



MEETING DATE: 03-22-08
COUNCIL RETREAT

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: MARCH 19, 2008
TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: GREG LARSON, TOWN MANAGER
SUBJECT: 2008 COUNCIL RETREAT

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of the 2008 Council Retreat is to provide input to the Town Council from experts and stakeholders in four areas identified by the Council to be addressed in the 2010 General Plan update process.

BACKGROUND:

At the 2007 Town Council retreat, the Council discussed plans to initiate a 2010 General Plan update. The Council determined that the General Plan is serving the community well, but an update is desired to consider new issues that have arisen since its adoption in 2000 and to revise information that is no longer current. At the retreat, Council identified four topics for review as part of the update, including: the environment and sustainability, recreational opportunities, youth, and seniors.

DISCUSSION:

Retreat Format and Content

In setting the agenda for the 2008 Town Council retreat, the Mayor requested that the retreat focus on providing input to the Council on the four topics identified to be addressed in the General Plan update. Accordingly, the March 22nd retreat includes three panels of experts/stakeholders covering the four topics. For purposes of the panel presentations, the topics of youth and seniors are combined into one panel, as they are both special population groups.

The panel participants are listed on Attachment 1. Each panelist will address the following general questions regarding his/her topic:

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- What is your vision for *the environment/recreation/youth/seniors* in Los Gatos for the decade from 2010 to 2020?
- What opportunities and challenges do you see for *the environment/ recreation/youth/seniors* in Los Gatos for the decade from 2010 to 2020?
- What factors should the Town consider in planning for *the environment/ recreation/youth and seniors* in Los Gatos for the decade from 2010 to 2020?

Within each topic, individual panelists will address a particular aspect of the topic depending on their area of expertise. The panel presentations will be recorded and provided to the Town's consultants for General Plan update when they have been selected.

Background Material

Prior to the panel presentations, the Town Manager will set the context for the topics by highlighting demographic and fiscal trends affecting Los Gatos. Attachment 2 is a set of demographic data, estimates and projections from 2000, 2007 and 2012, respectively. More detailed demographic information will be prepared by the consultant as part of the General Plan update; however, this data provides a basic profile of the Los Gatos population as a context for the panel discussions.

Attachment 3 is the draft *Los Gatos Parks, Open Space and Trails Inventory* prepared as background for the General Plan update. The draft report provides a comprehensive inventory of the parks, open space areas, trails, and public and private recreation facilities currently available to the Los Gatos community.

CONCLUSION:

The 2008 Town Council retreat is designed to provide input to the Town Council on four topics in preparation for the 2010 General Plan update: the environment and sustainability, recreational opportunities, youth, and seniors. Panelists with expertise in each of these areas will discuss the vision, opportunities, challenges and factors for consideration with regard to addressing these topics in the 2010 General Plan for the time period of 2010 to 2020.

Attachments:

1. List of Panelists for the 2008 Town Council Retreat
2. Demographic Data for Los Gatos
3. Draft Los Gatos Parks, Open Space and Trails Inventory