

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
July 12, 2008 – 8:30 A.M.
Pasadena Convention Center
Conference Rooms 212/214
300 E. Green Street

SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING

OPENING: Mayor Bogaard called the special workshop meeting to order at 8:41 a.m. (Absent: None)

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Steve Haderlein
Councilmember Victor Gordo
Councilmember Chris Holden
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Jacque Robinson
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler

Staff:

City Manager Bernard K. Melekian
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Jane L. Rodriguez

The Mayor delivered opening remarks about the General Plan Update (GPU) process that will occur over the next year to 18 months and will include a discussion of the City's needs and issues involving land use, mobility, housing, and open space. He introduced Sandra Tripp-Jones, Sentient Systems, Inc. consultant, who facilitated the workshop.

Ms. Tripp-Jones described the process to be used for the workshop, highlighted the workshop's objectives, and distributed her agenda for the workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THE GENERAL PLAN GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Marvin Schachter, AARP California representative, expressed concerns regarding funding cuts that will impact the lives of City residents and will result in issues that must be addressed regarding medical care and various services to seniors and children.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THE GENERAL PLAN GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, provided a context for the General Plan Update

(GPU) process, indicated that Council would be provided with statistical information that had been developed by staff, and responded to questions.

The City Manager summarized the City of Pasadena Citizen Survey information provided in the agenda packet, and responded to questions.

Council broke into discussion groups that focused on the following areas: What about Pasadena are we proud of?; Personal Preamble to the GPU; General Plan (GP) Principles 1, 2, 3 and 4; and GP Principles 5, 6, 7 and any new (proposed) Principles.


Ms. Tripp-Jones reviewed the written worksheet comments developed in the discussion groups activity. She indicated that a report that captures the workshop (as reflected in the discussion groups' worksheets) would be produced for Council, and that this information would reflect Council's sharing of their views and "taking each other's temperature" on these views, as expressed during the workshop. She encouraged Council to meet again in this type of workshop format.

The City Manager suggested that a second Council workshop could focus on a report card for the 1994 General Plan.

The Mayor emphasized that the City and Council are at the beginning of a General Plan Update process that will take up to 18 months.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the special workshop meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk