

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: MAY 24, 1999

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: PLANNING DIVISION WORK PROGRAM – THIRD QUARTER STATUS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

The City Council, concurrent with its adoption of the Fiscal Year 1999 Operating Budget, approved a work program for the Planning Division for Fiscal Years 1999 – 2002. The first and second quarter status reports were presented to the City Council on December 7, 1998 and March 22, 1999 respectively. This memorandum summarizes the status of this work program (Attachment 1) through April 30, 1999.

ANALYSIS

West Gateway Specific Plan: On Schedule.

Approved by City Council on July 13, 1998. Staff has completed the drafting of the zoning code amendment to implement the plan. Staff is currently evaluating the ordinance with respect to proposals by the Legacy Group for the Worldwide Church of God properties and by Paragon Enterprises for the Vista del Arroyo property. .

North Lake Specific Plan:

Planning staff provides assistance and direction to the implementing departments as needed.

General Plan Update:

Land Use Element – On Schedule.

On December 14, 1998 the City Council approved entering into a contract with RTKL for the General Plan Update, Zoning Code Revisions, Central District Specific Plan and Design Guidelines. City Council approved entering into a contract with MIG for the Public Outreach and Participation on January 25, 1999.

Notice to Proceed was given to MIG on February 1, 1999 and to RTKL on March 1, 1999. The RTKL team has proceeded with data collection and analysis and have completed draft materials relating to existing conditions and opportunities and constraints for the Central District. MIG has been conducting preliminary focus interviews to identify issues and developing the public outreach narrative and the "story bus."

In the fourth quarter, the Planning Commission will devote a meeting to a preliminary orientation to the work effort, and a kick-off community event is tentatively scheduled for June 19, 1999.

Housing Element – Schedule Revised per State Legislation

As a result of legislation signed by the Governor late last year, the deadline for revised Housing Elements has been rescheduled to June 30, 2000. Staff will be unable to work on this element according to the original work program schedule because the state Department of

Finance (DOF) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) need to develop and reach agreement on household forecasts and fair share housing allocations. As a result, staff has revised the schedule to reflect the anticipated availability of the required data.

Mobility Element – Planning staff will coordinate the update of the Land Use Element with Public Works & Transportation Department's update of the Mobility Element.

Central District Specific Plan: On Schedule.

See Land Use Element. The RFP for this specific plan, as well as the RFP for public outreach and participation, was consolidated with the Land Use Element and Comprehensive Zoning Code update.

A separate RFP was issued, and a contract awarded, to update the 1984 historic survey for the Central District. Work was completed during the Third Quarter of FY 99.

Fair Oaks/Orange Grove Specific Plan: On Schedule.

The coordinating committee continues to meet regularly on a monthly basis. A community participation event was held on February 6, 1999. Targeted outreach has been occurring during March.

During the fourth quarter, a second community meeting will be held on May 13th, and a third community meeting tentatively scheduled in June.

City Center/Mid-Town Process: On Schedule.

Planning staff continues to be extensively involved with assisting Housing & Development Department in staffing the City Center Implementation Task Force, as well as processing the Plaza Pasadena project. A new EIR time line has been developed for the Plaza Pasadena project, which reflects the additional work required for the new project description.

Arroyo Seco Master EIR: On Schedule.

City Council approved the consultant selection on November 23, 1998. The future EIR schedule will be modified as required by Public Works & Transportation Department's schedule for the Arroyo Seco Master Plan.

East Pasadena Specific Plan: Schedule Revised.

The coordinating committee continues to meet regularly on a bi-weekly basis. Consultants for design, economics and the EIR have been retained. A community meeting was held on January 14, 1999 at La Salle High School.

Several issues, including traffic and building heights, have emerged that require additional discussion and technical work in order to develop an adequate response. The schedule has been revised to allow an additional 90 to 120 days, and City Council approval is now anticipated for early in the second quarter of FY 2000.

South Fair Oaks Specific Plan: Planning staff assists Housing & Development staff as needed. Staff is currently processing a specific plan and zoning code amendment, which would prohibit auto dismantling in the specific plan area.

Comprehensive Zoning Code Revisions: On Schedule.

A consultant has been retained to revise the Sign chapter of the zoning code as well as the sign guidelines for Old Pasadena. The consultant has drafted up a list of issues for staff. These issues will be presented at a public workshop for feedback during the fourth quarter.

The remaining components of the zoning code have been consolidated into an contract with the Five-Year update of the Land Use Element and the Central District Specific Plan, and public outreach and participation for the zoning code is provided for in a second contract.

Crawford, Multari & Clark Associates (CMCA), subconsultants to RTKL for the zoning code, have begun reviewing the various zoning code definitions of land uses and identifying specific issues and problems with the zoning code.

East Washington Blvd. Design/Streetscapes: Planning staff provides assistance and direction to the implementing departments as needed.

Lincoln Avenue Market/Design/Land Use Study: Planning staff provides assistance and direction to the implementing departments as needed.

Citywide Design Guidelines: On Schedule.

Design guidelines for specific plan areas are part of the scope of work for the specific plan.

Consolidating the myriad of existing design guidelines into a single, unified document is part of the contract for the Land Use Element, Central District Specific Plan and the Zoning Code Revision.

The status of that contract was discussed above. This will also include review and revising, if necessary, design guidelines for special topics, for example, mini-malls.

Historic Resources Inventory:

CHC Ordinance: On Schedule.

With assistance from a CLG Grant, an RFP has been issued for technical assistance for revising Chapter 2.75 of the Municipal Code to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of cultural heritage reviews. Clarion Associates was subsequently hired and began work during the third quarter. Their recommendations are scheduled to be completed in the second quarter of FY 2000 and will be coordinated with the zoning code revisions as appropriate.

Arts & Crafts Survey: On Schedule. This survey is now underway.

Individual Properties Outside Historic Resource Areas (HRAs): On Schedule. This survey is now underway.

City-Owned Properties Survey: Schedule Revised. This survey will be rescheduled for the Fourth Quarter, FY 2000, due to a staff vacancy.

Ethnic History Project: Schedule Revised. This survey will be rescheduled for the Fourth Quarter, FY 2000, due to a staff vacancy.

Northwest Neighborhoods: Schedule Revised. This survey will be rescheduled for the Fourth Quarter, FY 2000, due to a staff vacancy.

Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP): On Schedule.

Continued to work with various departments and residents in the Madison NRP area on:

1) Neighborhood improvement efforts:

- a) Conducted two neighborhood clean up events. As part of these events, disseminated information raising awareness on the City's recycling programs.

- b) Continued to assist Mountain Place neighbors with efforts to improve their street. In December, Public Works staff met with residents to discuss and decide on a preferred alternative to accomplish the improvements.

II) Neighborhood safety issues:

- a) A joint meeting of area residents ("Neighbors Involved at City Hall" team) and the Pasadena Police Department's Northwest Service Area Advisory Board was held to advance efforts for a more effective partnership in resolving neighborhood problems.
- b) Improved illumination of Buckeye/ Madison intersection by increasing light wattage and trimming overgrown trees.

Respectfully submitted,



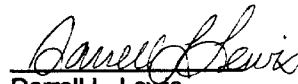
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