

**College Area Community Planning Board (CACPB) – Community Plan Update Committee**

**1<sup>st</sup> DRAFT - Public Facilities Element Goals & Policies**

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## **Goals**

- Public facilities that provide services to the community, are equitably located near mixed-use transit corridors and nodes, are technologically equipped, and environmentally sustainable.
- A healthy, safe, and livable community that reduces the risk posed by fire, flooding, hazardous materials, geologic and seismic hazards, and extreme temperatures.

## **Policies**

### ***City Public Facilities & Utilities***

#### **Location & Design**

- Locate public facilities along transit corridors and nodes to increase accessibility.
- Design public facilities as an integral part of the community, with an emphasis on landscaping and an expanded urban tree canopy to reduce the heat island effect, reduce stormwater runoff, and improve air quality.
- Incorporate public meeting spaces within new commercial and mixed-use developments.
- Consider alternative uses for public facilities that close or relocate.

#### **Programs**

- Encourage community facilities that provide programs and are places for social interaction.

#### **Public Schools**

- Coordinate with the San Diego Unified School District to encourage the development of multi-story school buildings and educational facilities, where feasible, to provide for future enrollment needs.
- Pursue joint use agreements to allow and encourage full community use of school facilities during non-school hours for educational, recreational, and cultural purposes.

#### **Healthcare**

- Locate health care facilities within commercial centers and near major transit stops and provide a range of services to meet the needs of the community.

### **Utilities**

- Design public utility facilities that are compatible with the visual aesthetics of the community.
  - Encourage underground conversion of utility lines.
  - Locate utility boxes outside of the public right-of-way.
  - Incorporate public art as part of the design.

## **Safety**

### **Fire and Rescue**

- Maintain sufficient fire and rescue services to serve the community.
- Support the expansion or relocation of Fire Station 10 and the siting of a new fire station in the college area to meet ongoing needs.

### **Police**

- Maintain sufficient police services to serve the community.

### **Flooding / Storm Water**

- Manage stormwater to minimize pollutants in urban runoff from reaching the local watershed and minimize flooding.
  - Incorporate sustainable stormwater facilities such as bio-swales and permeable pavement into the public right-of-way.
  - Utilize Alvarado Creek and open space areas to provide for natural retention and filtration of water to support the preservation and restoration of these areas.

### **Seismic Safety**

- Incorporate public space parks and landscaped areas where active faults preclude the construction of new buildings.
- Maintain and improve the seismic resilience of structures, with consideration of preserving historical and unique structures.

### **Lighting, Landscaping, and Maintenance**

- Provide adequate pedestrian oriented lighting along transit corridors and nodes, including within the San Diego State University core area.
- Emphasize drought tolerant, shade producing, native landscaping and an expanded urban tree canopy in order to reduce the heat island effect, reduce pollutants in urban runoff from reaching local tributaries, and promote the public health benefits of improved air quality.

- Encourage the College Heights Area Maintenance Assessment District to install and maintain landscaping, lighting, wayfinding, and gateway signs, and provide maintenance services beyond City standard services.
- Provide trash and recycling receptacles along transit corridors and nodes.

#### **Hazardous Materials**

- Seek regional, State, and Federal funding, incentives, and other assistance for hazardous materials site remediation.

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