I. AGENDA

Items for presentation, discussion or action.

1. Call Meeting to Order – WELCOME-OPENING REMARKS
2. Roll Call
3. Consent Calendar
   a. Approval of Affidavit of Posting for the General Plan Advisory Committee Regular Meeting of April 27, 2017.
4. Group Introductions
5. GPAC Purpose, Roles and Responsibilities
6. Meeting Protocols (City Attorney)
   a. Rules and Procedures
   b. Brown Act
7. Background and Context
   a. General Plan 101
   b. Why Update the Land Use Element and Conservation, Recreation and Parks, and Open Space Element
   c. Regional Context and Importance
   d. Planning Trends: Changes in Planning since the Last Update
   e. Relationship to the City’s Strategic Plan
8. Next Steps
   a. Tentative Meeting Schedule and Overview
   b. Overview of General Meeting Topics
   c. Selection of Vice Chair

II. PUBLIC COMMENT
This section is intended to provide members of the public with the opportunity to comment on any subject. This section is limited to 30 minutes. Each speaker will be afforded three minutes to address the Committee. Each speaker will be permitted to speak only once. Written requests, if any, will be considered first under this section.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the General Plan Advisory Committee will be a Regular Meeting that is planned to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2017 in the Redondo Beach Public Library, Second Floor Meeting Room, 303 N. Pacific Coast Highway Redondo Beach, CA 90277. All Regular Meetings, Workshops and any Special Meetings of the GPAC will be noticed as required by law and may be at an alternative location.
Any writings or documents provided to the General Plan Advisory Committee regarding any item on this agenda shall be submitted to staff for review and distribution to the GPAC as appropriate. Said writings or documents will be retained as required by public records retention laws.

It is the intention of the City of Redondo Beach to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this meeting you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, the City will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 318-0656 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible. Please advise us at that time if you will need accommodations to attend or participate in meetings on a regular basis.

An agenda packet is available 24 hours at www.redondo.org under the Planning Division and during City Hall hours, agenda items are also available for review in the Planning Division.
RULES PERTAINING TO ALL PUBLIC TESTIMONY
(Section 6.1, Article 6, Rules of Conduct)

1. No person shall address the General Plan Advisory Committee without first securing the permission of the Chairperson; provided, however, that permission shall not be refused except for a good cause.

2. After a motion is passed or an item closed, no person shall address the GPAC on the matter without first securing permission of the Chairperson.

3. Each person addressing the GPAC shall step up to the lectern and clearly state his/her name and city for the record, the subject he/she wishes to discuss, and proceed with his/her remarks.

4. Unless otherwise designated, remarks shall be limited to three (3) minutes on any one agenda item. The time may be extended for a speaker(s) by the majority vote of the GPAC.

5. In situations where an unusual number of people wish to speak on an item, the Chairperson may reasonably limit the aggregate time of hearing or discussion, and/or time for each individual speaker, and/or the number of speakers. Such time limits shall allow for full discussion of the item by interested parties or their representative(s). Groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson who may be granted additional time to speak.

6. No person shall speak twice on the same agenda item unless permission is granted by a majority of the GPAC.

7. Speakers are encouraged to present new evidence and points of view not previously considered, and avoid repetition of statements made by previous speakers.

8. All remarks shall be addressed to the GPAC as a whole and not to any member thereof. No questions shall be directed to a member of the GPAC or the City staff or Consultant except through, and with the permission of, the Chairperson.

9. Speakers shall confine their remarks to those which are relevant to the subject matter. Attacks against the character or motives of any person shall be out of order. The Chairperson, subject to appeal to the GPAC, shall be the judge of relevancy and whether character or motives are being impugned.

10. The public participation portion of the agenda shall be reserved for the public to address the GPAC regarding problems, question, or complaints within the jurisdiction of the GPAC.

11. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks, or who shall become boisterous while addressing the GPAC, shall be forthwith barred from future audience before the GPAC, unless permission to continue be granted by the Chairperson.

12. The Chairperson, or majority of the members present, may at any time request that a police officer be present to enforce order and decorum. The Chairperson or such majority may request that the police officer eject from the place of meeting or place under arrest, any person who violates the order and decorum of the meeting.

13. In the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted so as to render the orderly conduct of such meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals willfully interrupting the meeting, the GPAC may order the meeting room cleared and continue its session in accordance with the provisions of Government Code subsection 54957.9 and any amendments.
April 11, 2017

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES   ) ss
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH   )

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section 54955, agendas for a regular General Plan Advisory Committee meeting must be posted at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance and in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public. As Planning Analyst of the City of Redondo Beach, I declare, under penalty of perjury, that in compliance with the requirements of Government Code Section 54955, I caused to have posted on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, the agenda for the April 27, 2017 Regular Meeting of the City of Redondo Beach General Plan Advisory Committee in the following locations:

City Hall, Door "A", 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach
City Clerk's Counter, Door "C", 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach

[Signature]

Lina Portolesse
Planning Analyst
April 11, 2017

Dear General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) Members:

Congratulations on your appointment and thank you for volunteering to participate in this important General Plan update process. You have been selected to provide input and advisement to the Planning Commission and City Council as the City initiates comprehensive updates to the Land Use and Conservation, Parks and Recreation, and Open Space Elements of the General Plan. We realize that the process will require a significant investment of your time, energy, and effort over the next 18-24 months. However, we are certain that you will find the community planning experience enlightening, educational and rewarding.

