



# General Plan Steering Committee

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**Meeting #1**

**January 27, 2020**

# General Plan Project Team

- **Planning Director's Welcome**
- **City Staff**
  - Flinn Fagg, AICP, Director of Planning Services
  - David Newell, AICP, MPA, Principal Planner
- **PlaceWorks Staff**
  - Wendy Nowak, AICP, Principal-in-Charge
  - Jonathan Nettler, AICP, Assistant Project Manager
  - Mark Teague, AICP, Environmental Lead
  - Mark Hoffman, Housing Lead
- **Subconsultants**
  - Fehr & Peers – Circulation

# Member Introductions

- **Steering Committee is made up of 9 members**
  - **Planning Commission – Kathy Weremiuk (GPSC Chair)**
  - **District 1 – Dixie Miller**
  - **District 2 – Grant Wilson**
  - **District 3 – David Powell**
  - **District 4 – Lyn Calerdine**
  - **District 5 – Curt Watts**
  - **Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians – Margaret Park**
  - **Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs (ONE-PS) – Kathy Cohn**
  - **Sustainability Commission – John Goins**

# Agenda

- **Introduction of General Plan Steering Committee**
  - Meeting Protocols
  - Roles & Responsibilities
- **Overview of General Plan Update Project**
  - What is a General Plan?
  - Why Update?
  - General Plan Context: Community Profile
- **Public Survey Approach**
  - Next Steps



# Introduction of the GPSC Roles, Rules and Responsibilities

**GPSC Meeting 1**

# Meeting Protocols

- **Steering Committee Guidance Document**
- **Brown Act Overview by City Staff**
- **Meeting Rules and Procedures**
  - Provision and review of materials
  - Timeliness
  - Limitations on directing the City
  - Community input and requests
  - Simple majority voting
  - Implied agreement
  - Conflict of interest
  - Attendance and absence
  - Questions or concerns

# GPSC Roles & Responsibilities

## **Official GPSC Charge**

- **Ensure Community concerns, values and expectations are understood**
- **Assist in identifying critical issues**
- **Identify areas of existing or potential conflicts and find ways to constructively resolve them**
- **Keep community organizations and interested citizens informed**
- **Promote attendance at community meetings and participation in digital outreach activities**
- **Review and provide feedback on draft Elements produced**
- **Provide recommendations to City staff and Decision Makers regarding the General Plan**

# GPSC Roles & Responsibilities

## **What the Committee is not...**

- A replacement for the City Council or Planning Commission
- A decision-making/legislative body
- A substitute for the public hearing process

# GPSC Roles & Responsibilities

## Role of the Chair

- **Responsible for:**
  - **Managing the meeting**
  - **Facilitating discussion and consensus building**
- **Serves as the “official” representative of the GPAC and attends meetings with other committees, the Planning Commission or City Council if requested**

# Ground Rules: Committee Discussion Process

- All perspectives are valued
- One person speaks at a time
- Maintain an open mind
- Listen to understand, not to debate
- Be hard on the issues – soft on the people
- Everyone has an equal opportunity to participate
- What's past is past – focus on the future
- In cases of non-consensus, alternative perspectives will be documented



# Overview of General Plan Update Project

**GPSC Meeting 1**

# GP 101: What is a General Plan?

**The General Plan represents the community's view of its future. It is...**

- **A blueprint for a city's growth and development**
- **A guiding document for administrative & legislative functions**
- **Constitution for future development**

# What is a General Plan?

## *Government Code Section 65300 et. seq.:*

“Every planning agency shall prepare and the legislative body of each county and city shall adopt a **comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development** of the county or city, and of any land outside its boundaries which in the planning agency’s judgment bears relation to its planning.”

# What is a General Plan?

## Required Content...

- Plan diagrams
- Goals – General, abstract
- Policies – Action-oriented, represents city commitment
- Implementation Programs – Actions carrying out policies

# Why Update?

- **Reflect revisions to the PDD Process**
  - Undertake recommendations of the Ad Hoc PDD Committee
- **Changes in Planning Trends since last update (2007)**
- **Legislative Changes**
- **Confirm Vision and Priorities**
- **Confirm Goals and Policies**
- **Update Implementation Actions and pull out of General Plan**

