



Breakout Group Summary Notes

General Plan Update Workshop #1

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

AIR QUALITY

- ◆ Pursue Citywide carbon reduction pledge
- ◆ Reduce pollution from public services/city fleet

ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES

- ◆ Promote widespread adoption of alternative energy use with exemplary projects: solar panels on City Hall/the Colonies
- ◆ Incorporate sustainable principles at Fire Station as exemplary project
- ◆ Create incentives for alternative energy/energy efficient homes and buildings
- ◆ Adopt policies dictating building positioning to take advantage of solar
- ◆ Cable Airport serves as an example with solar panels
- ◆ Explore possibility of resale of solar generated power
- ◆ Ensure energy efficiency in new and existing buildings
- ◆ Continue to use/pursue additional alternative fuel vehicles, including city fleet
- ◆ Electrical cost too high in Upland
- ◆ Provide shading for recreational facilities to reduce heat island effect in summer (also in DT)
- ◆ Require awnings on buildings
- ◆ Investigate a number of alternative energy sources and require it in new development
- ◆ Generate own power: solar, wind—move away from less reliable and outside sources; become more self-sufficient

RECYCLING

- ◆ City's recycling program has been successful, but is market dependent: how can it be improved or expanded?
- ◆ Augment existing waster reduction program

WATER CONSERVATION

- ◆ The Colonies: water retention basin is owned by San Bernardino County: what are the County's plans for restoration and how can the City influence the decision?
- ◆ Pursue new policies for water conservation programs
- ◆ Incentivize use of drought tolerant landscaping, native species, responsible use of water
- ◆ Adapt retention basin for recreational uses
- ◆ Explore possibility of grey water and wastewater reduction
- ◆ Promote use of alternative hardscape materials (i.e. pervious pavement) or reduce impermeable surfaces through regulatory means
- ◆ Improve sprinkling monitoring in City
- ◆ Hook up purple-pipes and continue and expand the purple-pipe program
- ◆ Promote use of field turf for all new recreational facilities instead of grass to reduce need for sprinkling
- ◆ Reduce amount of trees planted on Euclid, or space them further apart in future plantings, or use drought resistant trees

SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS AND REGULATIONS

- ◆ Identify state and federal programs and bundle them for residents
- ◆ Collaborate with neighboring Cities who have signed Climate Action Plan
- ◆ Provide more incentives for sustainable systems in new buildings and remodels
 - Green building, green roofs, native landscaping, design standards and LEED/other green building programs
- ◆ Create water conservation programs, including drought-tolerant landscaping, demonstration gardens, urban street standards

- ◆ Provide community education on types of plants and landscaping appropriate to region (create list of native species) - create City gardens as example
- ◆ Replant trees or plant more trees through a City Green Initiative: follow Tree City USA model
- ◆ Provide better street cleaning in areas where there are lots of trees
- ◆ Provide grants or economic incentives for use of alternative energy sources and adoption of sustainable measures
- ◆ Use money from sidewalk renovation to pay for alternative materials like permeable surfaces
- ◆ Keep citizens informed when trees get removed and have removals be dictated/defined by Tree Program – care for City trees properly
- ◆ Create landscaping design guidelines
- ◆ Find money to pay for solar power and provide incentive packages
- ◆ Adopt streetlight direction/shielding standards

LAND USE

LAND USE NEEDS AND LOCATIONS

Commercial/Retail and Entertainment

- ◆ Need movie theater, but not south of Foothill as Claremont already provides one nearby
- ◆ Target upscale retail/ restaurant on 16th near I-210 and Claremont sports park—ideal location for something like Richie’s in Victoria Gardens
- ◆ Recruit more general retail downtown rather than big commercial businesses
- ◆ Do something similar as the Colonies on the west side of the City near I-210—retail for City’s fiscal benefit
- ◆ Obtain nice sit-down restaurant in the Colonies, including a gas station and a movie theater
- ◆ Provide entertainment opportunities downtown, near freeway, and west end of I-210
- ◆ Foothill Boulevard
 - Provide nicer restaurants and entertainment (e.g. club) on Foothill
 - Retrofit existing shopping centers along Foothill
 - Promote more efficient use of retail space along Foothill

Senior Housing

- ◆ Provide senior housing downtown/provide more opportunities for senior housing/designated areas for senior housing
- ◆ Provide senior housing along Foothill—close to neighborhood services and groceries
- ◆ Promote higher density and taller attractive buildings along Foothill

Traffic and Transportation

- ◆ Provide better specialized transit for seniors
- ◆ Avoid future congestion as seen around Foothill Walk as it is evidence that development along Foothill should be planned carefully
- ◆ Provide services and public transit north of Foothill—identify where services make sense and how to get people to those services
- ◆ Connect areas downtown with trolley
- ◆ Develop trolley system