FIRST MEETING

The GPAC is scheduled to meet approximately 10 times over the course of the update. The Committee’s first meeting will be held this month:

GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH
THURSDAY APRIL 27, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.- 8:30 P.M.
Redondo Beach Public Library
Second Floor Meeting Room
303 N. Pacific Coast Highway
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

At the first meeting, each committee member will receive a binder for managing the handouts and materials that will be provided. In advance of each meeting, an email will be sent out that contains the Agenda and any materials that can be reviewed prior to the meeting date; some materials (such as copies of PowerPoint presentations or maps) may be provided to you the day of the meeting as part of the discussion or activity planned for that evening. Hard copies of all materials will be provided for your binders at each meeting. For your convenience, if you would like to pick up your binder in advance of the first GPAC meeting, please contact our Planning Manager, Sean Scully or Planning Analyst, Lina Portolese (sean.scully@redondo.org or lina.portolese@redondo.org) in the Planning Division and we will make sure a copy of the binder is available at the Planning Division Front Counter.

WEBSITE COMING SOON

The City is in the process of launching a new website. As part of that launch we have set up a new webpage where all General Plan materials will be posted for GPAC and community viewing. The “PLAN redondo” webpage will be going live at the end of this week or the beginning of next week and a link to that page will be sent to all members and widely publicized. The PLAN redondo webpage will be the primary location for the community to see
the GPAC meeting schedule, latest news, materials, and community workshop dates. The website will also allow the community to subscribe to a notification service that will provide alerts to updates, and postings to the website over the duration of the project.

Attached to this communication are the following documents:
1. GPAC Agenda_04.27.17
2. GPAC Membership
3. Establishing a General Plan Advisory Committee (City Council Resolution)_12.13.16
4. GPAC Duties and Responsibilities
5. General Plan 101 Document
6. General Plan Update Process_11x17
7. General Plan Update Timeline_11x17
8. Current General Plan Map_11x17
9. Development By Decade Map_11x17

For this first round of communications with GPAC all materials are being distributed by both U.S. Mail and email. At our first meeting members will be asked to update their contact information. This will enable us to use electronic communications for all future Agenda and information distributions. Please remember that GPAC is a Brown Act committee. Therefore, it is important that you do not “reply all” to any of our electronic correspondence. For those of you that are receiving this correspondence via email, the image quality of the attached maps is intentionally low due to email file size restrictions. However, a hi-resolution version of each of the attached maps will be uploaded to the PLAN redondo website at the end of this week or the beginning of next week.

If you have any administrative questions please contact Lina Portolese. For general questions contact Sean Scully. I am also available to assist you with your questions. Thank you again for your commitment to the City of Redondo Beach. We look forward to working with you in the planning process.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

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## Redondo Beach GPAC - Land Use and Open Space, Recreation, and Conservation

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RESOLUTION NO. CC-1612-122


WHEREAS, on March 29, 2016 the City Council approved the City's three-year Strategic Plan goal to "Ensure sustainability, livability, and health by completing the General Plan update and by implementing environmentally responsible programs"; and

WHEREAS, in recent months the Mayor and City Council have extensively listened to community concerns and opinions about how best to manage development and in particular Mixed Use Zoning and development standards and parks and recreation spaces; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to continue to openly engage the community on these issues with the participation of a wide range of stakeholders and creation of honest solutions that meet the needs of our families, neighborhoods, senior citizens, schools, churches, employers and health care providers; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are requesting that a "General Plan Advisory Committee" be established, whose purpose would be to prepare important recommendations on policies and land use designations to be incorporated into the Land Use and Conservation, Recreation and Parks, and Open Space Elements of the City's General Plan including analysis and recommendations specific to the mixed use zoning and development standards and opportunities for additional recreation, parks, and open space areas.

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Redondo Beach City Council shall establish a 27 member General Plan Advisory Committee. The Mayor shall appoint the Chair of the committee and the remaining committee members subject to confirmation by the City Council as set forth below.

SECTION 2. That in order to have balanced and full public input the General Plan Advisory Committee shall be composed with the following membership represented on the Committee:
2 members appointed by the Mayor.
   1 of the members appointed by the Mayor will serve as the Chair.
5 members appointed by Council Member, District 1.
   3 of the members appointed by Council Member, District 1 must reside in District 1.
5 members appointed by Council Member, District 2.
   3 of the members appointed by Council Member, District 2 must reside in District 2.
5 members appointed by Council Member, District 3.
   3 of the members appointed by Council Member, District 3 must reside in District 3.
5 members appointed by Council Member, District 4.
   3 of the members appointed by Council Member, District 4 must reside in District 4.
5 members appointed by Council Member, District 5.
   3 of the members appointed by Council Member, District 5 must reside in District 5.

