

## Woodland General Plan Steering Committee Meeting #7 July 25, 2016 -- Meeting Minutes

### Steering Committee Attendance:

Christine Casey  
Evelia Genera  
Kathy Trott  
Chris Holt  
Kay Hohenwerter  
12 members of audience

### Staff Attendance:

Ken Hiatt  
Cindy Norris  
Heidi Tschudin  
Sophie Martin

The meeting started at 6:10 pm. K. Hiatt welcomed the committee and stressed three main tasks for the meeting: 1) overview of the draft plan; 2) comments and reactions from the committee; 3) consensus on moving forward.

C. Norris gave an overview of the process. She introduced the consultant team, and noted the Housing Element would be released Friday. She mentioned the Community Open House scheduled for August 8 and tentative joint workshop of the City Council and Planning Commission for August 24. She recommended people visit the outreach section of the website for more information. She noted that the City hopes to get consensus from the Steering Committee on the completeness, tone, and quality of the Draft General Plan.

S. Martin reviewed the Draft General Plan. She presented a power point presentation now which is posted online with other Steering Committee information. She reviewed key aspects of the schedule. She noted that the Housing Element was updated and certified in October 2013 and is now being revised to be consistent with rest of the Draft General Plan. She noted that there are two growth scenarios contemplated in the Draft General Plan and the bulk of the Draft General Plan applies to both growth scenarios. Where there is a difference the **South Alternative is shown in green text** and the **East alternative is shown in blue text**.

**€ Action Item** – The Steering Committee requested to be sent a copy of the schedule information.

The presentation ended at approximately 6:40 pm and the Steering Committee was invited to provide comments and questions.

C. Casey noted that she provided written comments (copies of these were provided to the Committee at the meeting). She summarized her comments. She asked why the wording for various transportation policies uses differing approaches. Sometimes identified as a consideration and other times as a requirement. She asked that the document be expanded to include references to animal services.

E. Genera noted that she provided written comments (copies of these were provided to the Committee at the meeting) and that her focus is education and youth. She made the following points:

- Regarding economic development prepare youth for the work force starting in high school
- Refer to “Pre-K through 12” not just “K through 12”
- Encourage apprenticeships that develop “soft skills”
- Emphasize what is right with schools
- Coordinate with realtors
- Coordinate with law enforcement
- Examine parks and safety
- Get out awareness and information on ROP program
- Involve youth in decision-making and make decision-making accessible to them
- See her written comments for specific recommended edits to policies
- Why shown any growth in East area
- Would like to review Appendix A (Implementation Program) as a committee
- Policy 2.L.5 addressing zero net energy buildings in SP-2 should apply to buildings throughout the city

C. Casey noted that the Community Center is insulated from the community. You can't get there easy except by car.

E. Genera noted that she has additional comments from a member of the community which she will forward to staff. She requested the comments be circulated to the entire committee.

K. Trott expressed that she has not had time to read the draft document yet. The colors on LU 2-5 for Downtown Mixed Use and Community Commercial are difficult to distinguish. She recommended different colors.

C. Holt expressed that he has not had time to finish reading the draft document. He will submit written comments. He agrees with E. Genera that reviewing the Implementation Program as a committee would be useful. He is leery of the East Alternative – there is too much land and it stretches the City. The South Alternative fills in the City. Policy 2.I.6 addressing rail relocation needs an implementation action. He also recommends that policy be cross-referenced in the Circulation Element because it creates an opportunity for circulation and trails. He noted that it is difficult to distinguish between “l's” and “1's” in the text. He would like his written comments to be circulated to other committee members.

**€ Action Item** – City staff will circulate Committee member written comments to other members and will post committee written comments to the website.

K. Hohenwerter commented that the document seems to cover what the committee has discussed. The flexible wording is great. We have a unique location and community opportunities and we need to be ready for unexpected business opportunities. She noted that we should connect with Davis and Winters to encourage trails and bicycle travel. All the big issues are there – she is very pleased with the document and it looks good. It matches the community vision.

K. Hiatt asked the committee if the tone is correct and whether there is an appropriate balance between being flexible and being prescriptive. The committee generally agreed on both items.

E. Genera noted that she likes the general introductions but she felt the policies could be more specific and more targeted.

