

City of Santa Barbara

Community Development Department

Memorandum

DATE: August 20, 2008

TO: Park and Recreation Commission

FROM: John Ledbetter, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: Plan Santa Barbara – Policy Options Report and Workshops

Summary

RECOMMENDATION: Hear a presentation by Planning Division staff on the Plan Santa Barbara – *Policy Options Report and Workshops*, and provide comments as appropriate.

Background

In July, the Policy Options Report was sent to various boards and commissions and made available for public review. The report included goals and policies to be considered for the next phase of policy analysis and environmental review. The goals and policies were formulated based primarily on what we have heard through the Phase I PlanSB public outreach process in 2007 and at the Development Trends workshops in April and May 2008. These policy options were the basis for the Policy Options Workshops.

Policy Options Workshops

The Phase II public workshop series was recently concluded on July 23, 2008. The workshops focused on exercises around some of the key policies in the Policy Options Report. Public input was solicited on the Report through August 1st.

The summaries of the two workshops and the public comment in response to the Policy Options Report are currently being compiled and will be available by August 12, 2008 at the www.YouPlanSb.org website. Planning Staff will be at your next Park and Recreation Commission meeting to discuss draft policies and get your input. We suggest the Commission review the Policy Options Report and the public comment and workshop summaries prior to the meeting.

Next Steps

The draft policies are currently being improved based on public, board and committee input, and will be included in a Policy Preference Report that will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on September 10th and 11th. Subsequently, the outcome of the Planning Commission's recommendations will be forward to the City Council for their direction on which polices to include as part of this general plan update.