



Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH CITY STAFF TO PREPARE AN OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council establish a twelve-member committee to work with city staff and consultants to prepare an Open Space and Conservation Element of the General Plan. The committee shall be comprised of:

- Two members of the Planning Commission
- Two members of the Recreation and Parks Commission
- Two members of the Environmental Advisory Commission
- Four Pasadena residents – two from the business community and two representing community or neighborhood groups
- One representative of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (non-voting)
- One representative of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (non-voting)

BACKGROUND

On June 25, 2007, the City Council approved \$200,000 in the FY2008 adopted budget for the preparation of an Open Space and Conservation Element of the General Plan. It is anticipated that work on this Element will begin in early calendar year 2008.

The purpose of the committee will be to work together with City staff (and consultants) to create an Open Space and Conservation Element of the General Plan that expresses the community's vision for natural open spaces and the conservation of natural resources and meets the state requirements for these two required elements of the General Plan.

The objectives of the committee will be to guide the process and provide leadership; act as a liaison with their Commission/Organization; provide information on funding sources; and assist in publicity and facilitation for meetings and workshops.

FISCAL IMPACT

The staff and consultant costs of the Open Space and Conservation Element are included in the FY 2008 budget. Any costs associated with recommendations of the committee would be brought forward in the future.

Respectfully submitted,


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