

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL
DATE: JANUARY 7, 2002
FROM: MICHAEL COPPESS, CHAIR
SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is being provided for information purposes only at this time.

BACKGROUND:

The Planning Commission, which consists of nine members, advises the City Council on the preparation and review of the General Plan, as well as the adoption and implementation of programs under the Plan, including the creation of districts and zones, modifications to and administration of zoning regulations, review of the capital improvement program and review of other programs and projects, which affect City development. (Section 2.105.110) State law also grants the Planning Commission the broad responsibility for advising the City Council on all land use planning issues.

The Planning Commission meets twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesdays. These meetings are open to the public and advertised as required by law.

The Planning Commission has established six committees to address specific issues and provide policy direction on planning matters (attachment 1). Included in these committee assignments is the Board of Zoning Appeals. The board of zoning appeals has the authority to hear appeals from decisions on applications for use permits, variances and exceptions in accordance with the provisions the zoning ordinance of the city. (Ord. 6229 § 2 (part), 1987)

The Planning Commission has the preparation and implementation of the General Plan as its focus and mission. During the past year, the Commission continued the implementation of the General Plan, working extensively on the East Pasadena Specific Plan. In addition, the Commission worked on updating and amending the General Plan, including the Housing, Land Use, and Mobility Elements. The following is a list of the major tasks and projects which the Planning Commission considered during the past year:

Joint Meetings:

Joint meeting with TAC regarding inter-relationships between Land use, Mobility and Economic vitality.

Joint meeting with TAC and CDC to discuss the Update of the Land Use and Mobility Elements of the General Plan and the Central District Specific Plan

General Plan Amendments and Zone Changes:

Proposed General Plan Amendment and Zone Change for the Properties located at 1880 & 1900 North Fair Oaks Avenue

Proposed Zone Change for two Study Areas along San Pasqual/California Corridor

Outpost Lane Zone Change and General Plan Amendment

2685 E. Washington Blvd. Zone Change and General Plan Amendment from Open Space to Limited Commercial

236 N. Chester Zone change

General Plan Amendment to permit housing in the Central District Specific Plan Sub-area A5 – Lake Avenue Office Area – Del Mar/Cordova to the Freeway

PD21 Montgomery Engineering Amendment

PD25 Vista del Arroyo

Zoning Code Amendments:

Zoning Code Amendment to Prohibit the Construction of New Off Premises Signs (billboards) as permitted under section 17.72.030

Zoning Code Amendment to Remove the Temporary Conditional Use Permit Requirement for Live Entertainment in the City Hall Courtyard Area

Zoning Code Amendment, Recycling Center

Zoning Code Revision

Inclusionary Zoning

Master Development Plans:

Huntington Memorial Hospital Master Development Plan, 5 year Compliance Review

Valley Hunt Club Proposed Amendment to Master Development Plan

Specific Plans:

Draft East Pasadena Specific Plan and Preliminary Final EIR – (approved)

Fair Oaks/Orange Grove Specific Plan

Draft East Pasadena Specific Plan and Preliminary Final EIR

Applying Intensity in the Central District Specific Plan Area Strategy Areas

South Fair Oaks Specific Plan - Update

Status report on North Lake Specific Plan

Initiation of a Study for Applying Density within the Central District Specific Plan

Capital Improvement Program (CIP):

Recommendations and General Plan Consistency Findings for New Projects to be Included in the Recommended FY2002-2006 Capital Improvement Program

Recommendations and General Plan Consistency Findings for Additional Projects to Be Included
in FY2002-2006 CIP

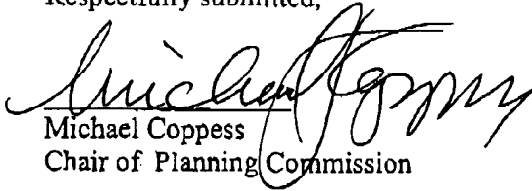
Miscellaneous:

