

CITY OF PLANO
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

August 3, 2020

Agenda Item No. 7

Discussion & Consideration: Comprehensive Plan Update

Applicant: City of Plano

DESCRIPTION:

Discussion and consideration of suggested revisions to the Comprehensive Plan from the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee.

BACKGROUND:

In November 2019, the City Council appointed a 16-member Comprehensive Plan Review Committee (CPRC) to recommend changes to the city's Comprehensive Plan related to four topics: future land use, transportation, density, and growth management. The Committee kicked off meetings on Saturday, January 11, 2020, and has had 16 meetings scheduled through July, though four meetings were cancelled due to COVID-19 related issues.

The CPRC has been reviewing policies and related action statements in subject-focused policy "bundles", of which there are 22 total. As of July 21, 2020, the CPRC has provided text revisions to 10 transportation-related policy bundles, as well as a new set of guiding principles for the Comprehensive Plan.

POLICY BUNDLES:

Policy bundles include an individual Comprehensive Plan policy with its associated actions and website context. In some instances, not all actions under a bundle were included in initial CPRC discussions as they are related to other non-transportation-related topics and will be discussed at future CPRC meetings.

The set of bundles for Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z) consideration at this meeting represent the following 10 policy bundles:

- Bundle 1 – Roadways Systems
- Bundle 2 – Transportation Demand Management
- Bundle 3 – Regional Transportation (Traffic/Roadways Related Actions)
- Bundle 5 – Transit-Oriented Development

- Bundle 6 – Population Growth
- Bundle 7 – Bicycle
- Bundle 8 – Public Transit
- Bundle 9 – Regional Transportation (Bike/Transit Related Actions)
- Bundle 10 – Community Design
- Bundle 11 – Pedestrian Environment

Note: The CPRC voted to defer Bundle 4 to a future meeting.

In preparing these bundles, the CPRC provided both oral and written feedback to staff and the consulting team on desired changes. This feedback was used to craft staff recommendations that gave careful consideration to Committee members' comments, while also attempting to be clear, concise, and functional with the professional requirements of the direct administrators. The CPRC discussed staff recommendations, offered any amendments, and voted on each item, resulting in the changes proposed.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

To create greater efficiency in the editing process and avoid repeating concepts throughout various policies and actions, the Committee considered a set of guiding principles that apply to all policies and actions throughout the Comprehensive Plan. The guiding principles would be completely new to the Comprehensive Plan and are based around three fundamental ways the Plan should guide the city:

- Guiding Principle 1 | Plano Today
- Guiding Principle 2 | Plano 2050
- Guiding Principle 3 | Plano Together

REVIEW:

The new guiding principles and policy bundles are attached, including both:

- A clean text version and
- A version with changes tracked from the Plano Tomorrow Plan.

To aid the Commission by granting time to adequately considering the proposals, the Commission was sent the policy bundles for review on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, via email. Additional background information on these bundles, as well as agendas, packets, and audio recordings of each meeting, can be reviewed at the CPRC project website: www.PlanoCompPlanReview.org.

Remaining bundles will be forwarded to P&Z for consideration as they receive preliminary approval from the CPRC. Following consideration of all policy bundle edits, the CPRC is scheduled to deliberate map revisions.

The Commission may wish to approve, in whole or in part, the items presented depending on Commission feedback and level of consensus on the policy bundles and guiding principles. Items approved will move back to the CPRC for public outreach and feedback;

if there are bundles or principles needing additional consideration or discussion, those should be tabled to the August 17, 2020, agenda for further review.

REMARKS:

Based on the adopted process, the Commission is responsible for reviewing proposed revisions and returning any comments or additional edits back to the CPRC for further consideration. After all proposed revisions receive preliminary approval by both the CPRC (75% approval) and the Commission (50% approval), the items will be presented to the public for additional feedback. Based on the public feedback, the need for further edits will be contemplated. After final approval by both the CPRC and P&Z, the items will be presented to City Council for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommended that the Commission consider proposed edits to the Comprehensive Plan and either approve or approve with edits, so these policy bundles can proceed expeditiously through the review process.