



City of Palmdale General Plan Update Planning Commission Study Session

Meeting #1: December 12, 2019 | 7:00 pm
City Council Chambers

Meeting Notes

Palmdale Planning Commission Item 4A: General Plan Update

Objectives

- Project update on General Plan progress
- High-level 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, 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.

Planning Commission Feedback

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

- General Plan Updates and Amendments were conducted in the early 2000's
- Desire for continued youth engagement as the General Plan will impact their generation most heavily
- Transportation and mobility matters will be important for the General Plan Update
- Appreciation for the General Plan Advisory Committee members' participation
- Pleased to see community engagement through social media platforms
- Young people are looking to leave Palmdale because they can't find jobs or housing
- Fear of Palmdale brain drain
- Pleased to see effort made to engage religious institutions and Palmdale Chambers of Commerce

Several GPAC members (Laura Gordon, Juan Blanco, and Matthew Harris) also attended the Planning Commission meeting.