



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

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JUNE 18, 2020**

The General Plan Update Advisory Committee of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a Regular Meeting on June 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., via teleconference.

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and was conducted via Zoom. All committee members and staff participated from remote locations and all voting was conducted via roll call vote.

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Melanie Hanssen, Vice Chair Kathryn Janoff, Mayor Marcia Jensen, Vice Mayor Barbara Spector, Committee Member Kendra Burch, Committee Member Steven Piasecki, Committee Member Ryan Rosenberg, Committee Member Lee Quintana, Committee Member Susan Moore Brown, and Committee Member Carol Elias Zolla.

Absent: Committee Member Todd Jarvis.

Staff present: Jennifer Armer, Joel Paulson, Laurel Prevetti, Rob Schultz, Lynne Lampros, and Matt Morley.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mathew Hudes

- Comment on the residential focus of the land use element with a suggestion that this should refocus on supporting dining, innovation centers, and opportunity zones. Commented that projections for residential were done before receiving housing RHNA numbers, and should be reconsidered once RHNA numbers are received. Commented on the need for objective standards. Commented that a timeframe of 20 years may be too long. Asked how traffic would be addressed, and commented that it shouldn't just be done through CEQA which is now using VMT.

CONSENT ITEMS (TO BE ACTED UPON BY A SINGLE MOTION)

1. Approval of Minutes – March 5, 2020

MOTION: Motion by Committee Member Rosenberg to approve Consent Item. **Seconded** by Committee Member Burch.

VOTE: Motion passed 7-0-3 with three abstentions (Piasecki, Zolla, Jensen), Jarvis absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion Item 3 was heard first, followed by Discussion Item 2.

3. Review and Discussion of the Revised Draft of the Open Space, Parks, and Recreation Element

Jennifer Armer, Senior Planner, presented the staff report.

Open and Closed Public Comment.

Committee further discussed the matter and provided the following comments and direction:

- Ensure clarity in the overall organization of the Element for use by the general public.
- Definitions, like open space and preserves should be defined and used consistently.
- Parks should be available at or above existing level and distributed throughout all neighborhoods in Town. The Implementation Program to create an acquisition plan should be implemented sooner.
- The General Plan or Town Code should have more specifics for quantity of recreation space for young children and open space requirements generally.

MOTION: Motion by Committee Member Piaseki to approve, comments of GPAC have been addressed with two additional modifications to add a reference to PFS-10.1 and to add a minimum open space requirement for children and generally in the land use development standards. **Seconded** by Committee Member Burch.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously, Jarvis absent. With the following remaining concerns from Committee Member Quintana:

- Overall organization could be clarified to make more concise and less repetitive.

- Definitions could be clarified to reduce confusion between different types and characters of open space: public versus private space, open space areas and preserves, hillside open space areas, agricultural lands, natural characteristics of open space, passive open space, and parks.
- The element is missing an overall statement that ties open space to sustainability and habitat preservation.

2. Review and Discussion of the Initial Draft of the Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure Element

Jennifer Armer, Senior Planner, presented the staff report.

Open Public Comment.

George Rossmann – Chair of Community Health and Senior Services Commission

- Commented that the public health needs of the community are more substantial than those in the GP 2020. Will provide more specific proposals once Community Health and Senior Services Commission has a chance to meet on this.

Closed Public Comment.

Committee further discussed the matter and provided the following comments and direction:

- Change Policy PFS-10.1 – Use “active recreation space,” rather than “exercise.”
- Page 5-9 – Consider language to address changes expected in solid waste, including state laws, negotiations with Guadalupe landfill, and changes in recycling.
- Consistency in use of verbs, rather than nouns when stating goals and policies, and quantification and objective language where possible.
- Suggest incorporating use, or at least preparation for use of recycled water where available.
- Encourage LEED certification, or meeting the requirements without having to go through the certification process.
- Add a definition of aquifer.
- Definition of wetlands has repetitiveness.
- Use either “shall” or “require”, no need to use both.
- The third comment received from the youth commissioner should be included in the General Plan.

The next GPAC meeting will be on Thursday, July 2, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the June 18, 2020 meeting as approved by the General Plan Update Advisory Committee.

/s/Joel Paulson, Director of Community Development