

**CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA**

SPECIAL MEETING

**Monterey Park City Hall, Second Floor Rm. 266
320 West Newmark Avenue
Monterey Park, CA 91754**

**WEDNESDAY
August 13, 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

2-A. A continued public hearing to consider the adoption of the draft Healthy Community Element and Sustainable Community Element 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.

This item was continued from the July 30, 2014 Special Meeting to address concerns brought up by the Planning Commission related to the Implementation Program. The recommended action is for the Planning Commission to adopt a resolution recommending that the City Council adopt the two Elements.

[3.] NEW BUSINESS

None

[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: August 13, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NO: 2-A

TO: The Planning Commission
FROM: Michael A. Huntley, Director of Community and Economic Development
SUBJECT: A continued public hearing to consider the adoption of 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) After considering the evidence presented during the public hearing, adopt the Resolution recommending that the City Council adopt an addendum to the General Plan FEIR and then adopt the Healthy Community and Sustainable Community Elements; and
- (2) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Planning Commission considered this item at a Special Meeting on July 30, 2014. After closing the public hearing, Chair Sullivan asked questions regarding the 2001 General Plan Update Final Impact Report (FEIR) and voiced concerns regarding the findings that were made in 2001. Staff, the consultant and the Deputy City Attorney provided responses to the Chairman's concerns. Commissioner Hamner voiced a number of concerns related to the new General Plan Elements, but focused on the Implementation Program. Subsequent to discussion between Commissioner Hamner and Chairman Sullivan, the Commission continued the item to a Special Meeting on August 13, 2014. The Commission directed staff and the consultant to modify the draft Implementation Program to prioritize the items in the program; make the parks, recreation and transportation be the most important; and provide a more realistic time frame for completing the items.

Since the last Planning Commission meeting, staff has worked with the consultant to modify the Implementation Program to better prioritize the items and set more realistic time frames for each of the items in the Program. Attached is the revised Implementation Program that rates each item on a scale of 1 to 3, 1 being those items that are more immediate, and 3 being those items that are not as urgent and will take longer formulate and implement. In addition, staff has specified the time it will take to implement each item based on the items urgency, potential cost and funding availability.

Staff has also attached the complete packet from the July 30, 2014 meeting. The information above is intended to supplement the information presented at the last Planning Commission meeting so that the Commission can take action on this item.

Respectfully submitted:


Michael A. Huntley,
Community and Economic
Development Director

Reviewed by:


Karl H. Berger
Assistant City Attorney

Attachments:

July 30, 2014 Planning Commission Staff Report
Draft Healthy Community Element
Draft Sustainable Community Element
Monitoring Plan
Implementation Program
Appendix A - Existing Conditions Report
Appendix B – Vision Plan
Addendum to the General Plan FEIR