

Planning Commission Hearing Staff Report

Hearing Date: May 23, 2018

ITEM #8*

Provo City Council office requests amendments to the General Plan text for the General Plan update. City wide application. Brian Maxfield (801) 852-6429 PLGPA20180142

Applicant: City Council

Staff Coordinator: Brian Maxfield

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS

- 1. **Continue** to a future date to obtain additional information or to further consider information presented. The next available meeting date is June 23 5:00 P.M.
- 2. **Deny** the requested variance. *This* action would not be consistent with the recommendations of the Staff Report. The Planning Commission should state new findings.

Relevant History: The current version of Provo City's General Plan was originally adopted August 26, 1997. A comprehensive update was completed November 9, 2004 and August 3, 2010 pursuant to Title 15 Provo Municipal Code.

Neighborhood Issues: City-wide Application – Comments from the City's "Open City Hall" web site are included as an attachment.

Staff Recommendation:

1. **Approve** the requested amendment. *This action* would be consistent with the recommendations of the Staff Report.

OVERVIEW

The purpose of the requested General Plan amendment is to provide an update to the Goals and Objectives of the Provo City General Plan. The proposed Goals and Objectives are a melding of the General Plan's, the Provo City Vision 2030 document, and the Provo City Vision 2050 document.

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In March 2010, Provo City formed a 20-member visioning steering committee to provide quidance on what Provo City should be by the year 2030. The purpose of this process was to provide consistent long-term direction to municipal decision-making in areas not typically addressed by a general plan or other tools used in Provo's strategic planning. Under the

direction of the Mayor and Municipal Council, a steering committee developed an aspirational Community Vision Statement and specifically identified eight Provo Core Values. With the guidance of these documents, 14 subcommittees, consisting of interested individuals with strong ties to Provo City, were formed to provide policy direction within the scope of their respective topics.

By the year 2016, the Vision 2030 Plan had been in use for six years and was in need of review and update. Additionally, the 2010 General Plan was in need of review and update. Beginning in January or February of 2016, the Provo Municipal Council began discussions of how the goals and objectives of the General Plan and the Vision 2030 Plan could best be melded into one guiding document for policy direction within the City. This resulted in the Provo City Vision 2050 document.

In making the proposed revisions to the Goals and Objectives, there is no attempt to totally revise the Goals and Objectives. However, the amendment would lay the groundwork for an eventual, more extensive revision and update to the Goals and Objectives.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- The General Plan should be reviewed and updated every 5 to 10 years.
- The Goals and Objectives should be consistent between General Plan Documents

CONCLUSIONS

The proposed amendment provides a starting point for further comprehensive updates to the City's General Plan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the requested amendment.

<u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

Input from the City's "Open City Hall" Web Site