SECTION 3. That the General Plan Advisory Committee shall exist until the date the General Plan update is adopted by the City Council and shall have ten (10) meetings unless the Mayor and City Council authorize and budget additional meetings.

SECTION 4. That the General Plan Advisory Committee shall be advisory to the Planning Commission and the Mayor and City Council, and be subject to the provisions of the Brown Act.

SECTION 5. That the purpose of the General Plan Advisory Committee shall be to advise the Planning Commission and Mayor and City Council on (1) specific recommendations on policies to be incorporated into the Land Use and Conservation, Recreation and Park, and Open Space Elements of the City's General Plan, (2) creating a baseline of information about our current land use and planning processes and procedures, (3) addressing concerns relating to density and development associated with the City's mixed use zoning and development standards, and (4) addressing concerns relating to the availability and amount of recreation and parks, and open space areas within the City. The Committee shall also perform any other functions that may be designated by motion or resolution of the City Council.

SECTION 6. That the initial goal of the Committee shall be to provide direct community stakeholder input into the Land Use and Conservation, Recreation and Park, and Open Space Elements of the City's General Plan.

SECTION 7. City Staff and the consultant team will serve as the facilitators at all GPAC meetings to assist in achieving the above stated goals of the Committee.

SECTION 8. The Chair of the Committee will be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the City Council and will serve as Chair until the General Plan update is approved by the City Council. The Committee shall elect a member to serve as Vice Chair. The Vice Chair will handle the duties of the Chair in the event the Chairperson is absent from a meeting. In the event both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson are absent from a meeting, the Committee shall appoint one of its members to serve as Acting Chairperson.
for the duration of that meeting. In the event that the Chairperson resigns or is removed from the Committee, a new Chair will be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the City Council.

SECTION 9. A member of the committee shall be removed for missing 3 meetings of the committee, unless by permission of the City Council expressed in its official minutes, or if he or she ceases to be a resident of Redondo Beach. A replacement may be appointed by the Mayor in his discretion subject to City Council confirmation. If the removed member was the representative of one of the Council Members, then the Council Member may nominate another representative to the Committee. The Council Member may not nominate the same individual who was previously removed.

SECTION 10. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

SECTION 11. The City Clerk is directed to immediately accept applications from the Council Members, Mayor, and residents for the Committee.

SECTION 12. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and shall enter the same in the Book of Original Resolutions.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of December, 2016.

Steve Aspel, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael W. Webb, City Attorney

ATTEST:

Eleanor Manzano, CMC, City Clerk
STATE OF CALIFORNIA )
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ) SS
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH )

I, Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk of the City of Redondo Beach, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. CC-1612-122 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach, California, at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 13th day of December, 2016, and there after signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and that said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: BARBEE, BRAND, HORVATH, SAMMARCO, EMDEE

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Eleanor Manzano, CMC
City Clerk
The City’s three-year Strategic Plan goal to “Ensure sustainability, livability, and health by completing the General Plan update and by implementing environmentally responsible programs” was approved by the City Council on March 29, 2016.

On May 17, 2016 the City Council approved the “Request for Proposal” (RFP) for consultant services to update the General Plan.

On October 4, 2016 the City Council approved a Contract for Planning and Environmental Consulting Services with PLACEWORKS in an amount of $699,917 for updates to the “Land Use Element” and the “Conservation, Recreation and Parks, and Open Space Element” of the City’s General Plan and preparation of the required environmental documents (EIR).

Included within the RFP and the executed Contract are provisions for ensuring as a priority a robust and high level of community engagement and participation for this process. Specifically within the RFP was the following “Project Objective”:

“The recommended Land Use (and Conservation, Recreation and Parks, and Open Space) Elements policies will need to reflect the community’s attitudes and approaches to development, and a high level of citizen engagement is required. The City strongly desires to include web-based tools (and possibly social media) as an integral component of the citizenry engagement process.”

What is a General Plan?

The General Plan is one of California’s most important planning tools. The General Plan is a long-range planning document that represents the community’s view of its future; it is a blueprint for a city’s growth and development. Typically, city councils, and planning commissions use the goals and policies of the General Plan as a basis on which to guide land use decisions; City Staff uses the General Plan to guide recommendations on development and decisions about implementation strategies and capital improvements, which in turn, impact operational and budget decisions. As a result, the General Plan will also establish a framework for self-governance for the City of Redondo Beach.

