

Appendix C: Public Participation

Outreach

The City advertises the public meetings via press releases, FaceBook posts, email blasts, posting on the City’s General Plan Update landing page which has collected 1,200 email addresses for notification, as well as the City’s Community Services Newsletter that is sent to over 11,000 email addresses.

The General Plan GPAC Ambassadors reached out to groups such as Beach City Health District, Salvation Army, Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, Redondo Beach Unified School District, and North Redondo Beach Business Association.

Community Workshop (November 17, 2018)

At this Community Workshop, the City discussed a series of General Plan topics, including: housing for the future; new housing bills passed that affect the Housing Element. Five main topics or trends rose to the top of priority list to address in the General Plan:

- Population growth
- Aging population/loss of working-age population
- Housing affordability
- Changes in the retail environment
- Availability of jobs in the City

GPAC Meeting (December 3, 2020)

Since the November 2018 Community Workshop, the GPAC met five additional times to develop the GPAC Recommended Land Use Plan that outlines specific land use changes in target areas. However, with the release of the Draft RHNA and the City’s unsuccessful appeal to SCAG to lower the RHNA, the GPAC Recommended Land Use Plan would not offer adequate capacity to accommodate the City’s RHNA. The GPAC met on December 3, 2020 to revisit the Land Use Plan. During the meeting, the impacts of new State laws (SB 330, AB 1397, and SB 166) were explained. GPAC voted on modifications to the original GPAC Recommended Land Use Plan to introduce additional housing opportunities in the City. Specifically, the GPAC’s approach to land use includes:

- Retaining existing residential neighborhoods and principal commercial districts
- Allowing for infill development and recycling of uses with compatible development (function and scale)
- Allowing for changes of use on selected sites (Focus Areas) versus Citywide to accommodate housing requirements and improve their economic viability
- Allowing for modest intensification of key sites that are underutilized or contain marginal uses

City Council Inclusionary Housing Presentation (January 12, 2021)

As part of the Housing Element update, the City is also undertaking a feasibility study for inclusionary housing. On January 12, 2021, the City Council received a presentation on inclusionary housing and provided staff and consultant direction on the parameters for testing feasibility.

Community Workshop (April 7, 2021)

The City conducted a Community Workshop to receive community input on the Revised GPAC Recommended Land Use Plan. A total of 165 participants registered for the meeting. The community was generally concerned about the significant number of units that the City is mandated to plan for. There was strong emphasis from community members to distribute the new units throughout the City.

Social PinPoint (April 7 – April 11, 2021)

