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CULVER CITY GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CULVER CITY GENERAL PLAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

June 30, 2020
7:00 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

The special meeting of the Culver City General Plan
Advisory Committee (GPAC) was called to order at 7:06 P.M.

Secretary Hefner congratulated Member Metzler for being
appointed to the Committee.

Members Present:	Cicely Bingener, Member Patricia Bijvoet, Member Peter Capone-Newton, Member Diana Hernandez, Member Ken Mand, Member Wally Marks, Member Yasmine Imani McMorris, Vice-Chair David Metzler, Member Jeanne Min, Member Paavo Monkkonen, Member Freddy Puza, Member Denice Renteria, Member Jamie Wallace, Member Noah Zatz, Member
Members Absent:	Scott Malsin, Member Kristen Torres Pawling, Member Frances Rosenau, Chair Sierra Smith, Member Laura Stuart, Member Claudia Vizcarra, Member Andrew Weissman, Member
Staff Present:	Ashley Hefner, Advance Planning Manager (Secretary) Lisa Pangelinan, Senior Management Analyst Lauren Marsiglia, Associate Planner
Consultants Present:	Matt Raimi, Consultant Team Eric Yurkovich, Consultant Team Meghan McNulty, Consultant Team

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Secretary Hefner invited public comment. No attendees requested to speak, and no comments were received.

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2020 GPAC Meeting

MOVED BY MEMBER MAND, SECONDED BY MEMBER MONKKONEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2020 ARE APPROVED (ABSENT MEMBERS MALSIN, TORRES PAWLING, ROSENAU, SMITH, STUART, VIZCARRA, WEISSMAN).

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Action Items

Item A-1

1. Presentation on and Discussion of 1) Ongoing and New Community Engagement Activities; and 2) Equity and Community Safety (Including Policing) in the Context of the General Plan

Matt Raimi introduced Eric Yurkovich and Meghan McNulty, consultant team members in attendance from Raimi + Associates; welcomed the GPAC members back after many canceled meetings because of the COVID-19 pandemic; set ground rules for the meeting; noted the meetings will be virtual; provided an overview of the timeline and outlined dates and topics for upcoming GPAC meetings; stated the work the team has accomplished to date, describing the existing conditions reports and efforts to develop an online engagement strategy; described feedback received in the engagement process so far and a full report on survey results would be released; explained the adapted online engagement strategy in response to the pandemic and demonstrations; explained the GPU will address critical topics like health, equity, housing, and policing; explained the GPU was always going to consider these topics, but recent events affected how they will be considered; explained the GPU's three community engagement phases through the end of 2020: Phase 1-listening and

sharing-scheduled through July, Phase 2-visioning-scheduled July through September, and Phase 3-alternatives development-scheduled from September through December.

Raimi acknowledged how the COVID-19 pandemic and demonstrations against police violence and racial injustice had changed things at the national and local levels. Raimi discussed privilege and equity and the GPU's goal to create a common language and a space to discuss these topics. Raimi asked the GPAC members if they wanted to share their responses to the following questions: What are some of your experiences with race and inequity? How have these inequities surfaced or been amplified considering the COVID-19 pandemic and national demonstrations against racial injustice?

Discussion ensued between Members and staff about how it is rare to be a person of color and not experience racism, adversity, or microaggressions and the importance of not placing the burden on people of color to validate trauma during these discussions and of focusing these conversations on sharing strategies to help people navigate these issues. Raimi responded that this discussion was meant for anyone who wanted to and felt comfortable sharing and was not directed towards people of color.

Discussion ensued between Members and staff about having the public speak before opening it to the GPAC Members, that this is just a pause in the presentation, and the public will speak during the public comment period; understanding experiences of disproportionate White privilege and experience with police; structural racism; preference to move away from discussing privilege to focus on oppression; the role of identity in making change; having everyone-especially white people-to be part of the discussion; and the journey of learning about disparate impact, including disparate impact during the pandemic.

Matt Raimi discussed institutional racism and power and provided examples of racism in housing, education, and safety institutions; the difference between equity to equality; the City's history and legacy of institutional racism; the three approaches the GPU will take to address inequities: procedural, distributional, structural; the State laws on equity and public safety requirements for

general plans; and other City bodies that are addressing equity issues.

Raimi invited public comment on Agenda Item A-1 and asked, "What are some of the critical issues the General Plan needs to address to advance equity? How can the City's General Plan begin to address these issues? How can the General Plan help reimagine public safety issues?"

Secretary Hefner read an eComment that Shelly Rosekelly submitted. Rosekelly wants younger and more diverse voices represented, mentioned that City Council wants to ensure discussions around public safety and policing are through a racial equity lens, and asked staff to consider equity and barriers to access and equity in these discussions and encourage diversity.

Louise Coffey Webb asked what role the GPU team has in discussions related to the City's Police Department.

Lydia Randolph asked if the City Council Equity Subcommittee is represented on the GPAC.