General Plans are required to address a range of topics and issues. The City’s existing General Plan includes the following “elements” as required by State law:
- Land Use Element (Required);
- Housing Element (Required, Updated 2014);
- Senior Citizen/Child Care Services (Not a Required Element);
- Transportation and Circulation Element (Required, Updated 2009);
- Utilities (Not a Required Element);
- Solid Waste Management and Recycling (Not a Required Element);
- Conservation, Recreation and Parks, and Open Space (Required);
- Environmental Hazards/Natural Hazards (Required).

In addition to the elements noted above that are required by State law, the City of Redondo Beach has adopted other elements (“optional elements”) that also relate to its physical development. Once an “optional element” has been adopted, it has the same force and effect as the required statutory elements.

This project will focus on updating the City’s General Plan Land Use and Conservation, Recreation and Parks, and Open Space Elements. The intention of this General Plan update will be to reflect the local values and priorities of the City’s diverse community as well as the unique attributes that distinguish Redondo Beach from other cities in the South bay region. The General Plan will also develop strategies to sustain the quality of life and economic prosperity desired by City residents and businesses.

**What is a GPAC?**

The General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) is an ad hoc committee established by the City of Redondo Beach for purposes of this update to the General Plan. The GPAC will serve as one of the primary channels for the community to make recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council on this General Plan update.

The purposes of the GPAC is to provide recommendations to City Staff and to the consultant team regarding strategic milestones in the process (Vision, Land Use Plan, Focus Areas, etc.) and to assist in the formation of City goals and policies with respect to land use and conservation, recreation and parks, and open space. Another crucial function of the GPAC for this project is to analyze and make recommendations regarding amendments to the mixed use zoning and development standards.

What do people say they want in their City? How can this be translated into a set of compatible, consistent, long and short-range City goals and policies? Through its recommendations the GPAC can help make these goals and policies a part of the decision-making process, recognizing that the determination of what items are included in the General Plan ultimately rests with City Council.

Participation by members appointed to the GPAC is temporary; the roles and responsibilities of its members will terminate with City Council Adoption of the General Plan, which is anticipated to occur in approximately 30 months.
The GPAC “IS”:
- A source of insight on the community, its interests and expectations.
- A source of ideas to achieve a responsible and responsive plan.
- A vehicle for achieving a sampling of community opinions and attitudes.
- A sounding board for ideas and plan proposals presented by city staff and its consultants.
- A vehicle for communication to and from the planning process.

The GPAC “IS NOT”:
- A replacement for either the City Council or Planning Commission.
- A decision-making body, except as it may offer advice and direction to City staff and the consultant team regarding General Plan policy.
- A forum for political position taking.
- A substitute for the public hearing process required by law.

**Participant Roles and Responsibilities**

**City Council – Legislative body directing the affairs of the City**
- Authorized the preparation of the General Plan and approved the budget.
- Provides overall policy direction for the General Plan.
- Resolves City policy issues and major budget/scope adjustments as necessary throughout the General Plan update preparation process.
- Certifies the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that accompanies the General Plan update.
- Conducts public study sessions and/or hearings on the General Plan update and associated EIR.
- Adopts the updated Land Use and Conservation, Parks and Recreation and Open Space Elements of the General Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission or as modified by the City Council.

**Planning Commission – Chief advisory body on community planning and development matters**
- Conducts public study sessions and public hearings on the General Plan update and EIR.
- Advises the City Council on recommendations for approval, modification, or deletion of goals, policies or programs proposed in the updated Land Use and Conservation, Parks and Recreation, and Open Space Elements of the General Plan.

**GPAC – Appointed special advisory body on the General Plan update**
- Provides feedback to City staff and the consultant team on the planning process and its products.
- Informs City staff and the consultant team of information that is valuable to the process or issues/opinions that should be taken into consideration as part of the General Plan update preparation.
• Passes on knowledge to the community on General Plan related topics.
• Reviews and discusses items proposed by City staff or the consultant team.
• Stays familiar with, and seeks policy consistency with the City’s Vision during General Plan update policy deliberations.
• Serves as an ambassador for the General Plan update process; provides the community at large with information about the General Plan update process.
• Irrespective of individual perspectives or preferences, seeks the benefit of the entire community in recommendations.

City Staff – Key City resources facilitating the preparation of the General Plan update and providing technical and logistical support

• Provides input regarding professional, technical, and administrative and policy insights and implications on topics being discussed.
• Manages consultant team’s work program and products.
• Reviews and modifies consultant products as necessary to insure consistency with City policy and practice.
• Arranges for logistics and support of each meeting/workshop.
• Distributes materials for the GPAC approximately one week prior to scheduled meetings.
• Prepares and presents staff reports as appropriate.
• Documents meeting deliberations in the form of annotated action minutes.
• Oversees schedule modifications and compliance.
• Keeps consultant team informed of current City activities and issues that relate to the General Plan.

