



GPAC Meeting #9

Summary Notes

November 7, 2024, 6 - 8 pm | Marina Public Library

Attendees:

- City Staff/Consultants: Alyson Hunter and Troy Reinhalter
- GPAC Members Present: Cindy Burnham, Gilia Baron, Manjeet Dhillon, Catina Smith, Wesley Haye and Grace Silva-Santella
- GPAC Members Absent: Biruk Cleary, Sheila Baker, Richard Zhang, Mia Nyugen, and

Overview

On November 7th, the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) for the Marina 2045 General Plan Update held its 9th meeting. The purpose of the meeting was as follows:

- Receive updates on the General Plan progress.
- Review and provide feedback on the Parks & Recreation and Mobility policy topics.

Presentation and Discussion

Policy Preview, Part 2

Prior to the meeting, GPAC members received draft policies for two topic areas (*Parks & Recreation*, and *Mobility*). Comments and additional ideas from GPAC are presented below:

Topic Area #1: Parks, Trails, and Recreation

Parks

- Install more informative and uniform signage to City Parks displaying the hours and rules at all entrances
- Encourage privately owned parks to also be open [Lincoln Park is a good example].
- Add sign for LPP by the library.
- Encourage privately owned parks to be open to the public for regular hours
- Pursue a more effective partnership with MPUSD to increase public access to Los Arboles Sports Center
- Consider a land trade between MPUSD and the City to acquire Los Arboles Sports Center
- Distinguish with two separate policies for both active and passive parks
- Say that Beach access shall not be degraded by transit or transportation improvements
- Offer poop bags at key dog parks, or at least by the trash can
- Mention the Parks Master Plan as an implementation action

Recreation & Public Facilities

- Organize and promote regular visitor events, such as an annual 5k run, a seasonal surfing competition, or an annual visitor tour of the Fort Ord Park's bunkers and dunes

- Use \$500k in CIP to fix / upgrade the existing Civic Center; existing Hillcrest Center is structurally sound, rehabilitate existing shell
- Add partnering with non profits *friends of Marina Library*

Open Space

- Edit existing policy to say "Expand public access to the beach and coastline, *including more accessible and gradually descending pathways*"

Trails

- Conduct more deliberate outreach regarding local trails) (such as an online registry of the FORTAG network)

Topic Area #2: Mobility

Safety

- Improve street lighting and pedestrian signage, particularly near schools, parks, and commercial areas
- Implement a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program
- Called out DeForest, Crescent, and Cardoza for residential traffic calming measures
- Explore installing lighted stop signs and/or traffic mirrors at intersections with known collision problems
- Consider installing radar speed signs (that instantly display the speed of a moving vehicle) on corridors with known speeding issues
- Ensure that pedestrian safety is a key consideration in the design of future roundabouts
- Prioritize the 2nd Avenue corridor for future mobility safety improvements as the Dunes is developed
- Consider buying bright safety vests for residents

Roadway Connectivity

- Noted that the California connection to 6th Street is already completed
- Add the completion of 8th Street along north side of CSUMB
- Noted the new alignment of the 2nd Avenue Extension from Imjin Pkwy to Del Monte Boulevard
- Consider connecting DeForest Road north of Beach Rd through Marina Station (to Del Monte)
- Explore additional connections within Central Marina such as extending Crescent Street southward as Cypress Knolls is redeveloped

Future Mobility

- Promote e-bikes by creating a supportive regulatory environment – DELETED scooters
- Consider allowing e-scooters in Marina if they are regulated and geofenced appropriately

Transit and Multimodal Hubs

- Seek funding for a free North to South circulator within town that is accessible to all residents and students
 - Make the circulator accessible to everyone (not just disabled/medical)
- Bus line 17 and 18 – should be reevaluated, use smaller (on-demand) buses that circulate WITHIN Marina. Mention Zoon
- Encourage MST to deploy smaller, on-demand buses that circulate within Marina's neighborhoods

- Consider the needs of bus transit when planning new neighborhoods
- Avoid degrading beach access through future transit improvements

Active Transportation

- Close known sidewalk gaps such as along Carmel, Beach, and Reindollar Ave
- Explore repurposing unneeded percolation ponds for enhanced pedestrian and bicycle connectivity
- Add a Multiuse path as part of 2nd Avenue extension

Public Comments

One member of the public joined this meeting, and comments from this public participant have been added to the notes above.