## UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING PLANNING DEPARTMENT

April 20, 2021







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### **ZOOM MEETING FUNCTIONS**





- 5:30 CALL TO ORDER Andy Wiese, Chair
   VIRTUAL ROLL CALL
   NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT Two minutes per speaker
- **5:45** ITEM 1 INFO ITEM Introductions, Meeting Purpose, Schedule
- **5:50** ITEM 2 INFO ITEM Four "P's" of Public Space
- **6:00** ITEM 3 INFO ITEM TOD & Urban Design Concepts Part One
- **6:15** ITEM 3 INFO ITEM Land Use and Mixed-Use Opportunities
- 8:30 ADJOURNMENT





### **MEETING PURPOSE & EXPECTED TAKEAWAYS**

PURPOSE	To review and discuss land use and mixed-use opportunities in the context of urban design
DISCUSSION	A discussion on the appropriate mix of land uses
TAKEAWAYS	The Project Team will take the feedback heard during tonight's discussion and develop further concepts for next month's meeting
WHAT'S NEXT?	Next month we will review the concepts to be included in the Online Community Engagement Tool





### INTRODUCTIONS







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### **UNIVERSITY CPUS SCHEDULE**



OCET May - June Public Workshop June





- It provides community-specific goals, tailored policies, and a longrange physical development guide for City staff, decisionmakers, property owners, and citizens engaged in community development.
- It establishes goals and policies to address land use, conservation, mobility, urban design, open space, and public facilities.
- As a component of the City of San Diego's General Plan, it is a longterm blueprint for the future and provides location-based goals, policies, and recommendations.





### WHAT THE COMMUNITY PLAN DOES NOT DO

- It does not mandate growth. The community plan provides options and opportunities for new housing and employment. It does not require property owners to redevelop or mandate that development will happen.
- It is not a maintenance document. The community plan is a longrange policy and regulatory document that identifies future infrastructure needs. It is not a plan to address the deferred maintenance of existing infrastructure.
- It does not approve specific projects. The community plan establishes policy and regulatory direction—all future projects will still go through an approval process.



## **Urban Design Concepts #2**

Community Planning Group Subcommittee Meeting April 20, 2021









#### A. Recap of March 2021 Meeting

**B.** Four "P's" of Public Space

#### **C.** Land Use and Mixed-Use Opportunities

**D. Next Steps** 



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What are some Design Concepts?



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Focus Area 3: UTC & Executive Drive Station Concepts

Focus Area 2: Towne Centre Drive Concept





**Focus Area 4:** La Jolla Village Square Concept



Focus Area 5: Governor Drive Concept







### Focus Area 2: Towne Centre Drive Concept

#### **Key Elements Presented**

- Cluster Development and Focus it on Towne Centre Drive
- Activate the Entrances to each Cluster with a Small Plaza and "Micro" Mobility Hub
- Maintain Some Surface Parking Lots but Design Quality
   Outdoor Spaces between Lots and Buildings
- Connect to the Natural Landscape with a Perimeter Network of Continuous Trails and Paths

- How do we make the area/ trails accessible?
- Architecture that is more compatible with natural environment
- Canyon Edges
- Transit Access







### Focus Area 3: UTC Station Concept

#### **Key Elements Presented**

- Build Up the Street Edge on La Jolla Village Dr. & Genesee Ave.
- Reinforce a Mall Promenade that Runs Diagonally North -South Across the Center
- Locate Housing Near Existing Residential
- Wrap Parking Structures
- Provide Community Gathering Spaces, Large & Small
- Activate the Transit Station with a Plaza and Mobility Hub that Opens to the Mall
- Establish a Local Circulation "Loop"

- Greenway draws people from Renaissance up to UTC
- Clarify Location of Residential & Related Park Spaces
- Density & Height North of Eastgate Mall







### Focus Area 3: Executive Drive Station Concept

#### **Key Elements Presented**

- Build Up the Street Edge on Executive Dr.
- Establish a Promenade on Executive Dr.
- Break Down Superblock
- Provide Community Gathering Spaces, Large and Small internal to the Blocks
- Activate the Transit Station with a Plaza and Mobility Hub that Orients to Executive Dr.