Consultant Team – Advisors hired by the City to provide technical support and serve as an extension of City staff during the duration of the General Plan update process

• Complies with the adopted Scope of Work.
• Submits draft documents identified in the Scope of Work to City staff for review, revision and distribution as required.
• Prepares consultant technical reports as specified in the Scope of Work.
• Provides input regarding professional, technical and policy insights.
• Assists in clarifying issues, providing options and evaluating the implications of topics being discussed.
• Recommends methods to resolve policy issues when conflict arises.
• Advises on schedule or procedural matters.
• Presents consultant-prepared work products to decision-makers, city staff, and the public.
• Coordinates with agencies and other organizations outside of City Hall in the preparation of work products.
“Guidance” for the General Plan Advisory Committee Membership

The following is a summary of important considerations that each GPAC member must keep in mind as they undertake their commitment to the City.

Representing the GPAC
Individual GPAC members must be careful not to represent their own views or recommendations as those of the body unless the majority has officially voted on the issue. Public statements should contain no promises binding the Committee, Planning Commission (or other City Commission), or the City Council.

Maintaining Community-wide Perspective
Although GPAC members may be selected in part on the basis of representing clearly defined groups or neighborhoods, in order to assume that all interests are voiced and considered, each member should represent the overall public and not that of an exclusive group or interest.

Keeping the Lines of Communication Open
The GPAC members will serve as liaisons between the City and the general public in helping to educate and receive input from the community. Therefore, each member must serve as a communication link between the community and the City, explaining City programs and recommendations, as well as providing a channel for citizen expression. To properly represent the community, members must be accessible to the public so they can receive input as to the sentiment and opinions of their fellow residents.

Be Conscious of your Relationship to Elected and Appointed Officials and City Staff
Good relations with elected and appointed officials and City staff and consultant team are necessary for the successful operation of any Committee. It is important that each member respect the authority of those who, in the end, will be charged with the final responsibility for action taken by the City. To avoid placing the City staff in a compromising position and to facilitate effective communication, your actions as a member should be done with the approval of the body. In contacting City personnel on business matters, the proper channel is through the staff liaison appointed to your advisory group (in this case it is the Planning Manager).

Establishing a Good Relationship with Other Members
On many occasions, the success or failure of a GPAC will depend upon the degree of cooperation among the individual members. In order to build a consensus around common goals and objectives, members will often first have to reconcile contradictory viewpoints and show a willingness to objectively consider the issues. Another way of developing this cooperation is for each member to do their part to ensure that meetings proceed in an orderly manner. The Chairperson is primarily responsible for seeing that meetings are conducted in an expeditious and thorough fashion. However, each member
can help by becoming familiar with the basic rules of parliamentary procedure and by adequately preparing for meetings.

**Participation in Political Activities**

Local government elections in California are generally nonpartisan. Council appointments to a City Board, Commission or Committee are made without regard to political party affiliation. Acceptance of such appointment, however, does not restrict an individual's participation in political activities at any level of government. Nevertheless, appointees should not use their appointed office or title to conduct political activities.

**Other Important Points to Consider**

GPAC participants shall always show respect for other individuals' viewpoints and shall allow other members adequate time to present their views before making comments. It is essential to be open and honest at all times, welcome new members and see that they become acquainted with their duties, and strive to minimize political action among members. Be aware that, in the public’s eye, GPAC members represent the City they serve. Comments and actions of the GPAC, therefore, should express sensitivity to the diverse viewpoints held within the City. Membership on the GPAC does not entitle participants to exercise undue influence upon individuals in the community.

**GPAC’s Official Charge**

- Ensure City staff and the consultant team is aware of and understands community concerns, values and expectations.
- Assist City staff and the consultant team in identifying critical issues that must be addressed in the planning process.
- Identify areas of existing or potential conflicts and find ways to constructively resolve them.
- Capitalize on the creative ideas and insights within the Redondo Beach community for input into the update of the Land Use and Conservation, Recreation and Parks, and Open Space Elements of the General Plan.
- Keep community organizations and interested citizens informed about the status of the planning process.
- Provide recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council supporting updates to the Land Use and Conservation, Recreation and Parks, and Open Space Elements of the General Plan including analysis and recommendations regarding amendments to the mixed use zoning and development standards.
GPAC’s Rules and Procedures

1. All meetings of the General Plan Advisory Committee must be open to the public pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act enacted in 1953. The intent of the Act is to ensure that “actions be taken openly and that deliberations be conducted openly.” Once selected, the time, place and date for regularly scheduled GPAC meetings shall be publicly posted or announced.

2. The Chair of the Committee will be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the City Council and will serve as Chair until the General Plan update is approved by the City Council. The Committee shall elect a member to serve as Vice Chair. The Vice Chair will handle the duties of the Chair in the event the Chairperson is absent from a meeting. In the event both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson are absent from a meeting, the Committee shall appoint one of its members to serve as Acting Chairperson for the duration of that meeting. In the event that the Chairperson resigns or is removed from the Committee, a new Chair will be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the City Council. The Chair is responsible for managing the meeting, facilitating discussion, and gaining consensus from the GPAC on various components of the General Plan update. The GPAC Chair and Vice Chair would also serve as the “official” representatives of the GPAC and shall attend meetings with other committees, the Planning Commission or City Council if requested. However, all GPAC members act as “ambassadors” of the General Plan to the community and are encouraged to share their knowledge about the process to ensure the community’s exposure to the process is as far-reaching as possible. Prior to any commitments, GPAC members that receive requests from the community for information or presentations about the General Plan should advise the Planning Manager who will coordinate all outreach activities.

