

MINUTES
OF THE
VISION SALINAS 2040 STEERING COMMITTEE
GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
October 25, 2023

WELCOME AND STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

PRESENT: Jose Luis Barajas, Alejandro Chavez, Jonathan De Anda, Dennis Donoue, Natalie Flores, Rosa Gonzalez, Xago Juarez, Vicente Lara, Alexis Mendez, Omar Perez, Michael Talavera, Salvador Muñoz

ABSENT: Alejandro Chavez, Robin Lee, David Mack, Devon McCauley, Carissa Purnell

STAFF: Lisa Brinton (Community Development Director), 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. Finalize Review of Socioeconomic Pillar, Public Safety Element
- II. Review Land Use and Infrastructure, and Community Design Elements

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Alexis Mendez called the meeting into order. Roll call was taken. Jose Luis Barajas motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Jonathan De Anda seconded the motion. The motion passed. Monica Gurmilan shifted the conversation to be led by Jonathan Moore.

Review Land Use and Infrastructure Element

Jon began the conversation regarding Land Use and Infrastructure by reviewing the Economic Development Target Maps and Draft Place Types Maps. Sal Muñoz asked where in the General Plan historical districts would be addressed. Jon began to go over the Land Use and Infrastructure Policies with the group. Rosa Gonzalez asked if there was an equity rubric that the

group was using to analyze the policies. Rosa asked how the goals will align with community goals and include those who have been traditionally excluded. Jose Luis asked about if the use of “innovative” in Action-1.6.5 is also referring to emerging industries. Jose Luis suggested an equity piece be included in Goal-3. Lisa Brinton suggested we compare the Economic Development and Land Use Elements to ensure there’s a balance between housing and job opportunities. Dennis Donohue commented that land use should be open to industry and allow for conversations to happen, meaning allow for maximum flexibility. Sal mentioned we should project our surrounding agriculture land and grow the city vertically. Michael Talavera where the three goals of the element came from and why only three goals. Jon mentioned they stem from previous plans and outreach. Sal asked about sewage and stormwater infrastructure. Rosa asked if green-water infrastructure could be explicitly mentioned.

Review Community Design Element

Jon then transitioned the conversation over to the Community Design Element. Monica suggested we encourage green infrastructure in the entry points of the city. Rosa asked if codes regarding color of comes could be removed (to allow for more freedom in color choice). Jose Luis asked how Action-1.2.1 will affect existing businesses. Xago asked if the goals are geared towards local investment rather than outside investment.

Review Public Safety Element

Monica then transitioned the conversation over to the Public Safety Element. She began by going over a summary of the outreach details and reviewing the goals/policies/actions. Michael mentioned working with schools for crime prevention. He also mentioned that a larger police presence may help deter crime. Jose Luis seconded the sentiment. Alexis raised some concern. Xago wanted to make sure we weren’t encouraging a larger police presence in schools.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on November 15 and will take place in the Community Room at the Salinas Police Department.

FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Draft goals/policies/actions for other elements
- II. Circulation maps and Street Types

ADJOURNMENT

Alexis adjourned the meeting.