



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY
UPDATE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 23, 2019**

The General Plan Update Advisory Committee of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a Regular Meeting on May 23, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Melanie Hanssen, Vice Chair Kathryn Janoff, Vice Mayor Marcia Jensen, Council Member Barbara Spector, Committee Member Todd Jarvis, Committee Member Steven Piasecki, Committee Member Susan Moore Brown, Committee Member Lee Quintana, and Committee Member Ryan Rosenberg

Absent: Committee Member Kendra Burch, Committee Member Jeffrey Barnett, and Committee Member Carol Elias Zolla

Staff present: Joel Paulson and Jennifer Armer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Janoff led the Pledge of Allegiance. The audience was invited to participate.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Kathleen Willey

- Commented on environmental justice and the impact of animal agriculture. She, along with Mary Mackey, encouraged the introduction of the Green Monday initiative to the Town.

Lucas Wade

- Commented that he supports the Green Monday initiative as it is great for people and the environment.

Mike Sage

- Commented on the Meatless Monday Proclamation issued by the San Jose City Council.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Continue the discussion of General Plan Vision and discuss Guiding Principles

Jennifer Armer, Senior Planner, presented the staff report.

Opened and Closed Public Comment.

Committee discussed the following Guiding Principles.

Guiding Principles

Transportation

MOTION: **Motion by Vice Chair Janoff** to approve the language “Provide a well - connected transportation system that enables safe access for all transportation modes, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities.” **Seconded by Vice Mayor Jensen.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

Sustainability

MOTION: **Motion by Vice Mayor Jensen** to approve the language “Manage, conserve, and preserve Los Gatos' natural environment for present and future generations. Identify and provide opportunities to enhance the Town' s sustainability policies and practices.” **Seconded by Vice Chair Janoff.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

Protect Natural Resources

MOTION: **Motion by Vice Mayor Jensen** to approve the language “Protect the natural resources and scenic assets that define Los Gatos, including open space preserves, recreational trails, surrounding hillsides, and natural waterways.” **Seconded by Vice Chair Janoff.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

Fiscal Stability/Responsibility

MOTION: **Motion by Vice Mayor Jensen** to approve the language “Provide high quality municipal services to the Los Gatos community while sustaining the Town's long term fiscal health.” **Seconded by Council Member Spector.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

Government Transparency

MOTION: **Motion by Vice Mayor Jensen** to approve the language “Conduct governmental processes in an open manner and encourage public involvement in Town governance.” **Seconded by Council Member Spector.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

Community Vitality

MOTION: **Motion by Vice Chair Janoff** to approve the language “Invigorate downtown Los Gatos as a special place for community gathering, commerce, and other activities for residents and visitors. Foster the economic vitality of all Los Gatos business locations. Preserve the Town’s historic resources as an on-going asset to the community.” **Seconded by Committee Member Piasecki.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

Diverse Neighborhoods

MOTION: **Motion by Vice Mayor Jensen** to approve the language “Foster appropriate investments to maintain and enhance diverse neighborhoods, housing opportunities, and infrastructure to meet the needs of all current and future residents.” **Seconded by Council Member Spector.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

Inclusivity

MOTION: **Motion by Committee Member Piasecki** to approve the language “Promote ethnic, cultural, and socio-economic diversity and equity to enhance the quality of life in Los Gatos”. **Seconded by Council Member Spector.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

Promote Public Safety

MOTION: **Motion by Vice Mayor Jensen** to approve the language “Maintain and enhance Los Gatos as a safe community through preparation and planning, education, and community design that is responsive to the full range of potential natural and man-made hazards and safety issues”. **Seconded by Council Member Spector.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

Committee discussed the following Vision Statement.

Vision Statement

The Town of Los Gatos is a safe, welcoming, and family-oriented community nestled in the beautiful foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains. The Town is a sustainable community that takes pride in its small-town character and provides a range of housing opportunities, historic neighborhoods, local culture and arts, excellent schools, and a lively and accessible downtown. Los Gatos offers a choice of mobility options, superior public facilities and services, and an open and responsive local government that is fiscally sound. Los Gatos has a dynamic and thriving economy that includes a mix of businesses throughout Town that serves all residents, workers, and visitors.

MOTION: **Motion by Committee Member Jarvis** to approve the Vision Statement. **Seconded by Committee Member Brown.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true
and correct copy of the minutes of the
May 23, 2019 meeting as approved by the
General Plan Update Advisory Committee.

/s/ Joel Paulson, Director of Community Development