3. The General Plan preparation is subject to a constrained time schedule. GPAC members need to have done their “homework” for each meeting and be prepared to make recommendations and decisions in a timely manner that allows the process to move forward according to the adopted schedule.

4. Committee meetings should be conducted formally with speaker time limits to avoid long conversations on non-critical tangents, resulting in delayed action. Summaries of recommendations made at each meeting should also be prepared.

5. The GPAC must not become involved in the administration or operation of City departments, and should not direct the administrative staff or its consultants to initiate programs, conduct studies or establish official policy without approval of the City Council and/or the City Manager. GPAC members however, are encouraged to review and comment on relevant department programs as they pertain to the implementation of the General Plan.

6. It is hoped that agreement can be reached by the full GPAC for as many issues as possible. Where a committee member does not agree with the direction being taken by the committee, he or she is expected to offer a constructive alternative approach or approaches. Concerns and issues need to be brought up early in the process so that they can be addressed to the extent possible. Lack of comment will be considered an agreement with the majority opinion.
7. Items brought before the GPAC requiring a decision by vote will either be administrative matters, which can be voted on immediately, or matters of substance, which may be deferred to the next regular meeting for vote. It is important to reiterate that the GPAC will not be a policy-setting body. Rather, the GPAC is an advisory committee, providing recommendations to City staff for their consideration.

8. Where consensus cannot be reached on major decisions by the full committee, the GPAC shall form its recommendations based on the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the GPAC membership. On decisions regarding recommendations to City Staff, dissenting members may submit a separate report to ensure both sides are represented for Planning Commission and/or City Council consideration.

9. Conflict of Interest: The Political Reform Act is intended to prevent conflict of interest by requiring designated public officials to disclose financial interests which could potentially cause conflicts. GPAC members may be required to disqualify themselves from making, participating in, or attempting to influence any governmental decision which will affect their financial interests, including those required to be reported on a statement of economic interest where appropriate.

10. The Fair Political Practices Commission’s Guide to the Political Reform Act, California’s Conflict of Interest Law for Public Officials, explains what a conflict is and when disqualification is required by law. If in doubt, the staff liaison person will assist in acquiring legal clarification.

11. Community input is a very important component of the General Plan update process. GPAC members will need to carefully consider input from a wide range of stakeholders. GPAC members should bring other stakeholder comments to the table, as appropriate.

12. In accepting appointment to the GPAC, each member accepts responsibility for devoting sufficient time to the project to effectively represent the views of the community. Attendance is required at every GPAC meeting, approximately 10 meetings are scheduled over the duration of the process. Members shall notify City staff prior to a scheduled meeting if they are unable to attend and request an excused absence. Three unexcused absences constitutes grounds for dismissal from the Committee.

13. If members have questions or are concerned with particular issues, the Community Development Director or Planning Manager should be contacted to review the matter.
WHAT IS A GENERAL PLAN?
A general plan is the principal long-range policy and planning document guiding the physical development, conservation, and enhancement of California cities and counties. State law requires every city and county to adopt a general plan to layout the jurisdiction’s blueprint for its future. Specifically, it establishes goals and policy direction to ensure that the vision for Redondo Beach community life is preserved and enhanced for the City's residents, businesses, and visitors.

What goes into the General Plan?
The General Plan is both geographically and topically comprehensive. It covers topics related to community growth and development. The General Plan addresses a wide variety of issues that characterize the City. State law requires all general plans to include the seven elements—usually included as topical chapters of the plan—described on the back of this page. At the direction of City Council, the City is updating two of its elements: Land Use and Conservation, Recreation, Parks and Open Space. The City is also concurrently updating its Housing Element in a separate process.

The General Plan outlines desired future conditions, values and characteristics to be achieved or reinforced by the plan, and lays the foundation for the implementation programs developed for each of the General Plan elements. During the General Plan process the public is invited to provide input to decision makers regarding the content that is included in the general plan. The General Plan can memorialize the community values and planning principles that are important to its residents and are used to shape the goals, policies objectives and implementation programs of the General Plan elements.

WHY UPDATE THE GENERAL PLAN?
As a matter of practice and pursuant to the State’s General Plan laws, the City of Redondo Beach has routinely and regularly updated various elements of its General Plan since Redondo Beach’s last major comprehensive General Plan adoption in 1992. Most recently a comprehensive update of the City’s Circulation and Housing Elements were completed in 2009. The Housing Element was again updated in 2014 and is concurrent with this effort, being updated again this year. The Conservation, Recreation and Parks, and Open Space Element was also updated in 2004. Even with the numerous changes the General Plan has undergone since 1992 it is time to take a comprehensive look at these two (2) elements, Land Use and Conservation, Recreation and Parks, and Open Space, in order to effectively address growth and change, respond to new laws, reflect the goals and values of the community and remain a relevant “living” policy document.

