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**PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP AGENDA
VIRTUAL MEETING**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020 @ 12:00 PM

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1. Update on the Comprehensive Plan

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Grand Junction City Council

Workshop Session

Item #1.

Meeting Date: October 8, 2020

Presented By: Tamra Allen, Community Development Director, David Thornton, Principal Planner

Department: Community Development

Submitted By: David Thornton

Information

SUBJECT:

Update on the Comprehensive Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff will provide a brief update on the Comprehensive Plan.

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

The Draft Plan contains eleven plan principles including:

1. Collective Identity
2. Resilient and Diverse Economy
3. Responsible and Managed Growth
4. Downtown and University Districts
5. Strong Neighborhoods and Housing Choices
6. Efficient and Connected Transportation
7. Great Places and Recreation Opportunities
8. Resource Stewardship
9. Quality Education
10. Safe, Healthy and Inclusive Community
11. Effective and Transparent Government

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

SUGGESTED ACTION:

This item is for discussion only.

Attachments

1. Plan Principles



2020 Comprehensive Plan - Update

October 8, 2020

Plan Principles

The draft of the One Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan includes eleven (11) Plan Principles that are the major themes of the Plan. They are listed below with draft goals for each.

1. Collective Identity

Draft Goal

- Preserve, Promote and Celebrate Grand Junction's Identity, Diversity and History.

2. Resilient and Diverse Economy

Draft Goals

- Foster a vibrant, diverse and resilient economy.
- Support the development of a diverse, educated, healthy, and adaptable workforce.
- Promote Business Growth for a Diverse and Stable Economic Base.
- Support the expansion of a responsible and sustainable tourism industry utilizing Grand Junction's Destination Marketing Organization called Visit Grand Junction and its strategic partners.
- Invest in key infrastructure that support businesses.

3. Responsible and Managed Growth

Draft Goals

- Support fiscally responsible growth and annexation policies that promote a compact pattern of growth, maintain or improve levels of service and encourage the efficient use of land.
- Encourage infill and redevelopment to leverage existing infrastructure.
- Collaborate with regional entities and service providers on growth and infrastructure issues.
- Maintain and build infrastructure that supports urban development.
- Plan for and ensure fiscally responsible delivery of City services and infrastructure.

- Support the development of neighborhood-centered commercial uses and mixed-use development.
- Continue efforts in creating a community that provides a sense of arrival, attractive design and well-maintained properties.

4. Downtown and University Districts

Draft Goals

- Cultivate energetic and livable Greater Downtown and University Districts that balance the needs of residents, students and visitors.
- Strengthen multimodal connections in and between the districts.
- Promote the continued reinvestment into the Downtown, Riverfront, Rail and University District's economy and built environment.

5. Strong Neighborhoods and Housing Choices

Draft Goals

- Promote more opportunities for housing choices that meet the needs of people of all ages, abilities and incomes.
- Partner in developing housing strategies for the community.
- Support continued investment in and ongoing maintenance of infrastructure and amenities in established neighborhoods.
- Promote the integration of transportation mode choices into existing and new neighborhoods.
- Foster the development of neighborhoods where people of all ages, incomes and backgrounds live together and share a feeling of community.

6. Efficient and Connected Transportation

Draft Goals

- Continue to develop a safe, balanced and well-connected transportation system that enhances mobility for all modes.
- Actively manage transportation systems and infrastructure to improve reliability, efficiency and safety.
- Facilitate the movement of goods and services throughout the region via truck, air and rail.
- Encourage the use of transit, bicycling, walking and other forms of transportation.
- Anticipate and plan for the implications and opportunities associated with connected vehicles, autonomous vehicles (AVs), drones, mobility-as-a-service and electric vehicles (EVs).

7. Great Places and Recreation Opportunities

Draft Goals

- Provide a safe and accessible network of parks, open space and trails.
- Ensure parks, recreational and open space facilities meet community needs and equity of location.
- Foster opportunities to bring people together by developing great public spaces.
- Support a lively Arts and Culture Community.
- Maintain access to Public Lands at the urban/rural interface.

8. Resources Stewardship

Draft Goals

- Promote water conservation and protect water quality.
- Promote the use of sustainable development and waste reduction practices.
- Refocus conservation and sustainability efforts to achieve improved public and environmental health.
- Preserve unique assets, such as scenic, riparian, recreation areas and wildlife habitat.
- Manage the city's Urban Forest and Water Wise Landscaping within the city.

9. Quality Education and Facilities

Draft Goals

- Support a high-quality and accessible education system for the community.
- Support District 51 in ensuring adequate facilities and infrastructure for the community.
- Support community-based education, especially Mesa County Libraries, in ensuring adequate facilities and infrastructure for City residents, as well as knowledge of available services.

10. Safe, Healthy, and Inclusive Community

Draft Goals

- Provide Excellence in Public Safety and Emergency Response.
- Promote Health and Wellness Through Access to Services.
- Foster a culture of inclusivity, embracing and respecting the diversity of Grand Junction's Residents.
- Promote a safe and more resilient community.

11. Effective and Transparent Government

Draft Goals

- Align day-to-day decision-making and budgeting with the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Provide opportunities for meaningful and inclusive community involvement.
- Continually seek opportunities to increase the efficiency of City facilities and the effectiveness of government programs and City services.
- Collaborate with local, regional and state partners on issues of mutual significance.
- Develop and support leadership that reflects the diversity of the community.