C. Casey felt that because of the drivers of flood risk and UCD proximity the South Alternative was more viable. K. Trott agreed saying there is no way to connect the East Alternative to downtown. E. Genera noted that the flood solution is far out in the future.

At 7:22pm the public was invited to provide comments.

D. Storer noted that he had trouble printing the maps and asked if he could purchase a copy. Staff responded that copies are available for purchase. E. Genera said she had no trouble printing the maps.

**€ Action Item** – The City will post a file of just the figures for separate download.

He asked if the Implementation Program will be integrated with the rest of the document? Staff responded that Appendix A was designed to remain separate from the Draft General Plan so that as changes are warranted in the future it will not trigger a general plan amendment to make them. D. Storey suggested that language be included in Appendix A. Staff noted similar text is already included in the Introduction Chapter.

Debra Zavala recommended the City include the amendment process in the General Plan. Staff noted there is a section on this in Chapter One. She also asked how public notice was provided for the Open House. Staff responded that four ads were placed in the paper in English and Spanish. She recommended the City consider notice in utility bills. C. Casey indicated that that is very expensive. She recommended use of social media.

**€ Action Item** – The City will post the Open House and other upcoming events on the City's Facebook page and look into other social media options.

There were no other members of the audience interested in making comments so the Committee returned to their discussion.

K. Hiatt asked whether the committee was generally comfortable with the Draft General Plan moving forward through the public review process and whether it accurately represented input received from the process to date. The Committee members confirmed their comfort level. He indicated they would be happy to receive additional written comments from the Committee. The Committee expressed interest in a second meeting to review the Implementation Program (Appendix A).

**€ Action Item** – An additional meeting of the Steering Committee will be held on August 15 at 6:00 pm to discuss the Implementation Program.

The meeting ended at 7:35 pm.



Christine Casey - Received 7-21-16

Cindy,

I will attend the meeting Monday evening. I have four comments:

1. Historic preservation. Could streamlining the permitting process for the Downtown be in conflict with preservation, or might it provide for an expedited review process for buildings that include certain key features? A think a bit more clarification would be useful.
2. I didn't see any mention of the Yolo County Fairgrounds. Did I miss this, or is moving the Fairgrounds no longer being considered? I also didn't see a noise element; the two are related.
3. Transportation. While this is covered in detail, I'd like to see more detail on incentives or requirements for car alternatives.
4. Water. I appreciate the thorough consideration of water-related goals and policies.

Thanks.

Chris



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7/25/16

Evelia R. Genera, General Plan Steering Committee member

Focus on Education, Youth and Flood Control

4 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Page: ED 4-26 "Woodland's economy, which is based on production and services of knowledge-intensive activities such as technological or scientific advances and professional services. Firms and businesses in the knowledge economy rely on intellectual capabilities..."

Goal 4.E, Policy 4.E.2 **Workforce Development**

Strike the word "strive" need to be more specific and intentional with intellectual development. I suggest something along these lines: **work/collaborate with UCDavis, WJUSD, YCOE, & WCC to advice on a rigorous science, math, technology i.e. "knowledge economy" curriculum (the subjects comprising of course of study in a school or college) which best supports and prepares youth (ages 15-25) in this academic/ Industry arena.**

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Goal 4.G, Policy 4.G.5 **Industry-Education Partnerships**. Facilitate partnerships between area businesses and educational and training institutions to provide training programs...." Include examples such as **apprenticeships, job shadowing, internships, work experience and job fairs.**

Extremely pleased to see Policy 4.G.6 **PreK-12 Education Support** WJUSD and its efforts to provide the highest quality educational facilities and programming and market these successes as part of the City's business recruitment program.

ADD: **Work with realtors to Support WJUSD ....** (Too many myths and unsubstantiated comments being made about WJUSD)

5 - PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Goal 5.A – **Law Enforcement Services** - Add language to Goal or new Policy statement to address **Law Enforcement training in working with at-risk youth and a diverse (religious, ethnic, economic) community which also includes restorative justice.**

Goal 5.C – **Park System**

Pg. PF 5-28, Policy 5.C.14 include **"community/recreation centers" to serve and provide programs/activities for youth in each electoral district within the city (5)**. This could be marked with a green leaf as it would reduce carbon footprint. Also supports healthy life style by allowing youth to walk to and from. Also supports safety as these centers would provide safe environments for youth recreation.