WHO WILL USE THE GENERAL PLAN?
The Redondo Beach General Plan is a document that is used by residents, businesses, City officials, community organizations, and others interested in the City’s future. Here are a few ways the Plan is used by different groups:

- City Council and Planning Commission regularly use the goals and policies of the general plan as a basis upon which to make both long-term and short-term decisions, determine long-term objectives, generate and evaluate budgets, plan capital improvements, and prioritize tasks.
- City staff and all departments will also reference the general plan when considering development applications, capital improvements, service programming, and departmental budgeting.
- Individual residents, existing and prospective business owners, and the development community can also seek guidance for how and where to develop projects and include amenities to serve the community.
- Other local and regional agencies (e.g., schools, utilities, community-based organizations) will refer to the general plan when projecting future needs and services. The general plan is truly the City’s collective guide to the future.

HOW WILL THE GENERAL PLAN BE IMPLEMENTED?
General plan implementation consists of shorter-term actions and programs to carry out longer-term general plan goals and policies. This includes one-time initiatives by the City (e.g., zoning code update to reflect changes in a new general plan), decisions on public and private development projects, municipal operational programs, capital improvements and partnerships with other jurisdictions or agencies. Implementation actions in the General Plan can also be tied to the City’s annual Strategic Plan priorities.

ELEMENTS OF A GENERAL PLAN
All elements, or chapters of the plan, have equal legal status so no element has legal supremacy over another. State law requires the elements of a general plan to be internally consistent, meaning
the goals, policies, and implementation measures cannot conflict with one another, and they must be consistent. For example, if the Land Use Element identifies an increase in development potential, then the Circulation Element (roadway capacity) must also address this anticipated change. Optional elements may also be added to address specific needs of a city. An optional element, once adopted, also has equal legal status with the required elements.

It is important to note that state law provides local jurisdictions the flexibility to determine the structure of their General Plans. For instance, a city may combine one or more elements or structure the General Plan by issue. What is important is that the General Plan and its elements satisfy the minimum requirements as to content, format, and procedure.

- **Land Use**: The land use element establishes goals, objectives, policies, and programs for areas within a jurisdiction’s boundaries. It also describes policy direction and criteria for development, including building intensity and population density. Land use categories are used to depict the general distribution, location, and extent of public and private uses of land.

- **Open Space**: Intends to provide a plan for the long-term preservation of active and passive open space. It must specify plans and measures for preserving open space for natural resources, for managing the production of resources, for outdoor recreation, and for public health and safety.

- **Conservation**: The primary focus of the conservation element is preservation of natural resources. The element addresses the identification, conservation, development, and use of resources including energy and natural gas, water and natural landforms.

- **Housing**: Analyzes housing needs for all income groups and demonstrates how to meet those needs. State law requires that this element be revised, every five to eight years.

- **Circulation**: Includes the identification, location, and design of existing and proposed major thoroughfares, transportation routes, pedestrian connections, bicycle facilities, public transit options, trails, and local public utilities and facilities. It serves as an infrastructure plan and must be correlated with the land use element.

- **Noise**: Identifies and analyzes projected noise conditions in the community and must include measures to abate or mitigate potential noise levels.

- **Safety**: Identifies seismic, geologic, flood, and wildfire hazards, evacuation routes, and establishes policies to protect the community from them.

This General Plan update will serve to update two elements of the City’s current General Plan—one of which combines two of the required elements—Land Use and Open Space, Recreation, & Conservation. Under a separate but related effort the City is also updating the Housing Element consistent with state law schedule.

**CONSISTENCY**

One of the key legal requirements concerning General Plans deals with consistency. “Consistency” is one of the factors used in determining the legal adequacy of a General Plan. As stated in the General Plan Guidelines prepared by the California Office of Planning and Research:

“In general terms, an action, program or project is consistent with the General Plan if, considering all its aspects, it will further the objectives and policies of the General Plan and not obstruct their attainment.”

**Internal Consistency**

State law requires that no textual or diagrammatic policies conflict between the components of a General Plan. That is, a General Plan must be internally consistent. Internal consistency has five dimensions:

- All elements of the General Plan, including adopted optional elements, have equal legal status. No element legally takes priority over another.
- All elements must be consistent with one another. For instance, if land use element policies are likely to result in an increase in population and traffic, the circulation element must provide feasible mitigation to address those impacts.
- Each element’s data, goals, objectives, policies, and implementation programs must be consistent with one another. For instance, if one section of the housing element indicates that current housing supplies will meet future demand and another section describes a shortage of affordable housing, the element is not internally consistent.
- All goals, objectives, policies, and implementation programs identified in a special policy area must be consistent with the overall General Plan.
- The text and diagrams within the General Plan must be consistent. In other words, the diagrams or maps of land use distributions, circulation systems, open space and natural resource areas must reflect the written policies and programs of the General Plan elements.