- Mandell Weiss Park should be preserved
- Density & Height North of Eastgate Mall
- North -sided Promenade makes sense
- Opportunities for more Greenways
- Connections to Rose Canyon







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- Build Up the Street Edge on Executive Dr.
- Establish a Promenade on Executive Dr.
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### Focus Area 4: La Jolla Village Square Concept

#### **Key Elements Presented**

- Build Up the Street Edge on Nobel Drive
- Establish a "Main Street" that Runs North
- -South Across the Center
- Locate Housing Near Existing Residential
- Use Parking as a Buffer to the Freeway
- Wrap Parking Structures
- Provide Community Gathering Spaces, Large and Small
- Activate the Transit Station with a Plaza and Mobility Hub

#### Feedback

- Station Access is key
- Safe Crossings at Nobel and across Center
- Height options should be considered?
- A place where people want to live because you have everything there
- Welcoming Experience
- Consider redevelopment of the Center Buildings



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### Focus Area 5: Governor Drive Concept

#### **Key Elements Presented**

- Build Up the Street Edge
- Establish a "Main Street" that Runs East -West Across the Center and to the Library
- Locate Housing Near Existing Residential in Mixed
   -Use Buildings
- Internalize Parking
- Provide Seating Areas Next to Retail
- Activate the Transit Stop with a Plaza and "Micro" Mobility Hub

#### Feedback

- Outdoor Spaces Attached to Businesses
- Second Level of Residential
- Do we need four gas stations?
- Overflow Parking from Schools
- Traffic Calming on Governor Dr.
- Connection to Library

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Place for more Housing, Community Activities





### Concept Plans







## **Key Public Space Opportunities**

Plazas – Connect People to Transit, Employment and Retail Experiences



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Paseos – Connect People through and to Blocks, Streets, Plazas and Parks



**Promenades** – Connect People through Neighborhoods and to Services



**Podiums** – Connect Uses & Buildings

























#### **Questions/ Comments**

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- 1. What land uses should be emphasized?
- 2. What are mixed -use opportunities to explore?
- 3. Where should we encourage ground floor and transit activation ?
- 4. Where should we focus development ?
- 5. How and where should public spaces be integrated?





#### **Focus Areas**









#### **Key Questions**

- 1. Primary Uses
- 2. Mixed -Use
- 3. Activation
- 4. Development Focus
- 5. Public Spaces







#### **Existing Community Plan Land Uses**











#### Should new development focus on North Torrey Pines Road?









Should new development focus inward around campus nodes and clusters?







#### From Office Parks:

# How are Tech and Science Campuses changing?

#### To Innovation Districts:



IQHQ's Research and Development District includes a series of mid-rise office buildings and one 17-story tower, all facing the Pacific Ocean. (Courtesy, IQHQ)

SOURCE: https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com

"Biotech buyer acquires most of Manchester Pacific Gateway for \$1.5B waterfront life science campus" Jennifer Van Grove, September 27, 2020





### Focus Area 1: North Torrey Pines **Cluster Concept**

#### **Key Concepts**

- Micro Mobility Hub/ Plaza
- - Paseo/ Canyon Connection



**Central Green** 



**Positive Frontage** 



5 Structured Parking







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### **Existing Community Plan Land Uses**











### Do we need a new development pattern focused on transit access?

#### **Employment Uses**



Scientific Research

**Restricted Industrial** 







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Scientific Research

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## Should we expand opportunities for housing near transit?

#### **Residential Uses**



**Medium Density Residential** 

Medium High Density Residential







How can Housing be integrated with Employment Uses?







### Focus Area 2: Eastgate

### **Key Questions**

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- 2. Mixed -Use
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### **Key Questions**

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### **Existing Community Plan Land Uses**



Medium Density Residential

High Density Residential

Neighborhood Commercial

**Community Commercial** 

**Regional Commercial** 

Office Commercial



Visitor Commercial

Scientific Research



Neighborhood Park









### How do better integrate employment uses with other uses in the area?





#### **Employment Uses**







### Should we expand retail and other active ground floor uses in mixed -use formats?



#### **Retail Uses**







# How do we activate the ground floor and create walkable streets?



Ground Floor Retail





### How should housing be integrated?







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### Focus Area 3: Community Core

# The spaces between buildings matter





# Where should we focus development?

**Potential Towers** 











# How are public spaces integrated ?





2 UTC Mall Main Street Connecting toward the Neighborhood



**Executive Drive Promenade** 



**Residential Loop** 







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#### **Existing Community Plan Land Uses**



Low Density Residential



Neighborhood Commercial













### Should Office Commercial uses be expanded? Perhaps along Nobel Dr.?









### Should we expand retail and other active ground floor uses in mixed -use formats?











# How do we activate the ground floor and create walkable streets?



#### Active Ground Floor Uses







# Where should Residential uses be focused?





**Residential Uses** 



# Can some of it be in a mixed -use retail and residential building?









# How can public spaces shape the experience?



Plaza – Commuter Hub



"Main Street" Experience









Where should development be focused?

**Focused Development** 

























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### **Existing Community Plan Land Uses**

Neighborhood Commercial



Community Commercial



#### **Office Commercial**









# How should land uses be integrated?







What types of mixed -use make sense?







# How should public spaces be integrated?



Corner Plaza – Commuter Hub



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"Main Street" Experience

Community Green







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### **May Meeting**

- Review Content for Online Engagement
- Urban Design & Land Use