# Why Update?

## Legislative Changes

- **Climate Change Legislation**
  - **Executive Order S-3-05: Establishes GHG targets**
  - **AB 32: The Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 requires ARB to establish regulations to meet 1990 targets**
  - **SB 375: Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008**
  - **AB 1358: California Complete Streets Act of 2008**
  - **SB 743 (2013): CEQA revisions for traffic analyses, eliminates parking and aesthetics as impacts of significance, and exempts qualifying projects from CEQA review**
  - **Executive Order B-30-15: Establishes GHG target for 2030: 40% below 1990 levels**
  - **SB 379 (2015): Requires inclusion of climate adaptation and resiliency strategies in the safety element upon next revision of housing elements (Jan 1, 2022+)**

# Why Update?

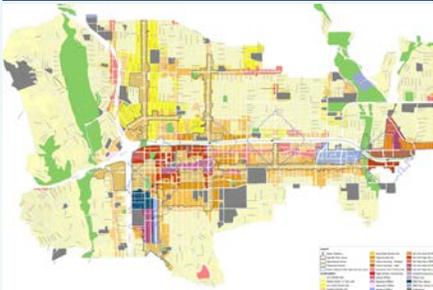
## Legislative Changes (cont'd)

- SB 1000 (Leyva, 2016) requires Environmental Justice Element, or policy integration in other required elements
- RHNA – Regional Housing Needs Allocation determines the number of new homes a jurisdiction needs to build to meet the housing needs of people at all income levels.

# Required General Plan Elements

**This effort includes extensive updates to:**

**LAND USE**



**CIRCULATION**



**HOUSING**



**SAFETY**



**Limited updates to:**

**CONSERVATION**



**NOISE**



**OPEN SPACE**



# What is a General Plan?

## What it is not...

- Zoning
- Development standards (building heights, property setbacks, parking requirements, driveway locations, landscape requirements...)
  - *Though, it must establish standards for housing and non-residential density and quantify development capacity*
- Design guidelines
- A guarantee for project approvals

# Context for the Update

## What Has Changed Since 2007? What Hasn't?

- **Palm Springs has Grown Moderately**
  - *Palm Springs has grown and can be expected to continue growing at a moderate rate*
- **The City has Fewer Younger and More Older Residents, and It Is Aging Quickly**
  - *Do these trends support the General Plan vision? If not, the General Plan Update should consider policies and housing types to encourage in-migration of households with children and people age 45 and under.*

# Context for the Update

## What Has Changed Since 2007? What Hasn't?

- **Somewhat Lower Household Income, as Expected with a Higher Percentage of Retirees**
  - *Does not suggest any particular issues to be addressed with the General Plan Update*
- **Predominantly SFD Housing Growth in a City that is Predominantly SFA and Multifamily**
  - *Does developing predominantly single-family detached housing at a high rate supports the vision of a community in which single-family attached and multifamily housing accounts for nearly two-thirds of all housing*

# Context for the Update

## What Has Changed Since 2007? What Hasn't?

- **The City is Successful in Providing Jobs for its Residents but Not Housing for Its Workers**
  - *While the City is doing an average job of housing those who work in the City, it may need to do more in order to satisfy state requirements for climate change and affordable housing*
- **Job Growth and Retail Sales Indicate that the Local Economy is Performing Well**
  - *Data suggests the City's General Plan goals and policies and its economic development programs are adequate to support economic growth and fiscal sustainability*



# Discussion of Public Survey Approach

**GPSC Meeting 1**

# Approach to Community Survey #1

- **Community Participation Plan**
- **Confirm Vision:**
  - *A world-renowned desert resort community where residents and visitors enjoy safe neighborhoods, an exciting social environment and a relaxing leisure experience.*
  - *We enhance our natural, cultural, and historical resources with sustainable economic growth and high style.*
  - *We provide responsive, friendly and efficient public services within a government that fosters unity among all our citizens.*

# Approach to Community Survey #1

## Confirm Priorities:

- 1. Support Palm Springs as one of the world's premier desert resorts.*
- 2. Establish the City as a leader in efficient use of resources: land, water, and energy.*
- 3. Diversify the City's economic foundations and promote Palm Springs as the "first choice" for businesses.*
- 4. Develop a full range of retail opportunities for local, regional, and tourist markets.*
- 5. Provide for a broad range of housing opportunities.*