**Consistency with Other City Documents and Projects**

The City utilizes several other planning tools such as a zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinance, and specific plans, which must be consistent with the provisions of the General Plan. If any documents or projects are determined to be inconsistent with the General Plan, they cannot be approved. The General Plan should also be reviewed by other departments to determine whether or not efforts such as public works projects or public land acquisition or sale are consistent with the goals and policies identified in the General Plan.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Visit the project website at: [www.redondo.org/PLANredondo](http://www.redondo.org/PLANredondo)

Call the Planning Division at (310)318-0637 or Email sean.scully@redondo.org
Develop the Land Use Plan

Element Approach and Preparation of Documents

- Land Use Element
  - Identify Conservation and Revitalization Areas and Uses
  - Evaluate Development Standards
  - Design Considerations
  - Fiscal Viability

- Conservation, Recreation & Parks, and Open Space Element
  - Parks & Recreation Patterns
  - Parks Deficient Areas
  - Parks & Recreation Opportunities

- Follow Up Research
  - Statistical Analysis
  - Infrastructure Analysis
  - Preliminary Environmental Analysis

General Plan Elements
- LAND USE
- Plan Diagram
- Goals and Policies
- Healthy Communities
- Social Equity, Environmental Justice & Community Resilience
- Economic Development
- Climate Change
- CONSERVATION, RECREATION & PARKS, OPEN SPACE

Local Coastal Program Amendment
- To be completed by the City

Program Environmental Impact Report
- Technical Modeling
- Environmental Analysis
- Public Review
- Response to Comments

1. Screencheck Draft
2. Public Review Draft
3. Hearing Draft & Final Adoption

Public Involvement
- General Plan Advisory Committee
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Community Workshops
- City Council/Planning Commission Briefings
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Public Involvement
- Planning Commission Public Hearing
- City Council Public Hearing
- Coastal Commission (separate effort)
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| TASKS     | Kick Off Meeting  
City Tour  
Data Gathering and Review  
Review of Existing General Plan Land Use and Zoning  
Base Mapping  | Evaluate Existing Land Use Goals and Policies  
Evaluate Existing Conservation, Parks and Recreation and Open Space Goals and Policies  
Analyze City’s Existing Urban Form  
Prepare Vision and Objectives  
Conduct Existing Mobility and Traffic Analysis  
Analyze Current Demographic and Economic Trends  | Evaluate Traffic Impacts of Proposed Land Use Changes  
Evaluate Fiscal Impacts of Proposed Land Use Changes  
Update and Refine Land Use Map  | Update Land Use Element  
Update Conservation, Parks and Recreation and Open Space Element  | Finalize Land Use & Conservation, Parks and Recreation and Open Space Element Updates  
Confirm Land Use Changes to be Analyzed and Develop Project Description for the Environmental Impact Report  
Initiate Draft Environmental Impact Report Preparation  | Environmental Impact Report Review  | Plan Adoption  
Pursuant to Election Code Section 9205, Upon City Council Approval of Land Use Changes, Initiate a Ballot Measure Proposing an Amendment to the City’s General Plan |
| OUTREACH | Project Webpage (on City site)  
General Plan Advisory Committee Meetings  
Stakeholder Interviews  | Project Webpage (on City site)  
General Plan Advisory Committee Meetings  
On-line Mapping Tool  
Community Workshop  | Project Webpage (on City site)  
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Planning Commission/ City Council Study Sessions  | Project Webpage (on City site)  
Environmental Impact Report Scoping Meeting  
Community Workshop  | EIR Public Review Period (45 days)  
Initiate Discussion with the California Coastal Commission |

NOTE: Items listed and timeframes noted above are subject to change as a result of new information or need for refinement of the schedule as the scope of work is implemented.

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Current General Plan Land Use

R-3 SINGLE FAMILY RES. (8.8 DU/ACRE)
R-1A SINGLE FAMILY RES. (7.5 DU/ACRE)
R-2 LOW DENSITY MULTI-FAMILY RES. (14.6 DU/ACRE)
R-3 LOW DENSITY MULTI-FAMILY RES. (17.5 DU/ACRE)
RMD MEDIUM DENSITY MULTI-FAMILY RES. (23.3 DU/ACRE)
RH HIGH DENSITY MULTI-FAMILY RES. (28 DU/ACRE)
C-3 COMMERCIAL
C-2 COMMERCIAL
C-1 COMMERCIAL
C-5 COMMERCIAL
CR REGIONAL COMMERCIAL
CC COASTAL COMMERCIAL
MU-3 MIXED USE
MU-2 MIXED USE
MU-3 MIXED USE
I-5 INDUSTRIAL
I-2 INDUSTRIAL
I-3 INDUSTRIAL
P PUBLIC OR INSTITUTIONAL

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