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**CITY OF SAN MATEO**

**Special Meeting Minutes**

**Joint Session with Planning  
Commission and City Council**

City Hall  
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**Monday, October 30, 2017**

**City Hall - Council Chamber 6:00 PM**

**Special Joint Meeting with Planning Commission**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Council Members Freschet, Goethals, Papan, Deputy Mayor Bonilla and Mayor Lim  
Commissioners: Whitaker, Rodriguez, Drechsler, Vice Chair O'Leary and Chair Ebner

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no speakers.

**STUDY SESSION**

1. [General Plan Update](#)

Chief Planning Manager Ron MuneKawa provided a presentation on the General Plan Update. He outlined the history of the General Plan, the purpose, and explained that it is timely to update the plan now, as the last update was in 2010. This is the beginning effort of planning the general plan update that will be a blueprint for growth through 2040. Staff is seeking specific issues or topics that should be addressed in the plan to update the General Plan. The Commission and Council asked questions of staff.

Public Comment - Dave Clark commented on the bike circulation plan. Laurie Watanuki stated a desire to change street designations in the Central neighborhood and other proposed changes for the community. Michael Weinbauer encouraged the idea of additional outreach for those who can't get to the meetings and provided a letter from the Central Neighborhood Association. Adam Loraine noted concerns with housing, traffic and cited the importance of work force housing. Drew stated there are quite a few plans on the website and asked if those current plans get rolled up into the General Plan. Maxine Turner stated she is confused by the new process and noted character of the community should be the first focus. Mr. MuneKawa addressed questions raised during public comment.

Comments from Commissioners and Council: Importance of a feedback mechanism helping to inform the process and ensuring public input; broaden outreach through school and church contacts

and facilities; explore historic district of the downtown area; ensure we are reaching out to under-represented segments of the population; continuing support for Transit Oriented Development; focus on affordable housing; demographics analysis to meet needs of the future population; plan needs to remain flexible; visionary around transportation options, housing density, sustainability, open space and recreation for public; consider delivery of electricity and water in the plan; impacts of changing retail environment; traffic circulation and how we work with regional partners; consideration of environmental issues with regard to water and the Bay; height limits review before Measure P sunsets; finding space for a hotel; revenue sources to support city-wide infrastructure needs; providing opportunities for needed day care and after care; focus on real time traffic and mitigating impact in neighborhoods; examine land use and circulation with a goal to provide more housing; concern with impacts from new California laws dealing with housing; resident driven careful relaxation of heights in certain areas; consultants should start with the question of residents "what kind of community does the citizens of San Mateo want to see?" and build from there; inclusion of quiet zones; be creative in gathering public input from all sectors of the population; the need for a current assessment of where we are as a baseline on housing and answer the question of where we have succeeded and where we have missed opportunities; future focus traffic calming; need to update traffic guidelines; need to study impacts from jobs housing imbalance so we can address it well; emphasis on work force housing for first responders and public employees; use open ended questions in engaging the public; focus on inclusivity for all citizens; include Foster City in the planning process with regard to traffic and development impacts; use a wide range of ways to present information - all the modalities (auditory, visual, reading, writing, kinesthetic) to ensure we reach everyone and provide good food throughout the process.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

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David Lim, Mayor

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Patrice M. Olds, City Clerk