



MEMORANDUM

TO: Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

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DATE: February 22, 2013

SUBJECT: February 28, 2013, Meeting

ACTIONS

1. Briefly review the process and schedule.
2. Follow up on new terminology for “hubs” and make a final recommendation.
3. Review updates to the vision statements for Community Health and Public Safety and Inspiring Spaces and Places to reflect action area topics, and make a recommendation to the Planning Commission.

Review of Community Health and Public Safety Action Area:

4. Conduct first review of the Surface Water Management Goals and Policies and forward comments to the March 11 Planning Commission work session.
5. Continue final review (from 11/29/12) of Natural Hazards and Disasters Goals and Policies and make a recommendation to the Planning Commission for the final hearing.
6. Continue final review (from 10/25/12) of Access to Local Food Goals and Policies and make a recommendation to the Planning Commission for the final hearing.
7. Continue final review (from 9/27/12 and 10/25/12) of Energy and Environment Goals and Policies and make a recommendation to the Planning Commission for the final hearing.

DISCUSSION

1. Schedule Update

Staff will review the updated project schedule (Attachment 8), which provides additional detail and clarification on the process described at the last CAC meeting.

The February and March CAC meetings will focus on completing the CAC’s review of Community Health & Public Safety, and tying up remaining follow-up items. ***Please note that the March meeting is scheduled for March 21, due to Spring Break.*** Starting in April, the CAC will turn its attention to the last Action Area that the group will address: Healthy Ecosystems.

Healthy Ecosystems (HE) will follow a similar process used by the previous six action areas with some exceptions. The August 25, 2012, Community Fair provided community feedback and a virtual summit on Healthy Ecosystems to guide the CAC's goal and policy work. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet in March, followed by a first review of the background report, changed conditions, context, and existing goals and policies by the CAC at a supplemental April meeting (April 11). The CAC will then hold a joint meeting with NRAB, SAB and PRAB on April 25 to review goals and policies, focusing on areas of high priority. The CAC will hold a joint work session with the Planning Commission on May 29. In the meantime, the CAC may create a workgroup for any HE issues requiring more time; ideal timing for this would be in early May. The CAC will make its final recommendation on HE goals and policies at its June 27 meeting.

Concurrent to the CAC's work, the Planning Commission will be addressing the Land Use Planning Action Area, and the Commission and Council will begin the final adoption hearings for the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies. The public hearings will occur in three packages:

- 1) First five action Areas with (or close to) preliminary Council approval;
- 2) Community Health & Public Safety, and Land Use Planning; and
- 3) Healthy Ecosystems

The process for the Action Planning phase is still being worked out. The Council will be providing additional direction, and staff is working to schedule a study session this spring. Staff will provide the CAC with information as they learn more about how the Planning Commission will be developing this process, and opportunities for the CAC to remain involved.

2. New Terminology for "Hubs"

At the Economic Vitality preliminary approval hearing, the Planning Commission found that while it supports the concepts of community and commercial hubs, the current terminology needed more refinement by the CAC to clarify scale and intent. The Commission proposed that the existing 2035 Vision Map should be modified accordingly.

At their September 27, 2012, CAC meeting, the CAC expressed that the word "hub" sounds larger than a "village" – the smallest of the employment designations. For community gathering places, the CAC noted that the word "community" described a gathering place that served needs beyond the local neighborhood, and perhaps the word "neighborhood" should be used in place of "community." The CAC agreed the term "hub" should be changed. The following provides some background context and alternative terms for the CAC to consider in replacing the term "hub."

Definition from Economic Vitality:

Commercial Hubs accommodate a mix of limited, lower-intensity commercial and residential uses to provide services for nearby residents. These locations are smaller in scale and size than Neighborhood Villages. They provide neighborhood-scale gathering places that allow for commercial activities which support the surrounding neighborhoods.

- Locations identified on the Vision Map: Westlake Village (corner of Westlake and Parkview, zoned residential as part of the Westlake PD); Mountain Park Plaza (corner of Kerr Parkway and Hidalgo,

across street from PCC campus; zoned Neighborhood Commercial). *TO ADD: West Bay Shopping Center (corner of Lakeview and Bryant)*

- Alternative Name for “Commercial Hub”:
 - Commercial Corner (each of these locations is located on a corner, references concept of the corner store – a neighborhood-serving commercial use)
- **Question for the CAC: Does the CAC concur with the proposal to rename Commercial Hubs to Commercial Corners?**

Definition from Economic Vitality (to be moved into the Community Culture action area):

Community Hubs are neighborhood-scale gathering places that allow for occasional limited commercial or community activities which support the surrounding neighborhoods, and may provide a temporary market for small businesses. They are centered around parks, schools and other public places. Uses may include small-scale farmer’s markets, community gardens, food stands, neighborhood gatherings, coffee carts or other services.

- Locations identified on the Vision Map: All public schools, Mountain Park Recreation Center. *TO ADD: Adult Community Center.*
- Alternative Names for “Community Hub”:
 - Neighborhood Node (original name from beginning of the scenario process; *a point at which lines or pathways intersect or branch; a central or connecting point*)
 - Neighborhood Junction (*the place where two or more things come together*)
 - Neighborhood Interchange or Intercept
 - Neighborhood or Community Commons
- **Question for the CAC: Does one of the above terms represent the desired concept of a neighborhood-scale gathering place?**

The CAC may propose other ideas at or in advance of the meeting; please be prepared to make a recommendation on new terminology on February 28.

