

PUBLIC WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Purpose: To re-evaluate the current goals and objectives in the existing Greater North Park Community Plan.

The following is a summary of issues discussed as each of the Public Workshop meetings related to each individual element. The list is not all-inclusive. Please refer to the meeting notes for all comments.

Meeting notes can be found at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/greaternorthpark/index.shtml>

URBAN DESIGN ELEMENT – Meeting #1 July, 21, 2010

1. The Urban Design Element goal should address “quality of life.”
2. Recommendations to implement this goal should include “green” measures and sustainability.
3. Design guidelines that were developed by the community should be included in the element as design guidelines.
4. Need to integrate urban design and open space by maintaining open space edges and gateways to create a sense of arrival.
5. New buildings must respect and complement scale and character of neighboring buildings
6. Encourage community gardens, drought tolerant landscaping, and permeable paving.
7. Address visual clutter brought on by billboard signs and utility boxes. Underground utility boxes.
8. Utilize adaptive reuse and conservation areas to address community character.

CONSERVATION ELEMENT – Meeting #1 July 21, 2010, Meeting #2 August 4, 2010

1. Revise goal to address equity and sustainable design practices
2. Conservation should address three areas: environment, economics, and equality.
3. Sustainable practices should be integrated into ALL other elements.
4. Element objectives should address water conservation and reclamation as well as energy.
5. Address rehabilitation incentives with historic guidelines

CULTURAL AND HERITAGE RESOURCES ELEMENT – Meeting #2 August 4, 2010

1. Revise goal to include augmenting and respecting historical heritage resources in addition to preservation.
2. Need to address public art – its integration into community, involving artists early on into development processes, keeping art funds in the community, creating art spaces, and addressing ongoing maintenance.
3. Compile and ratify old studies.
4. Address conservation areas.
5. Address community character, demolitions, and adaptive reuse

HOUSING ELEMENT – Meeting #2, August 4, 2010

1. Address ways to provide and maintain a diversity of housing, including high quality housing and choices for all income groups
2. Develop infrastructure with new housing development
3. Address green aspects and sustainability in low-moderate income housing
4. Consider where high density housing development could be enhanced without the loss of single-family homes.
5. Address transitions in bulk and scale, between new and existing development.

COMMERCIAL ELEMENT – Meeting #3, August 18, 2010, Meeting #4, September 1, 2010

1. Include the provision of appropriately placed employment opportunities in addition to commercial and office.
2. Encourage sustainability in commercial and business development
3. Address externalities of commercial areas, including adjacency issues with other uses (single-family).
4. Continue the revitalization of business districts.
5. Provide adequate parking opportunities through angled parking, reverse angle parking, and municipal parking lots and address access to business districts
6. Address complete streets and connections.
7. Design commercial areas to be pedestrian friendly.
8. Encourage and maintain historical “mom & pop” stores with compatible uses.
9. No new predatory lending establishments.
10. Consider the quality of housing and the appropriate density for mixed-use projects.

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION ELEMENT – Meeting#3, August 18, 2010, Meeting #4, September 1, 2010

1. Connectivity and access for all modes of transportation needs to be addressed in goal.
2. Consider adding the need to develop a comprehensive, community-wide traffic calming strategy.
3. Need to provide a high level of public transportation connect Greater North Park to the region including employment areas and the regional transit system.
4. Manage off-street parking in residential and commercial areas without increasing the surface areas dedicated to parking.
5. Address green and complete streets and links to the trolley.
6. Plan for streetcar service.
7. Consider reestablishing a similar service like DART.
8. Develop a network of pedestrian, bikeways, and ped/bike-priority streets.
9. Promote bike racks, corrals, and oases and incorporate signs.
10. Include an objective related to creating fare free urban zones.

OPEN SPACE ELEMENT – Meeting #5, September 15

1. Emphasis needed on having the goal address sustainability, creating networks, protecting canyons and hillsides, creating new open space.
2. Include restoration to address undeveloped canyons and hillsides as important community features.
3. Consider recreation that is “ecologically sensitive” in publicly controlled open space.
4. Open space policies need to be coordinated with Multiple Species Conservation Program policies.
5. Include new objective that enhances connections to open space areas with green infrastructure (green streets, green pedestrian ways, gateway parks, etc.
6. Include new objective that promotes ecological education.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES and PARK AND RECREATION ELEMENTS to be discussed at the next CPUAC meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2011.