

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
COUNCIL POLICY

CURRENT

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE
POLICY NO.: 600-09
EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

BACKGROUND:

~~The involvement of San Diegans in City planning, implementation, and prioritization is unique for many reasons, the more notable of which include the extent to which positive accomplishments have emerged from public participation in city decision-making coupled with ensuring our city is prosperous, healthy, safe, inclusive, and equitable. The City Council, in early recognition of public participation in City decision-making, established in 1976 Policy 600-24, encouraging, and supporting the formation of community planning groups (CPGs).~~

~~The adoption in 1967 of the Progress Guide and General Plan for the City of San Diego, the subsequent establishment in 1968 of Policy 600-07 setting forth a procedure for periodic review of the General Plan, the previously stated progress experienced in formulating, adopting and implementing community plans, all combine to illustrate the growing need to insure coordination between the General Plan, the many Community Plans and the many interrelated efforts required for their effectuation. Such coordination must be insured on a comprehensive citywide basis.~~

~~Effort to insure this comprehensive coordination should maximize the invaluable knowledge, experience and dedication towards community planning and development already demonstrated by San Diego citizens. To this end, a citizens organization should be formed with principal focus upon the General Plan and citywide issues related to it in a way that would assist the City Council, Planning Commission and Planning Department and the City Manager in guiding future growth of the City. Establishment of this citizens organization would represent a continuation of the original concept of citizen involvement utilized in initially formulating the General Plan.~~

The Community Planners Committee (CPC) is an independent organization voluntarily created and operated by community members who are not City employees, City agents, or City representatives. It is not a City-controlled or managed organization. The City does not direct or recommend the election, appointment, or removal of voting members, or delegate authority to the CPC to act on its behalf.

The adoption in 2008 of the City of San Diego General Plan provided policy guidance to balance the needs of a growing city while enhancing quality of life for current and future San Diegans. It provides a strategy, the City of Villages, for how the City can enhance its many communities and neighborhoods over time. It presented ten elements that provide a comprehensive “blueprint” for the City of San Diego’s growth over the next twenty plus years. The 2008 General Plan found the City of San Diego and its residents and businesses facing new issues: a lack of vacant developable land for future growth; unmet public facilities standards; a changing economic base; and major environmental challenges.

This Council believes that the involvement of community members in City planning, implementation, and prioritization ensures that the City can prepare for the growth outlined above and that the City will be prosperous, healthy, safe, inclusive, and equitable. The City Council established Policy 600-24 in 1976 to encourage and support the formation of community planning groups (CPGs).

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Policy is to ~~establish a citizens organization responsible in an advisory capacity to the City~~ recognize the CPC as an independent organization that may provide input to the City on those matters related to the General Plan and respective Community Plans, its amendment, implementation, and related planning, infrastructure, and development programs.

The CPC may make advisory recommendations to the City and other governmental agencies on land use and infrastructure matters. However, the City may consider, but is not bound, to follow, the advisory recommendations of the CPC.

POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the City to ~~provide on a continuing basis a citizens committee responsible for advising the City Council, Planning Commission and Planning Department, City Manager and other appropriate agencies to recognize an organization that may offer review and recommendations to the City~~ on those matters related to the General Plan, its amendment, implementation, and coordination with Community Plans and related planning and development programs.

1. This citizens organization shall ~~is generally expected to~~ be composed of the ~~chairman chair,~~ or officially designated representative, or alternate of each of the ~~community planning committees as CPGs~~ recognized under City Council Policy 600-05, and shall be known as the “Community Planners Committee.” 600-24.
2. ~~In its advisory capacity, this citizens organization shall participate in reviewing and recommending to appropriate bodies actions deemed necessary and desirable for the timely and continued effectuation of goals, objectives and proposals contained in the General Plan. The CPC is independent of recognized CPGs and not dependent on their guidance in formulating recommendations on regional or City-wide matters.~~
3. ~~This citizens organization shall be responsible for participating in an advisory capacity in the comprehensive review of the General Plan as prescribed in City Council Policy 600-07. The CPC may participate in reviewing and offering recommendations to the City associated with implementing the goals, objectives, and policies contained in the City’s General Plan, including land use and infrastructure issues of regional or City-wide scope.~~

4. ~~In the discharge of its responsibility in the five-year comprehensive review of the General Plan, this citizens organization shall function as a nucleus committee to which augmentation may be necessary and desirable to insure maximum utilization of local citizen resources. Selection of such augmentation shall be the responsibility of the Mayor and City Council and shall be only of such duration as is necessary to complete the preparation of General Plan revisions for recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council for adoption. The CPC is encouraged to keep informed on current projects. The CPC should monitor City agendas and announcements for public input, deliberations, and decision-making on City actions. The CPC is encouraged to offer input and recommendations to the City in a timely manner.~~

5. ~~This citizens organization shall undertake such other studies or make such recommendations on citywide issues related to the General Plan as may be requested by the City Council, Planning Commission and Planning Department, City Manager or other official City agency. With a goal of inclusive and robust participation in City-wide deliberations, the CPC is encouraged to adopt rules and procedures calling for meeting schedules, methods of conduct of business, compliance with the Brown Act, and related matters as appropriate.~~

6. ~~This citizens organization shall serve in an advisory capacity to the community planning committees officially recognized under City Council Policy 600-05 primarily to achieve the desired objective of insuring maximum coordination on a comprehensive or citywide basis and promotion of solutions of matters of mutual concern shared among the communities of San Diego.~~

7. ~~To insure the successful discharge of the above functions, the citizens organization shall adopt rules of procedure calling for meeting schedules, methods of conduct of business and related matters as appropriate. Incidental staff clerical and related assistance as may be required shall be the responsibility of the Planning Department.~~

HISTORY:

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