Jeff Schwartz wants staff to re-think policing, asked what policing in Culver City will look like in 2045, wants the City to redirect its policing budget towards restoration and social reform rather than punishment, and thinks the Police Department is not effective and we can do better.

Matt Raimi closed the public comment period and asked Members the three questions leading the public comment discussion.

Discussion ensued between Members and staff about the recent history of policing, public safety, housing, and equity; the review of transit system policing records disaggregated by race and the relationship between mobility, current public streets policies, public transportation, and equitable access to the city; the relationship between affordable housing and mobility; alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles; connecting people by transit to their jobs, housing, and services in the city so people do not become auto-dependent; how recent events have been eye-opening; people should think about what they do not see in their neighborhoods and networks;

the GPAC considering how to ensure equitable mobility, affordable housing, and how those with very little can move to the city and get around; how healthy, secure housing leads to beneficial outcomes like good health; how to house people with different levels of income in the same building or neighborhood; an approach to affordable housing by charging rent at a rate proportionate to a person's income; how people protected each other during the protests; and how areas with people of mixed incomes may be less likely to experience over-policing; Culver City youth want to organize a truth and reconciliation committee to lead a justice movement discussing racial history; renter protections; the city's history as a sundown town; how while Members all seem to agree on policing, housing, and renter protection reform-motivated and resourceful people who challenge these ideas can undercut the group's effectiveness; the value of immediate change especially since the underprivileged bear the burden of slow actions; how these conversations are about whole systems and structures, not individuals; the value of ensuring people are accountable in creating safe places; the equity pros and cons of mixed-income housing; and the relationship between power dynamics and accountability. Raimi stated that the meeting is only the beginning of these talks.

Discussion ensued between Members and staff about review of police statistics disaggregated by race and gender, including those from transit officers, to understand base conditions and how they relate to the GPU; "driving while Black" and the changing history of the Black community's relationship with transit; demographic data on the city's safety; how the Police Department is not trained in substance abuse, mental health, dispute resolution, and the role that experts may play to fill those knowledge gaps; ensuring that the group re-envision public safety from the perspectives of those who are often not represented, the value of representative surveys compared to public meetings to ensure that input is not skewed in one-sided perspectives, what other communities are doing to effectively conduct representative surveys, the value of mobility and moving safely through the city, the roles of zoning and redlining in public safety; and the next steps after this meeting. Raimi stated that the team is looking for guidance from the GPAC on addressing these topics, the

role of Technical Advisory Committees (TACs), and the possibility of having a TAC focused on policing and safety.

Discussion ensued between Members and staff about timing and whether the GPAC can present to City Council. Secretary Hefner discussed the other bodies in the City that address these issues outside GPU and how those bodies can review the GPAC meeting minutes.

Raimi asked how the GPAC can address equity and police reform in GPU outside of TACs.

Discussion ensued between Members and staff about getting more information on the best practices in discussing equity and policing in general plans. Eric Yurkovich, consultant team member, stated that staff is researching this, finding limited information, and developing strategies on how to address these topics in the GPU.

Discussion ensued between Members and staff about getting outside resources or experts involved to expedite the process; the value of getting youth involved to understand how people of different ages, races, and school districts are affected by policing; and staff's work reaching out to youth for the project. Raimi stated that there could be a youth focus group dedicated to these topics.

Discussion ensued between Members and staff about people and organizations working on policing and improving accountability; the relationship between equity and a person's ability to thrive; the importance of reaching out to those closest to the harm; how race, gender identity, sexual orientation, and age touches everything and that equity is an everyday conversation; and distributing representative surveys to targeted populations. Raimi stated that the team is learning and it is challenging to reach some of those hard to reach communities during the pandemic.

Leslie Purcell asked what the City is doing to build housing and affordable housing in an environmentally considerate way.

Johanna Gullick suggested that proactively enforcing the Fair Housing Act could be critical to ensuring a diverse and safe community.

Matt Raimi thanked Member Zatz for raising awareness around policing and public safety issues early in the process, reminded everyone about the next meeting, discussed the project's timeline, mentioned staff's next steps reviewing the meeting's notes and reaching out to youth groups, and discussed what role the TAC and GPAC could play in this effort; and how the TACs offer expertise on various focused topics, what their timeline will be in the project, and their responsibility to keep the team accountable.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Secretary Hefner stated the one eComment received on Item A-1 was read into the record, and no other correspondence was received.

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Items from Members/Staff/Consultants

Member Monkkonen discussed his urban planning master's students' project at UCLA, for which the students analyzed and made recommendations on various topics to be addressed in the GPU. He offered to arrange one-on-one conversations with the students about any of the topics. Secretary Hefner stated that staff would also give an update to City Council on the project and report.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:03 P.M., the General Plan Advisory Committee adjourned to a regular meeting on July 9, 2020, at 7:00 P.M.

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Ashley Hefner
SECRETARY of the Culver City General Plan Advisory Committee
Culver City, California

APPROVED _____

Frances Rosenau
CHAIR of the Culver City General Plan Advisory Committee
Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Jeremy Green
CITY CLERK

Date