

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE - PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF: OCTOBER 11, 2007**

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:

DIR-24715 - DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS - PUBLIC HEARING - Discussion regarding the August 27th Joint City Council Planning Commission workshop on sustainability

P.C.: FINAL ACTION

PROTESTS RECEIVED BEFORE:

APPROVALS RECEIVED BEFORE:

Planning Commission Mtg.

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**RECOMMENDATION:
NO RECOMMENDATION**

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

- 1. Sustainability Workshop Report
- 2. Submitted after meeting: Hardcopy of PowerPoint presentation

Minutes:

CHAIRMAN DAVENPORT declared the Public Hearing open.

TOM PERRIGO, Planning and Development Department, explained that a joint City Council and Planning Commission meeting was held on August 27th to address the subject of Sustainability. Using a PowerPoint presentation, he listed the City Council's strategic priorities and referred to the City Manager's Sustainability Policy. He added that having both guidelines provided a solid framework for sustainability. He referred to the City's business practices, codes and standards, operations, community association, both residential and commercial, all essentially necessary to make the City a more sustainable place to live. Based on feedback from the workshop, an Action Plan had been developed. MR. PERRIGO noted the City's key initiatives: Diversity, Sustainability and Performance Plus. He listed the following cost effective suggestions to reduce energy consumption: retrofitting older buildings, instituting cool paving, cool rooftops and tree planting programs. Lastly, MR. PERRIGO stated that a Best Practices Report was compiled to reflect the numerous events occurring in the City.

COMMISSIONER STEINMAN commented that he was disappointed that water and affordable housing were not covered in the meeting. He stated that both topics should be given high priority. With the increase in hotel construction and prospective employment, he questioned the availability of affordable housing for people moving into the Valley seeking employment opportunities.



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MARGO WHEELER, Director of the Planning and Development Department, explained that the report would be coming back over the course of the next several months. She noted that Action Item 2 does address the housing situation particularly redeveloping and utilizing existing neighborhoods where infrastructure currently exists. MS. WHEELER stated that when the report comes before the Commission once again, it would contain an expanded version of the presentation.

COMMISSIONER STEINMAJER asked whether there is a investigation or analysis that indicates how LEED buildings affect the City's revenue. MS. WHEELER stated that the combination of economic growth and social development together with environmental protection defines sustainability; therefore the economic issues, the cost and the physical benefits would be part of the analysis in future projects.