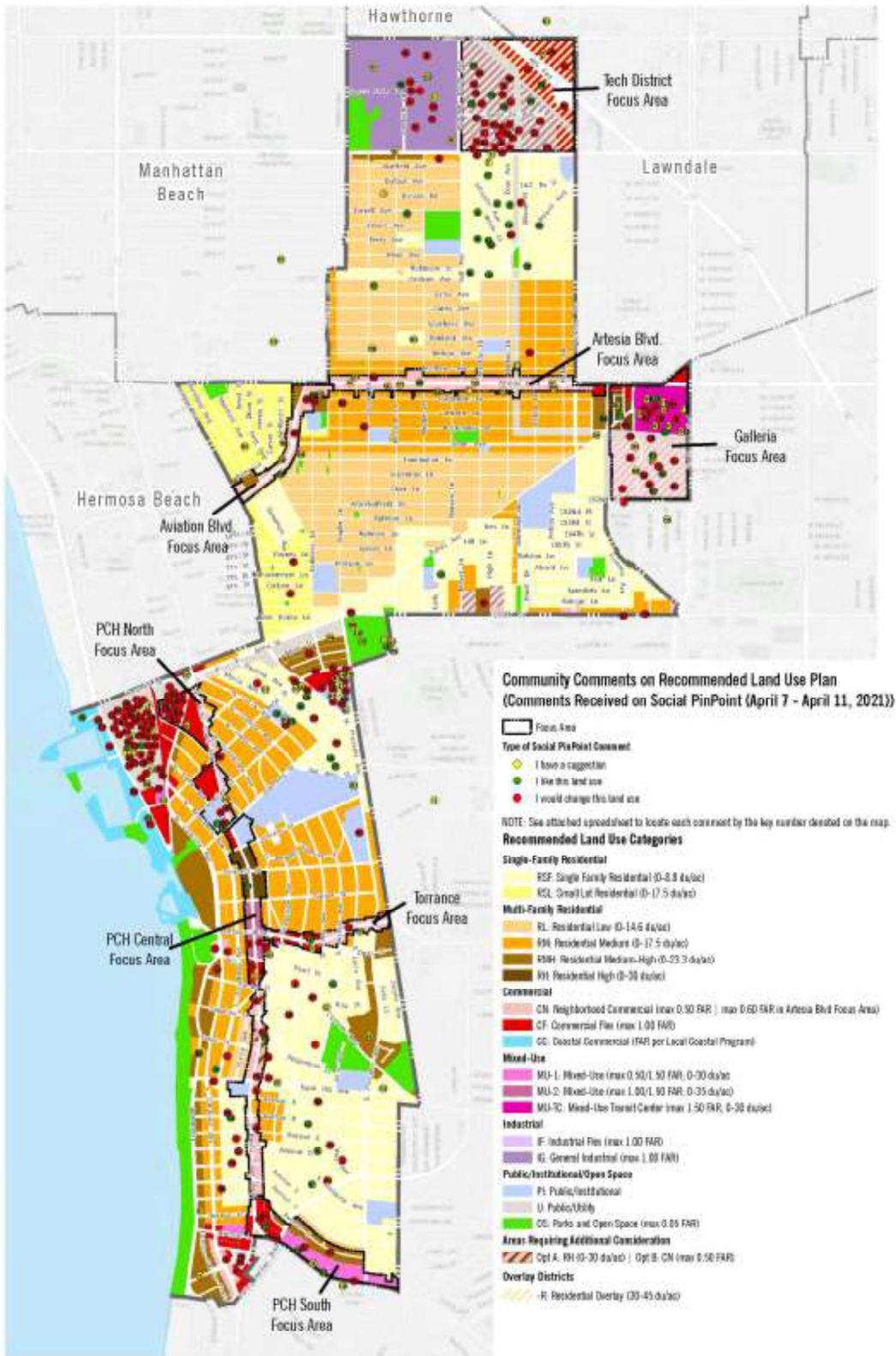
Prior to the April 15, 2021 Planning Commission meeting, the City collected community input via Social Pinpoint between April 7 and April 11, 2021. Overall, 349 comments were collected via Social PinPoint on the Revised Land Use Plan, with the majority of the comments focusing on the residential and mixed use designations. The need to distribute housing throughout the City was emphasized.

Planning Commission Meeting (April 15, 2021)

The Planning Commission received public input on the Revised GPAC Recommended Land Use Plan and worked on balancing community input and achieving the RHNA. The Planning Commission provided recommendations for consideration by the City Council, including increasing density at specific locations and adding sites to the Residential Overlay.

City Council Meetings (April 20, May 4, May 18, and June 15, 2021)

The City Council considered the Housing Element, RHNA, and adequate sites requirements over multiple meetings. The April 20 meeting was dedicated on receiving public input. After consideration of extensive community input, the Council provided staff direction on the strategy for achieving RHNA. On June 15, 2021, the Council was presented a summary of the sites strategy for RHNA and an overview of housing programs to be included in the Draft Housing Element.



Notice of Availability of the Draft Housing Element

The City issued a Notice of Availability on July 7, announcing the availability of the Draft Housing Element for review. Since release of the Draft Housing Element for review, the City has received three comments:

- A property owner requesting to be considered for mixed use and multi-family residential designation
- A correction to technical information
- A resident emphasizing the importance of greening Redondo Beach as development occurs