Parking

- ◆ Provide more parking around sports fields
- ◆ Provide ideas for parking around Metrolink—explore possibility of parking structures

Parks, Trails and Open Space

- ◆ Create more parks like Upland's dog park—it's always packed—and continue to market City's great parks system
- ◆ City needs a citrus park like Redlands or Riverside
- ◆ Provide more trees in the City
- ◆ Develop green corridors by Washington Blvd.
- ◆ Provide park space in the Colonies around lake/retention basin

Site Specific Improvements

- ◆ Promote compatible uses along Foothill
- ◆ Improve large site at corner of Euclid and Foothill
- ◆ Provide gateway on east end of Foothill
- ◆ Provide more uniformity along Foothill—better sidewalks, planters, design
- ◆ Extend downtown along A street

- ◆ Make neighborhoods more self-contained--create neighborhood identity
- ◆ Avoid increasing density in Southern portion of the City
- ◆ Improve Central Ave.
- ◆ Recruit more employers that hire more highly educated residents (e.g. not just service industry)
- ◆ Redevelop around Metrolink station—more density and restaurants
- ◆ Designate and provide residential development near Metrolink
- ◆ Designate more land to accommodate multifamily
- ◆ Recruit higher education institutions either in or around downtown—area south of RR

LAND USES TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE

- ◆ Promote Grove Theater as a good cultural opportunity and expand on that asset; need City participation to make the Theater a cultural draw
- ◆ Protect single family residential areas adjacent to downtown because there are historical homes, even if there are use changes, particularly along Euclid
- ◆ Keep development to low rise to prevent views
- ◆ Preserve 2nd Street downtown views
- ◆ Keep downtown out of adjacent historic districts
- ◆ Preserve residential historic districts
- ◆ Protect against commercial in predominantly residential areas
- ◆ Preserve parks and open space
- ◆ Maintain open areas around airport to protect residential areas

AIRPORT COMPATIBILITY

AIRPORT STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Preserve and enhance economic vitality of airport
- ◆ Implement disclosure
- ◆ Aircraft do not create noise problem
- ◆ Support airport—it was here first/ houses built after airport
- ◆ Homeowners aware of noise when they move in

- ◆ Wash area is important for safety
- ◆ How can airport attract more people to the City?
- ◆ Airport is a community asset
- ◆ Airport doing a fine job
- ◆ Use airport to bring money to the City
- ◆ Airport is “historical”
- ◆ Cool with airport
- ◆ Airport has some easements
- ◆ Airport serve emergency response role

AIRPORT CHALLENGES AND ISSUES

- ◆ Protect safety zones from houses and other compatible uses
- ◆ Address concern over safety/recent development approval around airport
- ◆ Create height limits
- ◆ Helicopter noise is loud near HS/11th Street
- ◆ Elevation of approach needs to be higher—steeper decent plan
- ◆ Should not be development where runway ends
- ◆ What will happen with quarry in long term?
- ◆ Claremont area also impacted
- ◆ Need disclosure of airport noise—people are unaware until they move in
- ◆ Need to prevent homes to southwest (Lewis Homes)—taxes drive where homes get built
- ◆ Prioritize safety over development
- ◆ Overflights are scary
- ◆ Consider quiet home program
- ◆ General Plan should address disclosure--needs to be documented
- ◆ Airport excludes most jets
- ◆ If City wants a development, City Council can override/change General Plan accordingly
- ◆ Remaining development is infill—gets around state guidelines

ECONOMIC VITALITY

PLACES AND LAND USES TO PRESERVE

- ◆ Open space, parks, and historical icons
 - Madonna of the Trail
 - Pacific Electric Inland Empire Bike Trail
 - Undeveloped chaparral and sagebrush land
- ◆ Buildings and areas of historic character
 - 8th and 9th Street residential areas
 - Nine historic districts
 - Grove Avenue
 - Euclid Avenue
 - Historic Pump house at Benson Ave and 16th Street
 - Older homes are historic resources; an old home maintenance matching grant program already exists
- ◆ Downtown district
 - Warehouse/Packing house should be kept up as historic resource; use may change. Might be a good candidate for vertical mixed-use, possibly a shopping arcade or mall, while still honoring the heritage of the place. Claremont is a good example.
 - Main commercial streets should be preserved
 - New development, especially mixed-use, should not be built too big. It should fit in well with existing mass and scale
- ◆ Affordable housing
- ◆ Places of worship
- ◆ Airport and surrounding industrial uses should be maintained; other uses are less compatible due to impacts of airport and traffic concerns.

