for the update of the City's various community plans in order to establish these plans as integral and essential components of the new General Plan. The General Plan sets out a long-range vision and policy framework to guide future development, provide public services, and maintain the qualities that define San Diego over the next 20+ years. It also represents a shift in focus from how to develop vacant land to how to design infill development and reinvest in existing communities. This focus is reflected throughout the Plan, including such topics as sustainable development, urban design, the provision of public services & facilities, mobility and historic preservation. The community plan update process will develop the community-specific detail, relevant policies, and implementation strategies necessary to fulfill General Plan objectives.

Balboa Park Club



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