



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NO:

MEETING DATE: September 7, 2016

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

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From: William Meeker, Community Development Director – (650) 558-7255

Subject: “Envision Burlingame” – General Plan Project Update and Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council provide direction on the ongoing update of the City’s General Plan, including direction on preferred land use strategies.

BACKGROUND

In March 2015, the City of Burlingame initiated a three-year process focused on a community-led effort to update the City’s General Plan and Zoning Ordinance, called “Envision Burlingame.” The General Plan and Zoning Ordinance are the City’s two documents that regulate all land use, environmental and transportation decisions made by City leaders.

The City has engaged a consultant team led by MIG to conduct the public outreach process and create the new General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The outreach has involved a broad range of individuals providing information on current issues, encouraging ideas regarding a vision for Burlingame’s future, and receiving specific input on alternatives and policy concepts.

DISCUSSION

Envision Burlingame has reached a key point in the process. Through the first phases, the project team has been soliciting input from the community, analyzing existing conditions, and developing a range of land use and circulation alternatives. The alternatives have now been synthesized into a single “Emerging Land Use Concept” that is intended to provide guidance in the preparation of the General Plan and environmental analysis (attached).

The Emerging Land Use Concept has been reviewed by the Envision Burlingame Community Advisory Committee (CAC), as well as the Planning Commission. The feedback from both will be presented to the City Council as part of the consultant presentation, and the Council will be asked to provide further direction.

The consultant presentation will also include a discussion of population and job growth, housing, Sea Level Rise and adaptation, and school district coordination. Each of these issues is important to consideration of the land use strategy.

The consultant team has prepared a memorandum that summarizes the community outreach to date and the topics that will be presented in this study session (attached). The slides for the presentation that will be made to the City Council are also attached for reference.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Exhibits:

- Envision Burlingame Project Update and Discussion Items Memorandum
- Meeting Presentation Slides
- Emerging Land Use Concept, as reviewed by the CAC and Planning Commission
- July 13, 2016 PC Study Session Minutes