

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**VISION SALINAS 2040 STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**  
**August 23, 2023**

**WELCOME AND STAFF INTRODUCTIONS**

**PRESENT:** Jose Luis Barajas, Alejandro Chavez, Jonathan De Anda, Natalie Flores, Vicente Lara

**ABSENT:** Dennis Donohue, Rosa Gonzalez, Xago Juarez, Robin Lee, David Mack, Devon McCauley, Alexis Mendez, Jonathan Ordiano, Omar Perez, Carissa Purnell

**STAFF:** Grant Leonard (Planning Manager), Monica Gurmilan (Senior Planner), Jonathan Moore (Senior Planner), Donovan Arteaga (Community Outreach Assistant)

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**MEETING OBJECTIVES**

- I. Review Draft Economic Development, and Health and Environment Justice goals, policies, and actions
- II. Review draft Existing Conditions Report

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Monica Gurmilan called the meeting into order. The discussion was started by Jonathan Moore.

*Discussion of First Draft Goals/Policies/Actions for Economic Development, and Health and Environmental Justice Elements.*

Jonathan started the conversation by giving a background to the 2017 Economic Development Element (EDE). Monica then went over a consolidated review of the EDE. Alejandro Chavez discussed that cost may be a barrier to expanding entertainment use of Sherwood Hall. Vicente Lara mentioned that we should focus on bringing employment that offer access to (health) care. Alejandro mentioned that finding retail space that is affordable for tenants is difficult, there are

no vacancies and what is available is priced high. Jose Luis mentioned that the city should explore options to employ undocumented residents. Jose Luis brought up the city focusing on helping businesses with ADA compliance.

### *Existing Conditions Report*

Monica then transitioned the conversation to the Existing Conditions Report and opened the floor to questions. Jose Luis mentioned a spelling error and questioned why there was a proposed road going through Lower Carr Lake. Grant gave a brief history of the proposed road and the proposed ring roads in the Existing Conditions Report which originate from the 2002 General Plan. Alejandro mentioned that the Existing Conditions Report should include the median rent cost.

### *Next Meeting*

The next meeting is on September 27.

## **FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

None.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- I. Draft goals/policies/actions for other elements
- II. Draft Land Use Buildout Projections
- III. Notice of Preparation for the Environmental Impact Report Scoping Meeting

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Monica adjourned the meeting.