LAND USES, PLACES, AND CHARACTER TO ADD

- ◆ Walking and biking opportunities, especially in areas above Foothill Boulevard
- ◆ Community retail and services in residential areas
- ◆ Denser areas that are walkable

- ◆ Affordable workforce and senior housing
- ◆ Cultural resources (art galleries, music performances, etc)
 - Use historic amenities for cultural activities, artist space, concerts
- ◆ A higher education institution, potentially downtown
- ◆ Downtown should be a “full service” center of activity for the city
 - Add restaurants, bookstore, market or grocery
 - Plan more cultural events to increase activity
 - Add housing, and services/schools/etc to serve new residents
 - Housing should be higher density, such as condominiums and apartments
 - Downtown is not visible from Euclid; need to make some sort of connection to draw in visitors
 - Improve aesthetic appeal, keeping places like Covina and Monrovia in mind; emphasize “charm factor”
 - Old Town Pasadena and San Diego Gaslamp Quarter are nice examples
- ◆ Some higher mid-range, family-oriented retail that fits in with the character
- ◆ Upland lacks a “real” hotel; this would benefit visitors and airport

LAND USES AND PLACES TO IMPROVE

- ◆ There is no “hook” to Upland, nothing remarkable to draw people in. Need to add some attraction to draw residents, business people, and visitors.
- ◆ Upgrade commercial areas to modern retailing standards
 - Work with existing commercial - redevelop existing strip centers
- ◆ Fill/reuse vacant buildings
- ◆ Foothill Boulevard should capitalize on Historic Route 66
 - Corridor is “scruffy” and “forgettable”
 - Make Upland’s portion of Route 66 fit in with neighboring cities’ portions
 - Make uses more consistent
 - Institute consistent architectural/design standards; make area more friendly to customers, more “cozy”
 - Concentrate retail and improve visibility
 - Changing setbacks due to parking may help

- Improve underutilized high-visibility locations
- Foothill and Mountain might be appropriate for mixed-use development
- Residential development on Foothill might be appropriate, will add buying power
 - Housing for “hip” young people; they want something nicer than strip retail, such as lifestyle centers
 - Add a bicycle path
 - Remediate traffic impacts
- Foothill could be a modern artery through the city; it is a retail corridor and an important roadway
- ◆ Central Avenue would benefit from beautification efforts, which would coincide with new developments
- ◆ The Colonies Crossroads should include some kind of nicer retail, something special that appeals to Upland’s residents.

BROADER PLANNING AND ECONOMIC GOALS TO PRIORITIZE

- ◆ Focus on business retention
 - Too much commercial vacancy
 - Long-time businesses are closing or moving out of Upland
 - Are excessive rents the cause of this?
- ◆ Add more commercial/retail to improve the City’s finances
 - City has too many service businesses
- ◆ Focus on improving Foothill Boulevard, Downtown, and Central Avenue
- ◆ Traffic and parking are concerns
 - Some areas (like Foothill Blvd) have too much parking, but in others there is a concern about how new residents and commercial uses will accommodate parking
- ◆ Make Upland more affordable and convenient for people who work in the area
 - Add more affordable and workforce housing and a variety of housing types
 - Add live-work housing
 - Build walkable/bicycle-friendly areas with easy access to arts, a pharmacy, grocery, open space
 - Improve public spaces, places to sit and congregate

- ◆ Need to improve existing apartments and hold owners accountable for maintenance
- ◆ Improve cultural offerings
 - Add an “arts destination”
 - Stimulate Upland’s identity
 - Attract business people and tourists
- ◆ Focus of development efforts should start at 8th Street and progress northward, rather than starting in the northern part of the city and working south

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION

GETTING AROUND UPLAND

General

- ◆ In general, it’s easy to get around Upland
- ◆ It takes forever to get around Upland
- ◆ Easy to get around city depending on the time of day

Euclid Avenue

- ◆ Euclid Ave. is fast because there aren’t many lights
- ◆ Euclid gets congested north of the 10 freeway
- ◆ Euclid Avenue is okay

Preferred Roadways

- ◆ Base Line Rd. is faster to take than Foothill Blvd.
- ◆ Benson Ave. is fast
- ◆ Reduce congestion on Arrow Highway
- ◆ Reduce congestion on Foothill during rush hour
- ◆ Improve the timing of traffic signals along Third Street
- ◆ Reduce congestion on Mountain Avenue—it gets congested all the time
- ◆ Reduce congestion around The Colonies
- ◆ Improve flow on San Antonio Ave.

