

2023 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket

Planning Commission Discussion
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Annual Docket Process

- Growth Management Act
- Docket
- List of Proposed Amendments

The Docket

- Is a list of proposed amendments collected during 2022.
- Anyone may propose an amendment for the Docket and the Council may add amendments to the Final Docket.
- Items on the Docket have not been evaluated.
- Tonight, the Commission will recommend if the docketed items should be studied or not.

2024 Major Update



Fall 2022

- Scoping & work plan
- Assess new requirements
- Develop engagement strategy

Winter-Spring 2023

- Engagement kick-off
- Community visioning
- Stakeholder engagement

Summer 2023

- Update vision statement
- Review & revise plan elements
- Engagement (ongoing)

Spring-Summer 2024

- Prepare draft plan
- Public hearings
- Engagement (ongoing)

Fall 2024

- Council Adoption

Amendment #1

Amendment #1 – Amend the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Arts Element and Plan which includes updated goals and policies.



Amendment #2

Amendment #2 – Amend the Comprehensive Plan to add a new policy “Birds and wildlife are sustained by a diversity of native trees and vegetation which provide essential, co-evolved habitat of food, shelter, and place to raise young.”

Amendment #3

Amendment #3 – Add a new policy – “City Planners and Developers should consider the short- and long-term effects of impervious and hardscape surfaces on the City's environment”.



Amendment #4

Amendment #4 – Add a new policy – “Projected sea level rise should be considered in determining the shoreline buffer areas or setbacks in which development is not permitted, and provide those regulations be implemented for such policy”.



Amendment #5

Amendment #5 – Amend Housing Element Policy H23 and add a new policy to the Land Use Element – “Assure that site, landscaping, building, and design regulations create effective transitions between different land uses and densities. For zones which allow 70-foot buildings, provide in development regulations meaningful horizontal setbacks with height restrictions, significant tree preservation, and other transitions between buildings in such zones and abutting and across-the-street property designated on the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map as Public Open Space, Public Facility, Low Density Residential, Medium Density Residential, and High Density Residential”.



Amendment #6

Amendment #6 – Add a new policy – “Citizen participation is critical at the initial design phase of capital and major development projects”.



Amendment #7

Amendment #7 – Amend Natural Environment
Goal 1 – “Minimize adverse impacts on the natural environment through leadership, policy, and regulation, and address impacts of past practices where feasible, implement and promote best management practices under current conditions”.



Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend Amendment 1 be placed on the proposed 2023 Comprehensive Plan Docket. Staff also recommends Amendment Nos. 2-7 be included as proposals in the 2024 major update of the Comprehensive Plan to review and consider these proposed amendments holistically with all other components of the major update.