Filming Ordinance and Guidelines Recommendations
Presentation on East Pasadena Blue Line Station
Housing Element Update
Revisions of Guidelines for frequently filmed areas
Interim Parking Entitlement Program
Draft Bicycle Master Plan and Preliminary EIR
Audubon Elementary School as part of Multipurpose Sports Fields Task Force Recommendation
Status report on General Plan Land Use and Mobility Element Update and Zoning Code Revision
Project
Hahamonga Watershed Park Master Plan
Central Arroyo Master Plan
Code Enforcement Update
Development Agreement Workshop
CEQA workshop
Draft Housing Element
Inclusionary Housing Regulations

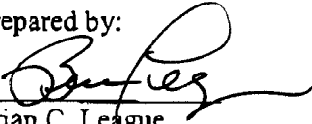
WORK PROGRAM FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR:

1. Complete the Central District Specific Plan, Zoning Code Revision, Land Use and Mobility Element Update, including the Public Participation program and review the accompanying Environmental Impact Report.
 2. Complete the Fair Oaks/Orange Grove Specific Plan and implementation ordinances.
 3. Complete the East Colorado Specific Plan.
 4. Update the Housing, Noise, and Safety Elements of the General Plan.
 5. Review the environmental impact report and development agreement for the Legacy Development within the West Gateway Specific Plan area.
 6. Review the environmental impact report Planned Development Application for the Plaza Las Fuentes Phase II development.
 7. Review additional Planned Development projects, Master Development Plans and other potential Specific Plan or General Plan Amendments.
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Respectfully submitted,


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Chair of Planning Commission

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Attachments:

1. Committee Assignments
2. Attendance Record
3. Roster

Planning Commission Current Committee Assignments

Planning Update Policy Committee

Commissioners Coppess, Torres and Peterson More
Meets once or twice a month

Light Rail Review Committee

Commissioners Trussell and Janisch
Meets as needed

East Colorado Specific Plan

Commissioner Trussell
Meets as Needed

Design Commission

Commissioner Siegel
Meets 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at Hale Building
Hearing room at 5:30 p.m.

Civic Center Implementation Task Force

Commissioner Siegel
Meets as Needed

Board of Zoning Appeals

Commissioners Torres, Janisch, Fellows, Leon, Estrada
Meet on 3rd Wednesday of the month

Capital Improvement Program Review Committee

Commissioners Coppess, Leon, Estrada
Meets as Needed

Planning Commission Attendance for Fiscal Year 2000-2001

July 12, 2000	Estrada absent
July 26, 2000	Fay & Zepeda absent
August 9, 2000	Fay & James absent
August 23, 2000	Fay, Zepeda and James absent
September 13, 2000	Fay and Torres absent
September 19, 2000 – Special Meeting	Fay, Estrada, James, Zepeda & Coppess absent
September 27, 2000	Fay and Torres absent
October 11, 2000	Torres and James absent
October 18, 2000	Fay and Zepeda absent
November 8, 2000	Fay, Zepeda and Estrada absent
November 29, 2000 – Special meeting	Torres absent
December 13, 2000 – Special meeting	Zepeda absent

2001

January 10, 2001	All commissioners present
January 24, 2001	All commissioners present
February 21, 2001- Special Meeting	All commissioners present
February 28, 2001	Coppess absent
March 14, 2001	All commissioners present
March 28, 2001	All commissioners present
April 11, 2001	All commissioners present
April 25, 2001	All commissioners present
May 9, 2001	All commissioners present
May 23, 2001	All commissioners present
June 13, 2001	Torres absent
June 27, 2001	Fellows absent
July 11, 2001	Siegel & Estrada absent
July 25, 2001	Torres, Leon and Janisch absent
August 8, 2001	Trussell absent
September 12, 2001	Torres absent
September 26, 2001	Siegel absent
October 10, 2001	Janisch absent
October 13, 2001 – Special Meeting	All commissioners present
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