Minutes

Agenda item: Welcome & Roll Call

Discussion:
Chair Cary Catalano thanked all present and gave reminders to committee members about completing their homework before coming to the meetings.

Conclusions:

Agenda item: Staff Presentations: Fresno General Plan Chapter 1 – Introduction

Discussion:
Staff and Subject Matter Experts presented the following: a.) Fresno General Plan Chapter 1 – Introduction, b.) Fresno General Plan Chapter 2 – Economic Development and Fiscal Sustainability.

Supervising Planner Drew Wilson of Planning and Development Department gave the first presentation: Fresno General Plan Chapter 1 – Introduction. Drew Wilson used a PowerPoint slideshow as part of his presentation. He identified 17 goals of the General Plan that are it’s foundation. Drew Wilson also noted for the General Plan the Office of Planning and Research require – 1.) The General Plan must be comprehensive and 2.) It must be internally consistent.

Conclusions:
Mariah Thompson asked Drew Wilson questions because she was confused about what the committee is for. Drew Wilson answered the subject matter experts and consultant would be providing feedback to their questions.

Patience Milrod expressed concerns about deciding if the General Plan was a good plan to accept.
Cary Catalano recommended to formulate questions on material prior to the meetings to allow staff to get back with information. This would help staff to have time to research answers before the next meeting.
Director Jennifer Clark of Planning and Development Department addressed the committee about how the subject matter experts would be able to provide feedback as well.
Mariah Thompson asked for a copy of the annual reports.
Josh Peterson asked if there are benchmarks in the General Plan. He wanted to know in the last five (5) years how did other surrounding cities do. Drew Wilson replied the City of Fresno data would be available on the committee website. Cary Catalano stated the purpose of the committee would be to make recommendations on the General Plan.

Grecia Elenes asked what else was in the housing plan. Drew Wilson advised this would be reviewed by May 26, 2020 as the chapters follow.

Cary Catalano advised to continue with Chapter 2 since this is the first work meeting. Drew Wilson continued with his presentation.

Drew Wilson advised the committee there was staff present to answer any questions about the budget updates.

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**Fresno General Plan Chapter 2 – Economic Development and Fiscal Sustainability**

**Presenter:** Director of Economic Development Lupe Perez and CEO of Fresno County Economic Development Corp Lee Ann Eager

**Discussion:**

Director of Economic Development Lupe Perez with the City of Fresno and CEO of Fresno County Economic Development Corp Lee Ann Eager gave the second presentation: Fresno General Plan Chapter 2 – Economic Development and Fiscal Sustainability. Lupe Perez introduced her staff and Lee Ann Eager to the committee.

**Conclusions:**

Cary Catalano opened the floor to the committee for questions.

Patience Milrod asked if the information is available showing how policies and analysis were used to gain corporations like Amazon and Ulta.

Josh Peterson asked how they are going to measure the success of the city using with the General Plan. Jennifer Clark advised her team would check for data showing a break down.

Cary Catalano expressed the committee has concern about not having internal data from the city.

Committee members continued to discuss how they are going to get through the General Plan.

Mariah Thompson asked if an industry that has potential to have an automated workforce in the future, what happens to offer to bring that industry into the city. Lee Ann Eager noted that is considered from the initial starting point.

At the end of the presentation, the committee continued dialogue with Lupe Perez and Lee Ann Eager.

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**Agenda item:** Committee Discussion on Chapter 2  

**Presenter:** Committee Members

**Discussion:**

Patience Milrod mentioned “Objective-5 Achieve Fiscal Sustainability” wasn’t touched on. Drew Wilson brought up the objective was in his presentation. Patience Milrod was interested in specific responses to these particular objectives for sustainability. Jennifer Clark summarized this objective and to email Drew Wilson for data request.

**Conclusions:**

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**Agenda item:** Unscheduled Oral Communications  

**Presenter:** Cary Catalano

**Discussion:**

Cary Catalano asked if there was any other questions. Sal Gonzales suggested to move up Chapter 12 – Implementation. Cary Catalano advised he would discuss it with staff.

**Conclusions:** n/a

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**Next Meeting** –

**Agenda item:** Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 9:00-11:00 AM  

**Presenter:** Cary Catalano

**Discussion:**
Cary Catalano advised next meeting will be February 18, 2020 from 9:00-11:00 AM.

**Conclusions:**
Cary Catalano adjourned the meeting at 8:21 PM.

**Action items**

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**Meeting was adjourned by Chair Cary Catalano at 8:21 PM**

**Other Information**

**Observers:**
Planners from Current and Long Range Planning – Planning and Development Department – City of Fresno
Staff from Finance Department - City of Fresno

**Resources:**
Materials were passed out to all committee members in attendance.

**Special notes:** n/a
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