

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
Citizens Advisory Committee
DRAFT ACTION MINUTES AND MEETING SUMMARY

The Citizens Advisory Committee met on October 20th in the Rinconada Library – Embarcadero Room at 5:30PM.

Present: Filppu, Garber, Glanckopf, Hetterly, Hitchings, Jacobs, Keller, Kleinhaus, Kou, Levy, McDougall, Moran, Nadim, Peschcke-Koedt, Sung, Summa, Uang, Uhrbrock, Wenzlau, Fine, Emberling, McNair

Absent: Packer, Van Riesen, and Titus

Staff Present: Hillary Gitelman, Jeremy Dennis, Elena Lee, Robin Ellner, Andrew Hill (consultant) and Gil Friend

Agenda Changes, Additions, and Deletions: None

Oral Communications:

Mary Anne Michael – shuttles provide an important service. Longer hours, greater frequency, more convenient stops/benches are needed.

Phyllis Cassel – requested better sound at meeting. Speaking on behalf of Ellen Forbes, president of League of Women Voters. League supports transportation planning, including efficient flow of traffic, effective/interconnected/efficient transportation system, locating development near transit and reduction in vehicle miles traveled and single occupant vehicle use. Policies should support convenient, cost effective, equitable, safe, and accessible transportation, as well as affordable and convenient regional transit network.

John Kelley – supports League of Women Voter’s comments. Requests that the CAC align transportation and housing policies with the City’s broader goals of sustainability and climate change. Requests CAC consider ideas that do not cost much money, such as charging \$1 a day for parking in Palo Alto and encouraging transit. Request consideration of a revenue neutral municipal carbon tax.

Mila Zelkha– excited about the transit management association. Ask that TMA be considered for California Avenue, Stanford Research Park and San Antonio area. TMA may help with congestion relieve, increase access and help meet sustainability/climate action plan goals.

Staff Comments:

Jeremy Dennis, Advance Planning Manager provided an update of the City Council’s October 5th discussion on the Community Services Element and October 13th discussion on the Land Use Element. The City Council also discussed high speed rail issues and the upcoming county tax measure, stating the importance of grade separation and use of context-sensitive solutions. Jeremy also stated that this is not only an opportunity for CAC to put out ideas and concepts, but also to comment on what the members agree or disagree with.

Action Minutes:

Motion: Committee member McDougall moved, second by Committee member Uang, to approve Action Minutes for October 20, 2015 CAC meeting.

Motion Passed: (19-0-3) (Packer, Van Riesen and Titus absent)

Staff Comments:

Jeremy Dennis introduced Tanja Aitamurto, a post-doctoral fellow and deputy director of the Brown Institute for Media Innovations at Stanford University. Dr. Aitamurto and her assistants Ahmed and

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Kaiping provided analysis from the Comprehensive Plan Update Summit and requested that the CAC members complete a survey and participate in an interview on the Comp Plan Update process.

Discussion: Transportation Element

Co-chair Keller provided a process for comments and follow up comments, as summarized in the memo provided in the packet for this meeting. This discussion was continued from the October 20th CAC meeting. The CAC members discussed the Transportation Element in two rounds. The discussion was focused around a refinement of the PTC's recommended goals, as directed by the City Council at their October 5, 2015 hearing. The first meeting included the first five goals of the existing Comprehensive Plan as restructured by the PTC. This second discussion was focused on the remaining goals, starting with Goal 4.

Gil Friend, the City's Chief Sustainability Officer, stated that he was impressed with the range and quality of comments by the CAC. He had three thoughts. First, need to make it convenient for anyone to choose not to drive. Second, must utilize innovation to provide better services and third, take this opportunity for greater experimentation.

Hillary Gitelman, Planning and Community Environment Director, thanked everyone for their remarks and requested that comments be specific to policies and programs. She also stated that staff will provide a matrix that includes all comments received and staff responses.

Discussion: Subcommittees

Co-chair Keller discussed an at-places memo from co-chairs that outlined the membership and discussion process for subcommittees. A discussion on the format, membership, non-voting members and specifically the sustainability and transportation subcommittees followed.

Feedback for Continuous Improvement:

Emails can be sent to Jeremy

Future Meetings:

December 15, 2015, Mitchell Park Community Center, El Palo Alto Room