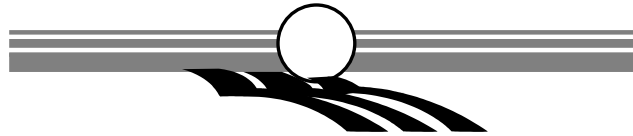


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To: Lemoore City Council
From: Holly Smyth, Chief Planner
Date: July 12, 2006
Subject: General Plan Steering Committee & Summary of 6/27/06 ideas

BACKGROUND:

As you may recall, the City Council and the Planning Commission had their kick off meeting of the 2030 General Plan update with our consultant Dyett & Bhatia at a special joint session held on June 27, 2006. The consultant was able to get a broad brush idea of some of the goals and objectives the two groups and some of the community has in mind for the future vision of Lemoore.

Over a one year period, the Consultant will be gathering data, evaluating sites and surroundings and preparing the bulk of the general plan document. Through the process, input will be gathered from various City departments as they pertain to their applicability to the plan, stakeholders, a community-wide survey, and community meetings.

However, a general plan steering committee is needed to serve as a “sounding board” for ideas and reactions to proposals developed as part of the update. More specifically, they will be expected to:

- 1 Provide input on planning issues and goals for growth, land use and development in Lemoore.
- 2 Review alternatives and recommendations prepared by the consultant team and City staff and provide feedback.
- 3 Make recommendations to Planning Commission and City Council on the Draft General Plan.
- 4 Attend public workshops to facilitate dialogue and understand community concerns.

The Committee will not be expected to take formal votes, but would reach consensus informally. They would also serve as “ambassadors” for the process, taking ideas out to the community and reporting back on issues and concerns. This will help ensure that the Plan meets Lemoore’s needs.

We believe that Steering Committee members will need to plan on attending four or five meetings, plus two community meetings, and they may choose to attend the hearings and Commission/Council study sessions and share their views on the alternatives put forth in the plan. Some Committee meetings should be in a morning following an evening meeting and maybe a couple of others would be 6-8 pm on a week night or on a Saturday, whichever accommodates the group.

Ideally, the Steering Committee should be appointed by the City Council and have about 11 members to represent various community characteristics. Staff suggests that 1 Council Member, 1 Planning Commissioner and others representing various community groups be appointed. Council may want to consider including representatives from the Lemoore Naval Air Station, Lemoore schools, senior citizens, youth, person of Hispanic decent, a service club, Chamber of Commerce, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Tachi-Yocut, historic preservation, Business Industry Association or developer, citizen at large, or from other City committees. Two emails of interest, one from Stephen Corl who lives just outside the City limits and from Kathleen Elias who lives on the Westside, have already been received requesting to be on the Committee.

Aside from the Steering Committee, attached is a draft summary of the June 27th Community leader interviews and the joint City Council/Planning Commission Special Meeting for your review.

Budget Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

The Council should direct the Planning Commission to select one of their members to serve on the Steering Committee at their 7/24/06 meeting and appoint the entire Steering Committee on August 15th so that members may have the option of attending the community workshop the night of 8/28/06 with the Steering Committee kickoff meeting being the morning of 8/29/06.