



City of Santa Barbara
Community Development Department

Memorandum

DATE: September 17, 2007
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Peggy Burbank, Project Planner
SUBJECT: Plan Santa Barbara - *Community Input Summary Report*

RECOMMENDATION: Hear a presentation by Planning Division staff on the Plan Santa Barbara - *Community Input Summary Report*, and provide comments as appropriate.

Plan Santa Barbara (PlanSB) is a community planning process initiated in 2005 to update the City growth management policy framework. The Round I public workshop series was concluded on July 7, 2007 and the summaries from each of four workshops are being assembled in a *Community Input Summary Report*. Input for this report also includes 554 comments cards received through a city-wide mailing and via the *YouPlanSB.org* website, and over 40 small, "grassroots" meetings in which almost 1,000 people have participated to date.

All of this input has been carefully recorded on the *YouPlanSb.org* website and is being summarized in the *Community Input Summary Report*. The Round I community input process was designed to solicit basic community values, concerns and opportunities for future growth and development in Santa Barbara. The input was then summarized into broad themes which identify the range of opinion, points of consensus, and key differences within the community.

The next step will be to use this input as the foundation for developing policy framework options that will be analyzed and eventually presented in the Round II workshop series next year. Staff will be at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and make a presentation of the preliminary findings. Early reaction to these findings by the Advisory Boards and Commissions, and interested community members will help ensure staff has "got it right", before moving on to the next phase of work.

The full *Community Input Summary Report* is expected to be completed by the end of September and will be available on the *YouPlanSb.org* website. A limited number of hard copies will also be available through the Planning Division office at the Community Development Department, located on the second floor at 630 Garden Street.