



## Planning Commission/General Plan Advisory Committee Joint Study Session Summary

September 3, 2008

The following is a bulleted summary of the comments Planning Commission and General Plan Advisory Committee's (PC/GPAC) Joint Study Session held on August 14, 2008.

1. **PowerPoint Slide #6:** The PC/GPAC asked when the City will receive the Final Fire Hazard Severity Map. Teri Jamin (Community Development Director) indicated that she will get in contact with the Fire Marshall to answer this question.
2. **PowerPoint Slide #7:** The PC/GPAC asked if Valhalla is included in the properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The answer is yes.
3. **PowerPoint Slide #12:** Joy Curry commented that the three major features that workshop attendees wanted to see incorporated into the General Plan were the same as the three identified in the Pathways Place Based process.
4. **PowerPoint Slide #16:** PC/GPAC members made the following comments on the General Plan Background Report and the draft list of issues and opportunities:
  - a. Bill Ottman: Asked does the Background Report analyze the potential impacts on employment from casinos opening on Highway 50? Teri Jamin indicated that El Dorado County has done some analysis; however, the City has not seen this report.
  - b. Joy Curry: Stated that a lot of young people attended the General Plan Update workshop and these young people may identify with the college and use its facilities.
  - c. Joby Cefalu: Stated that we lack a town center and that the 56-Acre Project will become the heart of our town.
  - d. Geri Grego: Stated that because Lake Tahoe City College has a theater and open space, it is the de facto town center.
  - e. Joy Curry: Stated that the 56-Acre Project is where the town center should be.
  - f. Joby Cefalu: Stated we want to improve what's here (i.e., improving the infrastructure) and the process so it is easier for existing land owners to improve their properties.

- g. Joy Curry: Stated it doesn't make economic sense to do a project here which has resulted in the CEP process.
- h. Bill Malloy: Was concerned about the relocation of the Farmer's Market from the American Legion site to the 56-Acre Project. This would result in a loss of income to the American Legion.
- i. Mort Meiers: Would like to see separate chapters for economics and demographics and more depth regarding a vibrant South Lake Tahoe economy and a streamlined permit process including other agencies besides the City of South Lake Tahoe. Larry Mintier (General Plan Consultant) responded they are combined in the Background Report but there will be an Economic Development Element of the General Plan Policy Document.
- j. Gerri Grego: Stated that directional/way-finding signage is very poor for neighborhoods (12th & 15th Street) as well as visitor destinations. Background Report attributes decrease in traffic due to use of public transportation, but transit ridership has also gone down. She thinks traffic has decreased due to less people in town.
- k. Joy Curry: Stated there is less traffic in the Stateline area because Marriott is located next to the gondola.
- l. Gerri Grego: Stated that public transportation systems need improvements (i.e., more reliable, frequent stops). The bus system has gotten so bad her property has stopped giving out bus info. They started giving out the trolley schedule but that changed without notice and the turnaround time is 1 to 1.5 hours. Amtrak goes to Davis not Sacramento. For Bus Plus you have to call 24 hours in advance to be picked up.
- m. Gerri Grego: Stated sidewalks/bikepaths should be combined to save money. Teri Jamin indicated that they are designed to be wide enough for bikes and pedestrians.
- n. Gerri Grego: Stated that the Police section in the Public/Quasi-Public chapter should include a discussion of noise (parties, response time) and speeding through the neighborhoods.
- o. Gerri Grego: Asked why there is such a big range (7 to 89 percent) for Defensible Space on page 8-20, 1st paragraph? She also hates to see another regional agency formed in the Tahoe Basin related to fire. David Jinkens (City Manager) noted after the meeting that while regional agencies are cooperating and collaborating, the provision for fire services will remain local
- p. Gerri Grego: Stated that she would like to prevent incompatible uses in the vicinity of the airport.

- q. Gerri Grego: Stated that she would like to minimize public expenditures for costly flood control projects. Larry Mintier indicated that development will be prevented in the floodplain. David Jinkens noted after the meeting that the City has a new storm drainage master plan and an obligation to minimize the impacts of flooding in the city limits and to prevent silt accumulation in the lake.
5. The next community workshop on the General Plan Update will be held on October 29, 2008.