GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

September 04, 2003
Public Services Building Conference Rooms 2&3

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arthur Garcia, Steve Palma, Bill Tripp, Mary Jo Buettner, David W. Krogh, Joanne Clayton, Richard Arroyo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Spethman, Rafael Munoz, Gary Nordstrom, Marco Polo Cortes, Bob Strahl

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Forster, Growth Management Coordinator
Rabbia Phillip, Secretary – GPU

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call was conducted. A motion was passed to excuse the absent members.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The chairman noted that the minutes of the past 3 meetings were to be approved. The minutes of 5/15 and 5/22 were approved as presented. The minutes of 7/31 was approved with a correction on page 2, which was emailed in by one of the members and one on page 3, viz "Fire station #7", not #11, as stated.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were invited from the public, but there were none at this time.

4. APPROACH TO "TOP TO BOTTOM REVIEW" OF THE GMOC PROGRAM

Dan Forster informed the group that the purpose of this meeting was to review growth management programs in general and see in a broad context how other communities view them and the Chula Vista approach. He showed a PowerPoint presentation on Definitions/Principles/Policies in an effort to guide this group to agree on the thresholds to define the elements of growth management, and the steps in the process. He made reference to the evolution of Growth Management citing court cases in several cities and the outcomes where either the city was successful or the citizens. Overall cities try to maintain a growth rate to ensure that the rise in population did not outpace the rate of development of services to support it, maintained environmental awareness, stayed fiscally sound and supported a high quality of life. In growth management the city has to tred carefully in regulating growth, not stopping but pacing to avoid "eminent domain issues" which could give the citizens grounds for lawsuits. He outlined the six

categories of control which cities use such as zoning, floor space control, infrastructure control, political control, general control, etc. Most growth management controls target the residential rather than the commercial, it is usual to curb one and encourage the other. He explained the difference between threshold and indicators, which sparked discussion to refine the definitions of both.

The members followed the presentation from the handout that was distributed, attached to these minutes for reference. There were questions/answers and discussion throughout the presentation. In response to a query from one of the members, Dan explained that this subcommittee would be a point group because it was already constituted when the City Council directive was given to update the growth management program. He also raised a point whether this group should determine if thresholds should be only for city facilities or in general; and if these should be measurable. Also raised was the issue of what should be used as a threshold standard or indicator, ones over which the city has no control, such as air or water. Dan distributed a document put out by the International City Managers' Association as a guide and sample of lists for measures of quality of life. He asked the group to compile lists of thresholds and indicators against the criteria discussed.

5. NEXT MEETING

Dan Forster stated that the next meeting was going to be scheduled when he had the report for Parks & Recreation and Open Trails completed and the members would be notified of that date.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Garcia adjourned the meeting at 8:10p.m.

Recorded by,

Rabbia Phillip
Secretary, Planning Dept.

Dan Forster
Growth Management Coordinator