# Approach to Community Survey #1

## Confirm Priorities:

6. *Create unique places that strengthen community identity, offer visual interest, and support lively activity.*
7. *Encourage the creative mixing of land uses to promote vibrant neighborhoods and reduce the need for vehicle use.*
8. *Preserve and uphold the high quality of architecture and the unique visual and aesthetic form in buildings and neighborhoods that distinguish Palm Springs from other cities.*
9. *Provide a circulation system that accommodates the smooth flow of vehicular traffic, encourages safe bicycle and pedestrian movement, and presents attractively landscaped corridors.*
10. *Promote development that enhances scenic views and provides both visual and physical access to the City's surrounding mountains, washes, open space, and other scenic and natural resources.*



# Next Steps

# Timeline / Work Plan

TIMEFRAME »»»	WINTER 2019/2020		SPRING 2020	SUMMER 2020	FALL 2020	WINTER 2020/2021	SPRING 2021
<b>TASKS</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kick Off Meeting</li> <li>Data Gathering and Review</li> <li>Review of Existing General Plan Goals &amp; Policies</li> <li>Base Mapping</li> <li>Review Legislative Requirements</li> <li>Initiate Housing Element Needs Assessment, Land Inventory, and Program Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirm Vision &amp; Priorities</li> <li>Prepare Traffic Impact Analysis and Guidelines</li> <li>Safety Element Vulnerability Assessment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize Base Mapping and Traffic Impact Analysis Guidelines</li> <li>Conclude Review of General Plan Goals and Policies</li> <li>Update Land Use Plan, Goals and Policies</li> <li>Update Circulation Element</li> <li>Housing Element Update: RHNA Work; Housing Plan; Screen Check; and Public Draft</li> <li>Update Safety Element</li> <li>Begin administrative update of Other Elements and Implementation Programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Update of Other Elements</li> <li>Submit Safety Element Draft for Review by California Fire</li> <li>Conduct General Plan/Zoning Consistency Analysis</li> <li>Conclude Implementation Program Update</li> <li>Begin Environmental Review (CEQA) Process</li> <li>Begin Technical Analyses for Cultural, Noise and Traffic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing Element in Round 1 HCD Review</li> <li>Finalize Technical Analyses for Cultural, Air Quality, and Traffic Studies</li> <li>Prepare Administrative Draft of the environmental documents (Supplemental Environmental Impact Report)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft Housing Element Revisions Reviewed by the State</li> <li>Conclude Air Quality and Noise Analysis</li> <li>Administrative Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan Adoption</li> <li>Public Draft of Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, Findings &amp; Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program (MMRP)</li> </ul>
<b>OUTREACH</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Plan Steering Committee (GPSC) Meetings</li> <li>Project Webpage and Online Engagement Tools</li> <li>Community-wide Workshop #1</li> <li>Affordable Housing &amp; Homelessness Subcommittee</li> <li>Traveling Road Shows with City Staff</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Plan Steering Committee (GPSC) Meetings</li> <li>Online Engagement</li> <li>Community-wide Workshop #2</li> <li>Public Hearings on TIA Guidelines and Land Use Plan</li> <li>Traveling Road Shows with City Staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Plan Steering Committee (GPSC) Meetings</li> <li>Online Engagement</li> <li>Traveling Road Shows with City Staff</li> <li>Public Hearings on Housing Element</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Review (Scoping Meeting)</li> <li>Online Engagement</li> <li>Traveling Road Shows with City Staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Review (Public Draft Review)</li> <li>Online Engagement</li> <li>General Plan Steering Committee (GPSC) Meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community-wide Workshop #3</li> <li>Online Engagement</li> <li>Public Hearings on SEIR and General Plan Update</li> </ul>

NOTE Items listed and timeframes noted above are subject to change as a result of new information or need for refinement of the schedule as the scope of work is implemented.

# Future GPSC Topics

- **Vision and Priorities**
- **Goals & Policies**
- **Land Use Plan**
- **Potential Special Topic Areas**
  - **Housing**
  - **Circulation**
  - **Safety**
- **Implementation Strategies**

# Administration & Next Steps

- **Tentative Meeting Schedule**

- 8 total meetings (including today)
- Typically occur on Fourth Monday of the Month from 5:00-6:30 pm, unless otherwise indicated with advance notification

- **Homework**

- *Help promote participation in First Public Workshop (likely 2/24 or 2/25) and Online Survey*
- *Promote visits to project website: [PSGeneralPlan.com](http://PSGeneralPlan.com)*