

Steering Committee Meeting Summary April 7, 2022 - DRAFT

Steering Committee

David Peña, Chairperson Deep Singh, Vice Chairperson Dennis Gaab
Joseph Martinez Tiffany Mangum Cathy Caples
Jeff Roberts John Kashian Bill Nijjer

Eric Payne Gurdeep Shergill

Tina McCallister – Boothe, Alternate

The Steering Committee met on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Peña called the Steering Committee to order at 5:35 p.m. An announcement of translation services in Hmong, Punjabi, and Spanish was made. Staff provided a brief explanation of the digital meeting features.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

PRESENT- Chair David Peña, Vicechair Deep Singh, Jeff Roberts, Joseph Martinez, Cathy Caples, Tiffany Mangum, Tina McCallister-Boothe (alternate)

ABSENT - Bill Nijjer, Gurdeep Shergill, Dennis Gaab, John Kashian, Eric Payne

Note: Member Boothe may vote as an alternate for District 2.

STAFF

Planning and Development: Drew Wilson, Casey Lauderdale, Marisela Martinez

Public Works: Jill Gormley, Andrew Benelli

Council District 1: Celida Garcia Lopez

Fresno Area Express (FAX): Carolina Ilic

2. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING SUMMARY

Moved by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Caples to approve the March 23, 2022 Meeting Summary.

ROLL CALL VOTE TALLY

AYES: Chair David Peña, Jeff Roberts, Joseph Martinez, Cathy Caples, Tiffany Mangum,

Tina McCallister-Boothe (alternate)

NOES: None

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3. NEXT STEPS

Staff member Casey Lauderdale shared a presentation with information on the next steps for the Specific Plan process.

Staff member Lauderdale asked the Committee if they would like to meet one more time after the Plan is adopted to review any land use change requests that would be submitted after the March 23rd meeting.

Committee member Caples asked what other Specific Plan committees have done with land use change requests.

Staff member Lauderdale replied that, as far as they know, this would be the first time it would be done this way.

Committee member Caples asked if other Plans had an Implementation Plan form after the adoption of the Plan.

Staff member Lauderdale noted that the Tower District Design Review Committee was created following the adoption of the Tower District Specific Plan.

Committee member Caples asked if there was more information about a committee being formed for the Shaw Avenue Corridor.

Staff member Lauderdale shared that staff does want to do a Small Area Plan for that Corridor and there was a policy added to the Plan to explore establishing an Implementation Committee for the West Area, but this would fall to the Council to do so.

Committee member Caples provided feedback that a public forum for the land use changes would be the more appropriate forum to review subsequent land use changes.

4. STEERING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

5. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

Vicechair Singh joined the meeting.

Staff member Lauderdale shared thanks to the Committee and shared some data points from the Plan process.

Committee members shared thanks to each other and the community and reflected on recent updates in the area.

Member of the public, Daniel Brannick, shared thanks and hopes for the next steps for the Plan.



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Member of the public, Lisa Flores, said it was difficult to find the Zoom link for the meeting.

Staff member Lauderdale shared where the meeting was posted and also solicited other places where the meeting information could be shared.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Committee member Roberts, seconded by Committee member Mangum. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm.