



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 17, 2006

TO: Community Planners Committee Representatives

FROM: Betsy McCullough, Deputy Planning Director

SUBJECT: October 2006 CPC Meeting Cancellation & Memo to CPC

A very unusual circumstance has again arisen where the timing of items that are coming to CPC has shifted, and there is no major discussion item of substance that is ready to be heard at your October CPC meeting. After consulting with the CPC Chair, therefore, we are canceling the October meeting.

There are issues to update you on, meetings to advise you of, and document release dates to announce, so we are summarizing them below. Please feel free to pass this information along to your planning group members.

1. **Revised Housing Element:** as you know, the Housing Element is returning to a Planning Commission hearing on November 2, 2006, for action by the Commission. Staff has been making revisions based on comments from the state Department of Housing and Community Development, CPC's August review, and the Planning Commission's September 7 hearing. We expect to have the revised document posted to the department's website by Friday, October 20. We will post the "clean" revised document. We will also email out to the CPC a strike-out/underline version of the Constraints Analysis and the Adequate Sites Inventory which contain the majority of the revisions. For questions about the Housing Element, please email Bill Levin at wlevin@sanidiego.gov.
2. **CPC Discussion of Housing Element:** The CPC General Plan Subcommittee is scheduled to discuss the Housing Element at its Monday, October 30 subcommittee meeting. This meeting will start at 4:00 p.m. at the MOCII building [the same place CPC meeting is held] in a 2nd floor conference room. Because the Planning Commission will consider the item before the CPC meets in November, and the CPC has already taken a vote on the prior draft, the CPC Chair has asked the subcommittee to comment on the revisions of the current draft as they relate to the vote and comments of the August CPC meeting. All CPC members are encouraged to attend or forward their comments to the CPC Subcommittee Chair, Leo Wilson.

3. **General Plan Release:** The Final Public Review Draft [dated October 2006] of the General Plan will be released at a press conference to be held by the Mayor on October 25. At that time the document will be posted on the City's website and printed copies will be made available to the recognized community planning groups and the general public. The CPC General Plan Subcommittee is scheduled to start its discussion of the general plan on October 30, following the Housing Element discussion. There is also a second subcommittee meeting scheduled for Monday, November 13. Full CPC discussion of the general plan is likely to start in January 2007. For questions about the general plan, please email Nancy Bragado at nsbragado@sandiego.gov.
4. **Development Services Issues:** CPC has two pending issues that Development Services staff will discuss: categorical exclusion in the coastal zone and the planned district ordinance work program. As Jeff Strohming announced at the September CPC meeting, Marcela Escobar-Eck has just returned as Development Services Director and she is interested in returning to address CPC at an upcoming meeting. You may remember that Marcela was a regular CPC attendee before she left the City to become the Planning Director for Carlsbad. Marcela has asked that these items be scheduled for the November CPC agenda so she can address them after consulting with DSD staff.
5. **Council Policy 600-24, Indemnification Ordinance, Administrative Guidelines and Bylaws Update:** This discussion, including the attendance of City Attorney Mike Aguirre, was originally scheduled for the October CPC meeting. Steve Laub, Chair of CPC, has asked to meet with staff from the City Attorney's office to discuss CPC's expectations and concerns. This meeting has not been able to occur in time enough to allow a full discussion at the October CPC meeting. Therefore, this discussion is tentatively being moved to the November 28 CPC agenda.
6. **Bylaws Updates/Land Use and Housing Committee meeting of October 25:** Many planning groups have started their bylaws update to comply with Council Policy 600-24. In the course of working with planning groups, staff has encountered several issues that require interim direction from the Land Use and Housing Committee. Primarily, these questions relate to requests from planning groups to include matters that are consistent with the policy but not consistent with the bylaws shell. The report to committee should be available online by October 19 or 20, and we will email you with a link to the report as soon as it is ready.
7. **Mini-COW:** The notices for the October 26 mini-COW have been sent to those elected members of recognized community planning groups that have not yet attended a Community Orientation Workshop. The mini-COW does not offer the subject matter-breakout sessions that are popular at the spring COW. However, attendance at this session does meet the Council Policy 600-24 and Indemnification

Ordinance attendance requirement. Please be aware of which members of your planning group have not attended a COW and encourage them to attend. In order to assure that we are adequately prepared for the size of the group, please ask those interested in attending to either call 619-235-5200 and give their name and planning group, or email Mary Briner at mbriner@sandiego.gov with the same information.

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