



CITY OF VACAVILLE GENERAL PLAN
STEERING COMMITTEE

City Council Chambers, Vacaville City Hall
650 Merchant Street, Vacaville

August 9, 2010
6:00 p.m.

Vacaville General Plan Update
Meeting #1: Project Introduction

Meeting Summary

Committee Member Attendance

Dan Broadwater
Frank Crim
Ed Gallagher
Pamela Greaves
Brett Johnson
Mitch Mashburn
Shannon Nadasdy
Joe Niccoli
Denise Suihkonen

Staff in Attendance

Community Development Director Carson
City Planner Buder
Senior Planner Hays
David Early, DC&E
Joanna Jansen, DC&E
Tanya Sundberg, DC&E

Community Development Director Carson opened the meeting and introduced the Steering Committee Members. She provided an overview of the two year process and noted resources available for public input.

1. Welcome 6:00
2. Introductions: Committee Members, Staff and Consultants 6:10

Staff and committee members introduced themselves and provided background information regarding the amount of time they have worked for the city or served on City Commissions.

3. Presentation (DC&E) 6:40
 - Introduction to the General Plan

David Early, DC&E, introduced the consulting company and reviewed the seven subjects that are required to be covered in the General Plan. He noted that the Housing Element would not be reviewed as part of the General Plan update because it was certified in 2010. He reviewed the community outreach process and opportunities for involvement in the process.

- Steering Committee Role and Responsibilities

Mr. Early reviewed the responsibilities of the Steering Committee and provided an overview of the Brown Act.

- Future Steering Committee Meetings

Mr. Early reviewed the tentative steering committee meeting schedule.

4. Committee Questions and Answers 7:10

No questions from the committee

5. Public Comment 7:30

Nine audience participants spoke regarding the following points:

- Treatment Plant capacity
- Flooding issues
- Supply and demand for housing
- Preserving the financial well being of the residents of Vacaville
- Preservation of the greenbelt and encroachment from other cities
- Transportation issues, how to move people, not just vehicles
- Creating a community that our children can come back to
- Provide opportunities for youth to be involved in the process
- Create safe areas for children to walk and bike to school
- Create opportunities for jobs
- Preserve open space and historic resources
- Transportation and improving problem intersections
- Upgrade the parks and recreation master plan
- Make trails in Lagoon Valley usable year round
- Provide incentive for businesses to come to Vacaville
- Create recreation opportunities for residents
- The Solano County Habitat Conservation Plan should be considered as part of the EIR
- Climate element and pollution
- Provide more senior housing
- Ensure all information is available and the committee is accessible to the public

6. Committee Discussion: Key Concerns for the General Plan Update 8:00
(facilitated by DC&E)

The Committee made the following comments:

- Need to determine the appropriate size for the community to grow, how big is too big?
- Preserving parks, open space and historical resources
- How will improvements be funded
- Provide quality jobs
- Look at what works well in other communities
- Provide cultural and other activities for the community
- Encouraged public involvement

- Ensure that the City can provide infrastructure such as police and fire
- Provide forums for youth participation
- Showcase the gems in the community

7. Adjournment

8:30

Next Steering Committee Meetings:

Monday, September 27: Issues Identification

Monday, October 25: Introduction to Growth Areas

Other General Plan Update Meetings:

Monday, September 13: Community Workshop #1