

July 26, 2010

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE PROPOSED "DRAFT" VISUAL RESOURCES ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN

The Planning Commission of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes will conduct a public meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at Hesse Park Community Building, 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the "Draft" Visual Resources Element of the General Plan.

Many years ago the Council directed Staff to move forward with updating the City's General Plan, which was originally adopted in 1975 and has never been updated since. As part of this task, in 2002, a General Plan Update Steering Committee was formed to review all of the goals and policies of the General Plan and make recommendations as to whether these goals and policies need to be maintained, amended, or eliminated, and if new goals and policies need to be added. After two years, the Committee completed their task as assigned by the Council. Through the Committee's work, the City learned that although there may be a need for some minor textual changes to the goals and policies, and changes to the factual information within the Plan, for the most part the context of the existing goals and policies still applies to today.

Subsequently, in 2007, the City Council authorized Staff to hire consultants to assist Staff with the preparation of an update to the General Plan. Since then, Staff has been working with consultants on revising the document. To save substantial costs, most of the updating work is being done "in-house" by City Staff. Staff has now reached a point where it is releasing to the public various "Draft" Updated General Plan Elements that will initially be reviewed by the Planning Commission through public hearings, and eventually reviewed by the City Council through public hearings.

The purpose of this meeting will be to review and discuss the proposed "Draft" Visual Resources Element of the General Plan. A copy of the "Draft" Element will be available at the Community Development Department on August 4, 2010. The existing General Plan (including all of its Goals and Policies), and background information pertaining to the General Plan Update process, can be viewed on the City's web page through the following link:
http://palosverdes.com/rpv/planning/content/General_Plan_Update.cfm

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and to attend and give testimony at the meeting. Written materials, including emails, submitted to the City are public records and may be posted on the City's website. In addition, City meetings may be televised and may be accessed through the City's website. Accordingly, you may wish to omit personal information from your oral presentation or written materials as it may become part of the public record. Please contact Deputy Community Development Director, Gregory Pfof, AICP, at (310) 544-5228 or via e-mail address gregp@rpv.com for further information.

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