



STAFF REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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DATE: June 12 2011

TO: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

FROM: DAN MILBURN, ACTING DIRECTOR, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: Official Community Plan Review: Draft

ATTACHMENT(S): Official Community Plan Review: Presentation
Official Community Plan Draft (June 2011)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. **THAT the Staff Report be received.**

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Staff Report is to provide the Committee of the Whole with a draft of the Official Community Plan (OCP) and information on the continuing community engagement process.

POLICY / REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

One of the many important steps toward implementing the myPG integrated community sustainability plan adopted by Council in June 2010 is underway with a review of the OCP. The updated OCP is intended to reflect the community's sustainability goals, and advance the City's communication and engagement practices learned in the myPG process.

Three OCP review status reports were presented to Council in July, September, and November 2010. These reports were followed by a staff report and presentation on the Official Community Plan Review and Growth Management to the Committee of the Whole in December 2010. Since that time staff have continued to meet with community stakeholders, review all the input provided by the public, and prepare draft objectives and policies. The attached draft OCP represents the culmination of this work. However, the job is not complete as the development of an OCP is an iterative process and successive drafts will follow. This first draft is focused on the text of objectives and policies; however, future drafts will include photographs, and additional tables and graphs to help communicate the objectives and policies contained in the text. Additionally, the formatting and order of the contents is expected to change to improve overall readability.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The myPG/OCP Review is one of Council's Priority Projects with the OCP review to be completed and implemented in 2011.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Funding for the OCP review is provided through the Long Range Planning Division's operating budget and totals approximately \$115,000.00. This money and supporting staff resources have been used to carry out a progressive community consultation effort and develop draft OCP objectives and policy options for consideration.

DISCUSSION:

Public Consultation

In February 2010, Council approved an OCP Amendment Consultation Checklist which detailed who would be consulted throughout the OCP review process, by what methods, and how often consultation would occur. As a result, two stages of the public consultation have been completed. The summer consultation results were provided to Council on September 13th, 2010, and the fall consultation results were provided to Council on November 15, 2010.

A third round of public consultation will occur subsequent to the June 20, 2011, Committee of the Whole consideration of the draft OCP. This consultation will involve notice to all stakeholders, and a general public announcement requesting written comments on the draft. Just as with the previous two rounds of consultation, this request for comment will come with an offer to meet with any group that expresses an interest in the OCP. Staff will then review the public input, revise the draft as appropriate and return the OCP to Council for consideration as a bylaw. Should Council support a revised OCP bylaw, a Public Hearing will be scheduled, which would enable any member of the public with an interest in these matters to speak directly to Council.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, the Department is pleased to present the first draft of the revised Official Community Plan for consideration by the Committee the Whole.

Respectfully submitted:



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To: Mayor and Council