Goal 5.D – **Programming**

**Include statement on partnering with education (WJUSD/YCOE) to provide social/positive/interpersonal skills development workshops/activities for at-risk youth in goal statement.**

Goal 5.D cont.

Pg. PF 5-28, Policy 5.D.4 **Economically Disadvantaged Program**

Add: ....that provide affordable opportunities for economically.....

Goal 5.E

Pg. PF 5-37, Policy P5.E.7 **Higher Education and Workforce Development**

Add: **High School**. Youth/ workforce preparation begins while in high school. This is already happening and coordination efforts must occur among local agencies, high schools, higher education, and industry. Activities such as **Internships, apprenticeships, job shadowing, job fairs**, All can begin in high school in support of our “knowledge economy” .

Pg. PF 5-38, Policy 5.E.8 Add **Board of Realtors and city staff** to this policy statement. They all must be informed and market the positive, economy-supporting programs/curriculum in our schools, college and university. (Pre-engineering, Agriculture, technology, agriculture, home arts, etc.)

Policy 5.E.10 **Other Educational Programs**

Add **ROP (Regional Occupation Programs)** offered in high schools but, can and do include adults in the areas of construction, pre-school education, welding, agriculture, police science, etc.

#### HEALTHY COMMUNITY ELEMENT

Pg. HC 6-25 Add **school gardens and programs to 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph** along with community gardens.

Pg. HC 6-26, Policy 6.C.5 **Healthy Food Program**

Add – **collaborate with the WJUSD to support school gardens and programs which teach healthy eating such as farm to fork foundation.**

Goal 6.D **Community Facilities and Programs**

Pg. HC 6-33

Policy 6.D.6 **Community Engagement**

Add “**Transparency**” to this statement city must be reminded as engagement can only occur if transparency is front and center at all times in all matters/decisions involving the citizens of Woodland.

Policy 6.D.7 **Volunteerism**

Add **Encourage and support partnerships with WJUSD, organizations** to create volunteer opportunities that benefit the community and also benefit volunteers

Pg. HC 6-34, Policy 6.D.11 **Other Programs and Services for Youth**

Add – **include and involve youth to develop thoughtful and responsive services and programs that address unmet needs of youth in Woodland.** We must give our youth a VOICE in what directly affects them!

Goal 6.E

Pg. HC6-36, Policy 6E.3 **Woodland Opera House**

Add – **to offer diverse cultural programs and opportunities reflecting our community**

Goal 6.F

Pg. HC 6-37, Policy 6.F.2 **Arts Partnerships**

Add – **UCD, TANA (Taller Arte del Nuevo Amanecer), Woodland Community college and WJUSD** (all offer arts programs for youth)

## 7 CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENTS

**GOAL 7.B Maintain and Protect Biological Resources**

Pg. CO 7-25, Policy 7.B.10 **Urban Forest Management Plan**

Add – **overseen by an arborist** (the plan needs to have an expert overseeing it)

Page CO 7-40 ***Odor sources***

Add bold words to current sentence: Odors associated with the WPCF must be mitigated to acceptable levels in conjunction with planning and **prior to** development for any land within the odor buffer shown in Figure 7-6. This makes statement much more pro-active.

**\*FOR DISCUSSION:**

## 8 SAFETY ELEMENT

**\*Pg SE 8-17 Environmental Setting**

Third paragraph seems to support NO development on East Side until the 100 and 200 flood protection plan is resolved/adopted. Why are we even considering it? It will take more than the life of this plan to implement/construct additional flood protection. Is this correct???

**\*Pg. SE 8-26 Facilities for Emergencies and Large Public Assembly**

Prohibit the construction of facilities essential for emergencies (including hospitals and health care facilities, emergency shelters, fire stations, emergency command centers and emergency communication facilities and larger buildings ..... **Again, why are we considering development in the East?**

## 9 HOUSING ELEMENT

I may have misunderstood the Housing Element piece. Has this not already been adopted? Or was there a separate Housing Plan required prior to the General Plan, Housing Plan?

\*Appendix A – I would like to request one session just to review this matrix

\*Appendix B

B-2 and B-3 How are these housing numbers impacted by the Flood Plain area?