

Overview

Working Draft Framework of Guiding Principles

Citizens Advisory Committee
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Working Draft Framework of Guiding Principles

- Encompasses broad reaching issues while providing general direction for the General Plan Update
- Have been reviewed by the Planning Commission & Board of Supervisors
- Today, Citizens Advisory Committee
- Further by Planning Commission & Public
- Final to be approved by Board of Supervisors

NOTE: Principles do not implement policy

Concept of Guiding Principles

- DRAFT
- Wouldn't it be terrible IF our consultant, the public and staff worked together on a General Plan that totally MISSED THE MARK?
- Idea of these 'principles' is to give some marching orders to the Committee, staff & consultant

“Working Draft”

- This document is considered a “working draft” because input is necessary from the Planning Commission, the Citizens Advisory Committee, the public, and the Board of Supervisors prior to final approval.

Guiding Principles: Review to Date

- **April 13, 2006** –Framework of Guiding Principles introduced as a concept at the “Charting the Course” Informational Workshop on the General Plan
- **April 27, 2006** –Planning Commission reviewed Draft Principles and approved of their overall concept

Planning Commissioner Discussion

–Guiding Principles

- Discussed the overall concept of a Framework of Guiding Principles and how detailed or general such Principles needed to be.
- Discussed role of the Citizens Advisory Committee
- In their closing remarks Commissioners indicated that the current Framework of Guiding Principles provided “good overall articulation” and was a “very good working draft”.

Planning Commission Hearing **Public Comment** –Guiding Principles

- Public testimony was received indicating that the Framework of Guiding Principles was “good for the future structure of the General Plan” and would provide appropriate “marching orders” to the consultant.
- Another member of the public asked for patience and to consider the varying levels of education and experience involved.

Guiding Principles: Review to Date

- **May 23, 2006** –Board of Supervisors reviews Draft Principles and decides to have more discussion on their form and content
- **July 25, 2006** –Board of Supervisors edits and approves final Draft Principles; instructs Development Services to provide to Citizens Advisory Committee when formed; DDS posts Principles to website

Board Review of Guiding Principles

- The Board discussed whether a detailed or general set of Guiding Principles best served the process
- The Board reviewed short and long Drafts of the Guiding Principles
- The Board compiled a final Draft that included 12 Guiding Principles each with a single topic and a broadly based supporting statement

12 Guiding Principle Topics

- 1. Cooperative Planning**
- 2. Circulation**
- 3. Growth/Urban Development/Housing**
- 4. Airport Land Use Planning**
- 5. Natural Resources and Environment**
- 6. Public Health and Safety**
- 7. Economic Development**
- 8. Agriculture**
- 9. Rural Development**
- 10. Recreational Opportunities and
Protection of Cultural Resources**
- 11. Sustainability**
- 12. Public Services**

How will they be used?

- Provided to: Citizens Advisory Committee, Public, Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Development Services staff, and Consultant
- To give direction to the General Plan 2030 process

A Sampling of County Principles

Napa County

Amador County

Marin County

Napa County Guiding Principles

- Preserve agriculture and watershed lands, and concentrate urban uses in existing urban areas.
- Preserve our quality of life and the county's rural character.
- When updating the General Plan: minimize changes, identify inconsistencies, acknowledge benefits, incorporate modifications, insert positives and be mindful of the future.

Napa County Guiding Principles

- All changes shall reflect quality and enhance our unique communities, and we should ensure that infrastructure and services can be provided in a cost effective and efficient manner.
- Land use decisions should be informed by physical parcel characteristics and maximum benefit to the community.

Amador County Guiding Principles

- Integrate the strategies to conserve and encourage farming contained within the Agricultural Element into the broader land use policies.
- Designate areas where new population and employment development can be appropriately accommodated, either in existing towns and/or in a new city.

Amador County Guiding Principles

- Include provisions to support preservation of agriculture and natural resources as well as wildlife habitat.
- Integrate new development with enhancement of water and wastewater systems.
- Coordinate development with existing and future transportation corridors.

MARIN COUNTY INTERIM GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Link equity, economy, and the environment locally, regionally and globally.
- Use finite and renewable resources efficiently and effectively.
- Reduce the release of hazardous materials.
- Steward our natural and agricultural assets.
- Provide efficient and effective transportation.

MARIN COUNTY INTERIM GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Supply housing affordable to the full range of our workforce and community.
- Foster businesses that provide a balance of economic, environmental and social benefits.
- Educate and prepare our workforce and residents.
- Cultivate ethnic, cultural and socio-economic diversity.
- Support public health, safety, and social justice.

What's next?

- Citizens Advisory Committee to refine the DRAFT Guiding Principles and forward them to the Planning Commission
- **January 11, 2007** Citizens Advisory Committee input provided to Planning Commission
- **February 13, 2007** Planning Commission input provided to Board of Supervisors
- **March 15, 2007** Final set of Guiding Principles provided to Citizens Advisory Committee

Tonight - Your Task

- Review the Guiding Principles in light of the scheduled viewing and discussion of the photos
- Use the “likes” and “dislikes” discussed during your group activity to help frame input for the following discussion on the Guiding Principles.