

REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
From the City Manager

March 24, 2008

INFORMATION ONLY

SUBJECT

New General Plan Monthly Status Report

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a brief summary on the progress of the New General Plan. On March 6 City staff held a kick-off meeting with the General Plan Consultants. That meeting was well attended (approximately 20 City staff from various City departments and 15 members of the consultant team). The purpose of the meeting was for staff to meet the General Plan consultants, discuss the process and data needs, and to overall understand the importance of their work. Another purpose of the meeting was to create a team philosophy around the New General Plan. Following this meeting, individuals had the opportunity to meet in break-out rooms to further discuss various topics or ideas with the consultants. It was a good opportunity to exchange ideas and trends surrounding the various General Plan topics.

Following the kick-off meeting, the consultant team and staff met with several focus groups. There were meetings on: development and the natural environment, General Plans and health; the Housing Element; and the North Fair Oaks Sphere of Influence. Several San Mateo County staff participated in these discussions.

In the evening, the General Plan consultants held the first "affinity group" workshop with the Redwood City Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group, including representatives from the County Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and other groups. The discussion included broad comments on the General Plan as well as an in depth focus on bike and pedestrian issues and a bicycle route map. This meeting will serve as a template for future affinity group meetings.

Finally, on March 7 staff and the consultant met with the Redwood Creek Floating Community Association (Docktown Marina). We toured several houseboats and discussed their concerns and vision for the floating houseboat community. We will meet with other neighborhood associations in the next few months.

Over the next several months, many other affinity group meetings, interviews, and data collection will take place. The General Plan consultants will be writing various background reports based on these meetings and discussions. Some of the upcoming meetings and/or

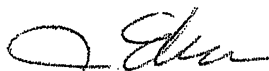
interviews will be with developers and investors, the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee, health care providers, and organized environmental groups. These meetings are all scheduled for April 1. There will be additional meetings later in April with interfaith groups, Latino organizations, schools leaders, and neighborhood associations. The time and place of those meetings have yet to be determined. All times and locations will be posted on the City's web site (www.redwoodcity.org).

Significant progress is being made on the New General Plan and new meetings will be scheduled for public dialogue and discussion. Staff is on track with the schedule milestones as ten affinity group meetings will be held in the first phase or "wave" and an additional five more in the second phase of the outreach process later this year. At the same time the General Plan consultants are gathering information, and preparing background reports, and assisting staff as needed.

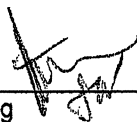
During these last few months, the General Plan Committee met three times. The Committee is made up of three City Council members (Honorable Mayor Foust, and Council members Howard and Pierce) and two Planning Commissioners (Chair Cronin and Planning Commissioner Seybert). The Committee has provided valuable insight and direction to staff regarding public outreach and other General Plan work. The Committee directed staff to prepare this status report and it is anticipated that future reports will be forthcoming at the end of each month throughout this process.



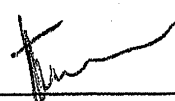
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