3. Vision Statement Updates: Community Health & Public Safety and Inspiring Spaces & Places

While drafting updates to goals and policies, the CAC, Planning Commission and staff look to the vision statement for guidance. During work on the Community Health and Public Safety (CHPS) goals and policies, it was noted that the vision statement did not do a good job of capturing the topics addressed in this action area. This was the result of shifting some topics from one action area to another after the vision statement was drafted. Additionally, the original Values & Vision Survey did not address all topics within each action area, such as public facilities.

Since the goals and policies have been drafted and are in the process of being vetted with the CAC, Planning Commission and other boards and commissions, this goal and policy direction provides the primary basis for additions to the vision statement.

The CHPS action area addresses a long list of topics, many of which fall under the main topics of Energy & Environment and Public Facilities & Services, and were missing from the Vision Statement. Updates to the Inspiring Spaces & Places vision statement are included to address the City’s approach to how it grows; this captures goals and policies from ISP and broadly addresses the topic of Urbanization from CHPS. Updates to both vision statements are shown in track changes on the following page.

What was Included or Missing from the June 2011 Version of the Vision Statement?

Part 1: Healthy, Safe People	Original Action Area	Referenced in Vision?
Energy and Environment		No – add
a. Air Resources Quality	HE	
b. Land Resources Quality	HE	
c. Sound Quality	CHPS	
d. Energy	HE	
Natural Disasters and Hazards	<i>CHPS</i>	No – add
a. Flood Hazards		
b. Earthquake Hazards		
c. Landslides, Erosion and Unstable Soils		
Food Systems	<i>CHPS</i>	Already included
Part 2: Public Facilities and Services	Original Action Area	Referenced in Vision?
City Services		
a. Public Safety: Police and Fire Protection	CHPS	Already included
Public Facilities		No – add
a. Surface Water Management	HE	
b. Water Treatment and Delivery	CHPS	
c. Wastewater Collection and Treatment	CHPS	
Extension of Public Facilities		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Add UGB/Stafford to ISP Vision, which addresses these items from a broader land use pattern perspective; ▪ Add extension of public facilities to CHPS
a. Urban Service Boundary and UGB	ISP	
b. Stafford Basin	ISP	
c. Annexation	ISP	
d. Planning and Coordination (IGAs)	ISP	

Question for the CAC: Do you concur with the proposed updates to the vision statements for Community Health and Public Safety and Inspiring Spaces and Places below? If not, please propose changes that would allow the CAC to recommend the revised vision statements to the Planning Commission:

1. Draft Updates to CHPS Vision Statement:



Our community is a safe place to live and supports lifelong active and healthy living. We have excellent public safety response systems that work together with an involved community to ensure peace and safety. [We provide reliable public facilities that efficiently serve the community's long-term needs and conserve resources. We are prepared and resilient and our decisions consider impacts on human health, public safety and environmental health.](#) There are opportunities for active lifestyles and to obtain locally grown food that promotes the health and social interaction of our residents.

Additional Update:

At the Planning Commission meeting on January 28 when reviewing the "Access to Local Food" goal and policies, the PC noted that the last sentence of the CHPS vision statement didn't read clearly and suggested the following alternative:

["To promote the health and social interaction of our residents, there are opportunities to live an active lifestyle and to obtain locally grown food. "](#)

2. Draft Updates to ISP Vision Statement:



Our architecture and natural setting inspire people to live here. [Future growth occurs in mixed-use centers within the City's existing boundary, while maintaining and enhancing an attractive quality of life for Lake Oswego citizens. Retention of the Upper Stafford Basin's rural character provides community amenities and a rural buffer between Lake Oswego and future urbanized areas.](#) Development respects the physical environment and meets the highest quality of community design to preserve and foster the distinctive character and beauty of this special place.

4-7. Community Health & Public Safety Goal and Policy Review

The remainder of the meeting focuses on goals and policies from the Community Health and Public Safety Action Area. ***Please note that the CAC packet includes separate cover memos for each of these sets of goals and policies.*** These memos are found at the beginning of Attachments 4-7, and provide the CAC with background on the updates for CAC consideration.

The CAC will conduct their first review of the Surface Water Management goals and policies. These are scheduled for a Planning Commission work session on March 11, and will return to the CAC on March 21 for a final recommendation. For the remaining three sets of goals and policies, the CAC will conduct their final review and be asked to make recommendations to the Planning Commission for the final PC hearing on this action area, scheduled for June 24, 2013.

NEXT STEPS

- At the February 28 meeting, the CAC is being asked to make final recommendations to the Planning Commission on all but the Surface Water Management goals and policies.
- The Planning Commission will hold work sessions on Public Facilities and Services goals and policies at their February 25 and March 11 meetings, and will also begin to review the Land Use Planning action area.
- At the March 21 CAC meeting, staff will share the PC's feedback on Public Facilities and Services, and the CAC will be asked to make final recommendations on Surface Water Management; Water Supply, Treatment and Delivery; and Wastewater Collection and Treatment. This will complete the CAC's review of the Community Health and Public Safety goals and policies.