

**CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monterey Park City Hall Council Chambers
320 West Newmark Avenue
Monterey Park, CA 91754**

**TUESDAY
June 24, 2014
7:00 PM**

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CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Larry Sullivan

ROLL CALL – Commissioners Choi, Hamner, Garcia and Lam

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

MINUTES – None

[1.] PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

[2.] UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

[3.] NEW BUSINESS

1-A. A Study Session to solicit comments from the Planning Commission on the draft Healthy Community and Sustainable Community Elements of the City's comprehensive General Plan. The intent of the two draft elements is to establish goals and policies to guide City efforts to support and promote a healthier community by "making the healthy choice the easy choice" for every community member; and to become a more sustainable and resilient community through changes to municipal operations and by promoting and supporting sustainable behaviors.

[4.] STAFF COMMUNICATIONS AND MATTERS

[5.] COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS AND MATTERS

[6.] CLOSED SESSION

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APPROVED BY:

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Planning Commission Staff Report

DATE: June 24, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NO: 1-A

TO: The Planning Commission
FROM: Michael A. Huntley, Community and Economic Development Director
SUBJECT: A Study Session to solicit comments from the Planning Commission on the draft Healthy Community and Sustainable Community Elements of the City's comprehensive General Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Planning Commission consider:

- (1) Providing comments on the draft elements;
- (2) Directing staff to schedule a Public Hearing; and
- (3) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

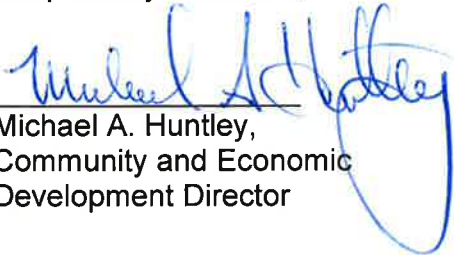
In 2010, the City of Monterey Park applied for a Sustainability Communities Planning Grant. It was the City's intention to utilize the grant funding for the creation of two new General Plan Elements related to healthy and sustainable communities. In January 2011, the City was notified that the grant application was selected for funding. In April 2012, RBF Consultants was awarded a contract to prepare Healthy Community and Sustainable Community Elements of the City's comprehensive General Plan.

In early 2012, the City of Monterey Park initiated the development of two new General Plan Elements to address two topics that have emerged as priorities in the community specifically related to the creation of a healthier and sustainable community. The first element, the Healthy Community Element, establishes goals and policies to guide City efforts to support and promote a healthier community by "making the healthy choice the easy choice" for every community member. The second element, the Sustainable Community Element, establishes goals and policies to guide City efforts to become a more sustainable and resilient community through changes to municipal operations and by promoting and supporting sustainable behaviors.

Over the last two years, there has been substantial community outreach that contributed to the formulation of the two draft elements. At this time, the draft elements are complete and ready for review by the Planning Commission. Since this is a long term project and there are a number of new Planning Commissioners, a Study Session is the right venue to present these draft elements before staff schedules a formal public

hearing. Subsequent to a presentation by the consulting team from RBF, staff will look to the Commission for comments and feedback on the draft Healthy Community and Sustainable Community Elements; and seek direction to schedule a public hearing.

Respectfully submitted:



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Reviewed by:



Karl H. Berger
Assistant City Attorney

Attachments:

Power Point Presentation
Draft Healthy Community Element
Draft Sustainable Community Element
Monitoring Plan
Implementation Program