## **General Plan Update Workshop**

## Tuesday June 28, 2011 Community Education Center

- Population figures are off, especially in the Central District.
  - o The 2010 Census data was just released. We used the best estimates and data available.
  - o The City is also working on an economic strategy.
- When you say multi-family you are talking about large buildings.
  - o Multi-family could range from 15 units or more.
- How do we deal with paying pensions if Alternative A or D is chosen?
  - o Revenue and pensions are affected by more than land use.
- Impressed by the amount of data. Why is the Emerald Necklace not shown. Why is the existing General Plan not an option?
  - o We used the existing General Plan as baseline. Check "None of the above."
- Why not do two alternatives for growth and two for limiting growth?
  - o It was an organic process based on earlier outreach.
- My choice comes at what cost?
  - o This is what the impacts provide.
- What is the transit radius for TOD's in East Pasadena?
  - O Right now it is 1/4 mile. Some groups wanted to expand that to 1/2 mile.
  - Some impacts are not done by smaller areas because it did not make sense. The City does not do business or analysis that way.
  - All the alternatives provide housing. The more units a site has affects the amount of affordable housing.
- Colorado Boulevard is an eyesore. There is less activity. Wants to see more vitality.
- With a lot of vacancies, it is hard to imagine more growth.
  - o This plan looks at a long range in 2035.
- Are we concerned about everyone's quality of life? We need to consider residents of multifamily housing.
- We should look at height not stories.
- Too much traffic around Gold Line stations, especially on Marengo Avenue.
  - o There are many opinions. That is why we need you to fill out the survey.
- Our highest rankings were protecting historic neighborhoods and preserving single family neighborhoods.
  - o These were the foundations for all alternatives.
- Are there specific rules for providing affordable housing?
  - o The City has an inclusionary housing ordinance.
- Economic strategy is key. Need to know the City's plan. City needs design review for SFR's.

- Concerns about heights on North Lake. Will new buildings house businesses that support PCC? How do the new buildings in East Pasadena provide parking?
  - All new buildings will have to meet parking codes. The current and new alternatives would support PCC. Taller buildings on North Lake would be near the Gold Line station.
- How does new growth address trees?
  - O The General Plan does not get to this detail. This is overseen by the Street Tree Master Plan. The Open Space and Conservation Elements will affect open space.
- What analysis has been done about bussing students?
  - The transit plan addresses student movement. Alternative C looked at providing services near schools and homes. We do not do school planning; PUSD does.
- On the north side of Colorado Blvd by Bonnie is a nice new building. We should support A-frame roofs for solar energy. What about bleachers on East Colorado?
  - Our top priority may be economic vitality.
- Central District is very sustainable with low VMT, high revenue, walkable, and adaptive reuse.
- How far out are revenue projections?
  - o Based on 2035.