

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE
POLICY NO.: 600-09
EFFECTIVE DATE: February 20, 1975

BACKGROUND:

The increasing involvement of citizens of San Diego in planning programs is unique for many reasons, the more notable of which include the extent to which positive accomplishments are already emerging from this process coupled with the broadening citywide realization of the future benefits of insuring a better city that are possible from such efforts. The City Council, in early recognition of these advantages, established in 1965 Policy 600-05, clearly indicating official encouragement and support of citizen participation.

The adoption in 1967 of the Progress Guide and General Plan for the City of San Diego, the subsequent establishment in 1968 of Policy 600-07 setting forth a procedure for periodic review of the General Plan, the previously stated progress experienced in formulating, adopting and implementing community plans, all combine to illustrate the growing need to insure coordination between the General Plan, the many Community Plans and the many interrelated efforts required for their effectuation. Such coordination must be insured on a comprehensive citywide basis.

Effort to insure this comprehensive coordination should maximize the invaluable knowledge, experience and dedication towards community planning and development already demonstrated by San Diego citizens. To this end, a citizens organization should be formed with principal focus upon the General Plan and citywide issues related to it in a way that would assist the City Council, Planning Commission and Planning Department and the City Manager in guiding future growth of the City. Establishment of this citizens organization would represent a continuation of the original concept of citizen involvement utilized in initially formulating the General Plan.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a citizens organization responsible in an advisory capacity to the City on those matters related to the General Plan and respective Community Plans.

POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the City to provide on a continuing basis a citizens committee responsible for advising the City Council, Planning Commission and Planning Department, City Manager and other appropriate agencies on those matters related to the General Plan, its amendment, implementation, and coordination with Community Plans and related planning and development programs.

1. This citizens organization shall be composed of the chairman, or officially designated representative, or alternate of each of the community planning committees as recognized under City Council Policy 600-05, and shall be known as the "Community Planners Committee."

2. In its advisory capacity, this citizens organization shall participate in reviewing and recommending to appropriate bodies actions deemed necessary and desirable for the timely and continued effectuation of goals, objectives and proposals contained in the General Plan.
3. This citizens organization shall be responsible for participating in an advisory capacity in the comprehensive review of the General Plan as prescribed in City Council Policy 600-07.
4. In the discharge of its responsibility in the five-year comprehensive review of the General Plan, this citizens organization shall function as a nucleus committee to which augmentation may be necessary and desirable to insure maximum utilization of local citizen resources. Selection of such augmentation shall be the responsibility of the Mayor and City Council and shall be only of such duration as is necessary to complete the preparation of General Plan revisions for recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council for adoption.
5. This citizens organization shall undertake such other studies or make such recommendations on citywide issues related to the General Plan as may be requested by the City Council, Planning Commission and Planning Department, City Manager or other official City agency.
6. This citizens organization shall serve in an advisory capacity to the community planning committees officially recognized under City Council Policy 600-05 primarily to achieve the desired objective of insuring maximum coordination on a comprehensive or citywide basis and promotion of solutions of matters of mutual concern shared among the communities of San Diego.
7. To insure the successful discharge of the above functions, the citizens organization shall adopt rules of procedure calling for meeting schedules, methods of conduct of business and related matters as appropriate. Incidental staff clerical and related assistance as may be required shall be the responsibility of the Planning Department.

HISTORY:

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