

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**VISION SALINAS 2040 STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**  
**MARCH 22, 2023**

**WELCOME AND STAFF INTRODUCTIONS**

**PRESENT:** Robin Lee, Natalie Flores, Rosa Gonzalez, Xago Juarez

**ABSENT:** Jose Luis Barajas, Alejandro Chavez, Jonathan De Anda, Dennis Donohue, Natalie Flores, Vicente Lara, David Mack, Devon McCauley, Alexis Mendez, Jonathan Ordiano, Omar Perez, Carissa Purnell

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**MEETING OBJECTIVES**

- I. GPU: Outreach and Review Strategy
- II. Housing Element Policy Review

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Monica Gurmilan called the meeting into order.

Robin Lee asked a question about the meeting minutes.

Monica began the discussion by explaining the General Plan Update outreach strategy and timeline. Monica specifically discussed the outreach that has been done regarding public safety and the planned outreach for the Housing Element. A timeline for the year was explained on the department's plan to complete the General Plan update and Housing Element. Questions were asked regarding what trainings are given to Youth Ambassadors to be able to complete their role, whether the City will work with community groups on the Public Safety workshops (MILPA specifically), what the roles of the Ambassadors are, requests to see Ambassador fact sheets, the pairings of Districts for Housing Element outreach meetings. Recommendations were given

regarding the outreach Youth Ambassadors are conducting, the pairings of Districts for outreach meetings, conducting a Housing meeting with youth.

Jonathan Moore transitioned the discussion to the Housing Element Policy Review. He described how community feedback has been integrated into the Housing Element Goals. He reviewed the Recurring/New Themes. A question was raised about whether the connection between Tenants Rights and absentee landlords have been explored. Lisa Brinton explained that there is a rental registry program that is heading to council for review. Questions regarding how the City can work with community to create Community Land Trusts, where the Recurring themes are coming from. The conversation was shifted to review updated and existing Policies to the Housing Element goals. Questions were asked regarding whether the City can create language to require developers to include transit elements into their projects (support transit through fee programs), how the city can mitigate too much/not enough parking, how retrofitting new and existing units would work, whether housing co-ops are included in the policies,

Rosa Gonzalez made a recommendation on that Community Land Trust language could be woven into Policy H-3.8 once more research is done on cities can do, whether H-3 should state it is focused on the equity portion of access to housing, adding a policy that included co-housing/CLTs. Robin Lee made a recommendation whether language in Goal H-3 should be altered to specifically mention it is focused on ensuring low-income residents specifically who do not have access to middle or high-income housing. Xago recommended to explicitly include more essential workers (teacher, police, firefighters, administrators, etc.) in Policy H-3.1.

The discussion ended with a conversation about how churches and school districts can be used to promote housing development. Committee members agreed the format of presenting community feedback along with goal changes was most useful.

Next meeting:

- Steering Committee: 4/26, 5/24
- Public Safety Workshops

## **FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

Text

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- I. Draft Housing Element Content
- II. Draft GPU Goals/Policies
- III. Draft Existing Conditions Report
- IV. Draft Land Use Buildout Projections

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Monica adjourned the meeting.