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MEMORANDUM

TO: Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

FROM: Beth St. Amand, Senior Planner
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DATE: March 15, 2013

SUBJECT: March 21, 2013 Meeting

ACTIONS

Review Community Health and Public Safety Goals and Policies:

1. Complete review of Surface Water Management Goals and Policies (Attachment 4)
2. Complete review Natural Hazards and Disaster Goals and Policies (Attachment 5, rolled over from 2/28/13)
3. Complete review of Access to Local Food Goals and Policies (Attachment 6, rolled over from 2/28/13)
4. Complete review of Energy & Environment Goals and Policies (Attachment 7, rolled over from 2/28/13; updated packet)
5. Complete review of City Services/Police & Fire Goals and Policies (Attachment 8)

DISCUSSION

First, a reminder that we meet **AT THE FIRE STATION** on Thursday. Secondly, we'll continue reviewing goals and policies from the Community Health and Public Safety Action Area. The last meeting, February 28, 2013, was scheduled for an extra hour to cover additional material. However, due to a number of conflicts, all CAC members except three left by 6:00 and the meeting adjourned at 6:20. Therefore, three of the topics that were scheduled to be discussed on February 28 are being discussed on March 21 instead. Attachments 5 and 6 have not changed since they were provided in February; Attachment 7 has been updated to include Air Quality in the memo and policies.

1. City Services Goals and Policies – 2nd Review Surface Water Management Goals and Policies

The CAC completed its first review of the goals and policies in February. Attachment 4 incorporates those changes, as well as Planning Commission changes from 3/11/13. Revisions addressed the following:

- Goal 1: Changed “increase” to “improve.”
- Policy E, ii: Added “that negatively impact surface water function” to clarify why the City is discouraging modifications to open drainage systems.
- Policy F & I: Deleted “maintain regulations that require” from policies based on feedback from

the Deputy City Attorney.

- Policy H, ii: Removed “future” since there shouldn’t be deficiencies in the future system if it’s built correctly today.
- Policy K: Removed because it is redundant to the Wastewater Policy 5.
- Policy L: Changed “improve” to “strive to” since LO isn’t the only party responsible for improving water quality, and changed “area residents and business...to community” to simplify.
- Policy Q: Added “off-set” to encourage balancing pervious and impervious in development.
- Added a definition for Surface Water Pollution.

The CAC should review and make a recommendation to the Planning Commission.

2. Natural Hazards and Disaster Goals and Policies, 2nd Review

See Attachment 5.

3. Access to Local Food Goals and Policies, 2nd Review

See Attachment 6.

During the Planning Commission discussion of the revised Community Health and Public Safety vision statement on February 11, 2013, they questioned whether there was a definition for “locally grown food.” Currently there aren’t definitions corresponding to the vision statements.

Staff researched definitions for local foods and turned out to be more complicated than anticipated. In fact, the USDA dedicates 13 (out of 87) pages of its “Local Food Systems Concepts, Impacts, and Issues” report to discussing the various approaches to defining local foods.

http://www.ers.usda.gov/media/122868/err97_1.pdf

USA Today also tackled the subject:

http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/money/economy/2008-10-27-local-grown-farms-produce_N.htm

According to the USDA: “Unlike organic food, there is no legal or universally accepted definition of local food. In part, it is a geographical concept related to the distance between food producers and consumers. In addition to geographic proximity of producer and consumer, however, local food can also be defined in terms of social and supply chain characteristics.”

For the sake of simplicity, staff recommends not defining it at this time. The CAC should review and make a recommendation to the Planning Commission.

4. Energy & Environment Goals and Policies, 2nd Review

See Attachment 7. *Please note this attachment has been modified from the CAC Feb. 2013 meeting packet to include Air Quality in both the memo and policies (7d).*

5. Police and Fire Goals and Policies, 2nd Review

The Planning Commission reviewed the goals and polices on February 25 and had the following recommendations:

- Policy 1: Added “when appropriate” for clarification
- Policy 5: Added “while maintaining neighborhood character” to encourage a balance between

street width and neighborhood character.

- Policy 7 (original): Deleted because it is not a land use policy. Staff checked with the Fire Marshal and he concurred with the removal.
- Policy 8: Revised to make language consistent with Policy 7.

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NEXT STEPS

The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to hold a public hearing on all of the goals and policies in the Community Health and Public Safety action area on June 24, 2013.