

AGENDA

SAN RAFAEL GENERAL PLAN 2040
STEERING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, August 14, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
BIOMARIN SAN RAFAEL CONFERENCE FACILITY, 750 LINDARO STREET
SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA

1. WELCOME
2. RECORDING OF MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT
3. ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING SUMMARY

 [Attachment 1: Summary of July 10, 2019 Meeting](#)

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.** This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Committee on matters not on this agenda. The law does not permit Committee action or extended discussion of any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Committee action is requested, the item may be placed on a future agenda.

5. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Presentation of Community Design Element Policy Audit** – Staff will present the policy audit for the Community Design Element in General Plan 2020. We will discuss Committee member impressions of the goals, policies, and programs and the major design issues that are addressed (or should be addressed) by this Element. *Recommended time allowance: 20 minutes*

 [Attachment 2: Staff Report on Community Design Element, including Policy Audit](#)

- B. What is Good Design?** The Steering Committee will receive a presentation on the elements of “Good Design,” as articulated by an ad hoc committee of local architects and landscape architects convened in 2017-2018 to address this topic. A member of that committee will deliver the presentation. The Steering Committee will discuss the conclusions of the presentation, and the implications for future community design policies. *Recommended time allowance: 30 minutes*

 [Attachment 3: Staff Report and Policy Audit on Economic Vitality Element](#)

- Any records relating to an Agenda Item, received by a majority or more of the board or commission less than 72 hours before the meeting, shall be available for inspection in the CDD Dept, at 1400 Fifth Ave, Third Floor, San Rafael, CA
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- Public transportation to City Hall is available through Golden Gate Transit, Line 22 or 23. Para-transit is available by calling Whistlestop Wheels at (415) 454-0964.
- To allow individuals with environmental illness or multiple chemical sensitivity to attend the meeting/hearing, individuals are requested to refrain from wearing scented products.

- C. Community Design and Place Types** – Opticos Design will provide a presentation on the concept of “place types,” in which neighborhoods, centers, and corridors are classified based on their common design qualities. Different design policies and guidelines may be developed for each place type, recognizing that some parts of the city may remain auto-oriented while others may become more pedestrian oriented. Committee feedback and input will be solicited.
Recommended time allowance: 30 minutes. See Item 5.D for staff report

BREAK

A 10-minute break will take place between Items C and D

- D. Introduction to “Form-Based” Codes** – Opticos Design will provide an introduction to form-based zoning codes, including examples from other cities such as Hercules and Petaluma. The Committee will have a chance to ask questions, provide feedback, and discuss how and where this approach might work in San Rafael.
Recommended time allowance: 60 minutes

 [Attachment 4: Staff Report on Place Types and Form Based Codes](#)

- E. Status Report on Map and Policy Development** – Staff will provide a short update on the General Plan Map and policy development process, including the pending release of Open Space and Conservation policies, on-going work on the Neighborhoods Element policies, and a recap of opportunities for Steering Committee members to submit comments.
Recommended time allowance: 10 minutes (there is no staff report for this item)

- 6. COMMITTEE ALTERNATE COMMENTS** – Any committee alternates who are present will have an opportunity to share thoughts on the discussion items presented under Item 5. *Recommended time allowance: 5 minutes*

7. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Next meeting (September 11, 2019)**
- B. Staff Announcements**
- C. Member Announcements**

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-3 minute time limit per speaker)

ADJOURNMENT

I, Anne Derrick, hereby certify that on Friday, August 9, 2019, I posted a notice of the August 14 General Plan 2040 Steering Committee meeting on the City of San Rafael Agenda Board.