



City of Palmdale General Plan Update

City Council Study Session

Meeting #1: December 17, 2019 | 7:00 pm

City Council Chambers

Meeting Notes

Palmdale City Council Item 6.1 General Plan

Objectives

- Project update on General Plan progress
- Overview of existing conditions
- Review results from community engagement activities completed to date
- Present ideas for vision and guiding principles

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Presentation

Simran Malhotra provided a project update with General Plan background, 1993 General Plan issues and opportunities, project schedule, existing conditions, and summary of phase one community engagement. The high-level existing conditions overview highlighted citywide demographics, health outcomes, existing land use, major activity centers, housing, transportation and employment trends, parks, military, and aviation. The summary of phase one community engagement included the activities, methods of advertisement and promotion, and community participation per event. This was followed by an analysis of the 1993 issues and goals compared to the new issues and goals presented through the recent community engagement. Finally, Simran presented preliminary General Plan vision and guiding principles.

City Council Feedback

Following Simran's presentation, City Council was invited to ask questions and provide comments on the existing conditions overview and preliminary vision and guiding principles. City Council feedback is summarized below.

Several GPAC members (Laura Gordon, Joe Parisio, Deborah Rutkowski-Hines and Matthew Harris) also attended the City Council meeting and spoke to their experiences on the GPAC:

Existing Conditions

- Interested in data of employees who commute into Palmdale
- Interested in demographic data including median income and Antelope Valley population
 - In this instance AV refers to the cities of Palmdale and Lancaster

Vision Themes and Guiding Principles

- Encourage high quality and accessible medical services and facilities
- Prioritize social justice and equity
- Desire to see mental health as a priority

- Desire for improved neighborhood access to public parks and increase in public parks
- Maintain or improve quality of life in existing neighborhoods
- Desire for improved youth services such as afterschool programs and activities
- Desire for diversified job base including the film industry related businesses
- Desire for more job opportunities, entertainment, and services in Palmdale to support employees and residents
- Desire for a 4-year university or University of California campus in Palmdale
- Focus on land use and economic innovations around Palmdale Regional Airport
- Continue to ensure ridgeline protection
- Desire to improve broadband internet access to support telecommuting and remote medical services
- Desire to reduce commute times
- Desire to have metrics for General Plan Update goals and policies