



MEMORANDUM

TO: Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

FROM: Laura Weigel, Associate Planner

DATE: February 22, 2013

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 3: Access to Local Food Goals and Policies

ACTIONS

Complete final review of the “Access to Local Food” goals and policies and consider recommending them to the Planning Commission.

Track Changes Version: Attachment 6a.

No Clean Version since text is short and easy to review in tracked changes.

Background

This topic is new to the Comprehensive Plan and was developed as a reflection of the 2035 Vision Statement.

The CAC first reviewed the draft goal and policies on October 25, 2012.

The Planning Commission reviewed the CAC’s revised version on January 28th:

- Asked CAC to review CHPS Vision Statement which was done earlier in this meeting (Attachment 1, Staff Memo).
- Goal 1 & Policy 4 - Removed the words healthy and fresh so the focus is on local
- The Sustainability Advisory Board asked the PC to consider a new Policy 2.

[Support the preservation, use and development of agricultural land owned by the City.](#)

The PC was concerned that the phrase “development of agricultural land” implies that it could be developed as something other than agricultural land. *Does the CAC agree/disagree?*

The PC also expressed concern that this policy was suggested specifically to ensure that Luscher Farm continues to have agricultural land in the future. *Does the CAC think the policy is too specific or that it should be specific to ensure that Luscher does continue have agricultural land in the future?*

NEXT STEP

If the CAC recommends these goals and policies to the Planning Commission, the goals and policies will be part of the Community Health and Public Safety hearing this summer.

**Local Food Access
Draft Goals and Policies**

Edited by CAC 10-25-12

Edited by PC 01-28-13

Community Health and Public Safety 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. There are opportunities for active lifestyles and to obtain locally grown food that promotes the health and social interaction of our residents.

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.

The City's current comprehensive plan contains no goals or policies related to local food access.

Goal:

Provide the opportunity for residents to access a variety ~~of healthy, fresh and~~ local food options.

Policies:

1. Support farmers' markets, farm/produce ~~stands*~~ and community gardens that are compatible with the surrounding uses.
- ~~1-2.~~ Support the preservation, use and development of agricultural land owned by the City.
- ~~2-3.~~ Provide the opportunity for employment centers, town centers and neighborhood villages to have healthy, fresh and local food options within walking distance ~~(half mile)~~.
- ~~3-4.~~ ~~Encourage~~ Ensure that residents have the opportunity to grow and raise ~~healthy, fresh~~ local foods.

Definition:

Farm/produce stands - A building or structure used for the retail sales of fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, herbs, and/or plants, and accessory sales.