

Meeting Summary

Westside Community Plans Advisory Group (WCPAG)

Meeting 4: October 29, 2024

Westside Community Plan Updates

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Overview

On October 29, 2024 , Los Angeles City Planning hosted the [Westside Community Plans Advisory Group's](#) (WCPAG) fourth meeting via Zoom.

The meeting opened with a staff presentation and summary recap of the topics previously discussed at the first three WCPAG meetings held in 2023. The meeting also included an overview of the 2024 Draft Land Use Maps, Feedback & StoryMap Resources (Change Areas & Equivalent Zoning Translations), The New Code Zoning Tools & Zoning Strategies, and Targeted Feedback Questions on how to achieve the Policy Objectives of the Westside Community Plan Updates.

At this meeting the Advisory Group was asked to provide feedback on the 2024 Draft Land Use Maps and zoning metrics for FAR, Height, and Density draft accessible through the online [StoryMap](#).

The 60 WCPAG members represent organizations and individuals from the following four Westside Community Plan geographies:

- Palms - Mar Vista - Del Rey
- West LA

- Westchester - Playa Del Rey
- Venice

Composed of a diverse group of community leaders, residents, students, community-based organizations, advocacy groups, business leaders, neighborhood councils, and housing development experts, the Advisory Group serves as a sounding board to assist planning staff in evaluating land use policy and zoning at different stages of the Westside Community Plan Update process.

Please review the [2024 WCPAG announcement letter](#) for a full list of selected members to the Advisory Group. For more information on the Westside Community Plan Update and the WCPAG, visit the [website](#) for resources and to sign up for updates.

WHERE AND WHEN

Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Background

Members of the Advisory Group have the opportunity to serve as a community sounding board to provide feedback on draft materials shared by planning staff. Each member of the Advisory Group brings with them a unique perspective, set of experiences, and expertise. The Advisory Group is not a decision-making body and assists planning staff in evaluating initial draft community plan materials – such as new Draft General Plan Land Use (GPLU) maps, Draft GPLU Correspondence Tables, New Zoning, and Draft Policy Documents.

Structure of Meeting

Meetings consist of three parts: (1) presentations from planning staff on various topics and relevant materials, (2) large group report backs that allow in-depth dialogue, and (3) group Q & A. In addition to these meetings, members will be tasked with providing targeted feedback on the previous released materials such as the 2024 Draft Land Use Maps and Zoning Regulations.

Summaries

The summaries represent a condensed version of the staff presentations and comments shared by advisory group members during the meeting. They represent various


comments from different members, and not the overall opinion of the advisory group or Planning Staff.

MAIN ROOM SUMMARIES

The meeting began with an opening presentation by staff that covered various topics including an introduction to new staff, recap of the previous 2023 WCPAG meetings and feedback received, a summary of the proposed 2024 Draft Land Use Maps, The New Code Zoning Tools & Zoning Strategies, Targeted Feedback Questions on how to achieve the Policy Objectives of the Westside Community Plan Updates, and next steps. Recording and materials for the fourth meeting can be found on the WCPAG website [here](#).

Q&A SUMMARIES

- The presentation was followed up by a Q&A which included the following questions and/or comments:
 - Meeting date selection and scheduling.
 - Digital billboards proximity in residential areas.
 - Staff's availability to meet with committee members outside of the scheduled meeting.
 - The Housing Element and Citywide Housing Incentive Program (CHIP) map updates and its relationship to the proposed Westside Community Plan Updates.
 - How the zoning would be applied in the Mar Vista Gardens area.
 - When to be able to provide feedback to the community plan update work program once the housing element ordinance is finalized.
 - How specific plans or overlays will continue to exist or be translated within the new zoning code.
 - Additional opportunities to walk through a property and explain how the zoning code applies with WCPAG members.
 - Keeping zoning regulation specific to urban design and continuing to allow for creativity and design innovation.
 - Strengthen rent stabilization in order to help keep communities within their neighborhoods.
 - How the new Community Plan will help address historic racial disparities throughout the West Side area.
 - How neighborhoods can protect themselves from unchecked development.

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- How the Community Plan Update will address disparities between high resource and low resource communities.
 - How trees and foliage are decided in the new zoning code in relation to shade cover.
 - How SB 9 is being considered in the update process.
 - What open space requirements are in the new zoning code and how the code will work to increase open space across the Westside.