- ◆ Reduce number of stoplights on Campus Ave.
- ◆ Create underpass at at-grade crossings--reduce delays at at-grade train crossings on Euclid

GETTING IN AND OUT OF UPLAND

- ◆ Continue to keep freeway interchanges working well and it easy to get in and out of Upland
- ◆ Reduce congestion at interchange at Mountain Ave. and the 10 freeway
- ◆ Reduce congestion heading to the freeway at 7th/Mountain Ave.
- ◆ Make left turns easier at 7th/Euclid by the freeway on-ramp
- ◆ Improve signage and way-finding for people unfamiliar with the area who have a difficult time understanding right-of-way rules when coming off of the freeway

SPECIFIC PROBLEM LOCATIONS

- ◆ Reduce speeding problems in the following locations:
 - 600 Block of E. 9th Street
 - 9th Street
 - 10th Street by Hospital Way
 - Vallejo Way
 - Motorcycles speed

Signage/Roadway Design

- ◆ Make yield signs on traffic circles more visible
- ◆ Post speed limits on San Antonio Ave. south of Foothill Blvd.
- ◆ Lengthen left turn pockets on Euclid Ave.
- ◆ Make timing of red light cameras more predictable

Congestion

- ◆ Reduce congestion around the schools in the morning, especially on Foothill Blvd.
- ◆ Reduce turning difficulty onto Foothill by Hospital
- ◆ Reduce congestion on 11th St. by Upland High School before/after school hours

Maintenance

- ◆ Repair road on East 9th St. needs road repairs

- ◆ Repair right turn lane at 7th and San Antonio

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

- ◆ Create a stronger and larger bicycle/pedestrian network
- ◆ Provide another East-West bicycle trail
- ◆ Provide more bicycle facilities in the older parts of town
- ◆ The bicycle facilities are now better connected between Rancho Cucamonga and Upland (3)
- ◆ Provide bicycle safety education and signage--cars don't respect cyclists
- ◆ Continue upkeep and provide additional bicycle trails--people use the existing bicycle trail a lot for bicycling, walking, and inline skating

Lighting/Security

- ◆ Provide more lighting on the bicycle trail, especially by 3rd and Washington
- ◆ Ensure safety and policing on bicycle trail at night—reduce graffiti/spray painting activity
- ◆ Increase safety measures along bicycle trail near the apartments
- ◆ Increase safety measures on the bicycle trail on Market Night
- ◆ Improve greenery and shading along Bicycle Trail

Bicycle Lanes

- ◆ Fix gaps along bicycle lane on Euclid

Pedestrian Network

- ◆ Reduce pedestrian conflict at cut-throughs of alleys between 1st and 2nd to Foothill
- ◆ Provide more amenities along sidewalks on Euclid, such as benches and drinking fountains (for dogs as well)

Lighting/Security

- ◆ Provide more lighting by Memorial Park (1)

Network/Linkages

- ◆ Provide sidewalks on the west side of Grove Street
- ◆ Provide sidewalks on the northern part of Euclid Ave.

- ◆ Repair sidewalks along Foothill, and create a better pedestrian network in between parking facilities
- ◆ Improve sidewalk network north of Foothill

Crossings

- ◆ Increase access to the gazebo (2nd Avenue and 9th St.) on foot as a pedestrian
- ◆ Increase ease of crossing by the 210 off-ramp at Foothill
- ◆ Ensure that pedestrians have enough time to cross during one cycle

Sidewalk Maintenance

- ◆ Improve sidewalk maintenance, especially when trees cause unevenness of pavement—in future plant appropriate street trees
- ◆ Reduce unevenness of sidewalks

TRANSIT

- ◆ Metrolink/Regional Transit
- ◆ Provide alternative transportation to Metrolink-- Metrolink is too crowded
- ◆ Provide more transportation options for seniors than what is currently provided by Omnitrans and local transit
- ◆ Provide more transit options for seniors, especially in the North-South direction because of elevation changes

PARKING

- ◆ Increase parking capacity at Metrolink--parking gets full and spills over into downtown; have to go to Montclair station in order to find parking
- ◆ Increase time available to park adjacent to the Metrolink station to more than 3 hours--tough to take Metrolink if the lot is full
- ◆ Increase parking downtown, especially by Metrolink station
- ◆ Utilize vacant land adjacent to the Metrolink station for a multi-level parking structure

Downtown

- ◆ Reduce conflict of parking spillover from downtown onto residential streets during Thursday Market Night--difficult to find parking on Thursday nights

- ◆ If there are more mixed uses downtown, there will be a greater need for downtown parking (4)
- ◆ Reduce parking spillover into residential areas along Grove

Other

- ◆ Reduce parking spillover at Warders Field Park (by 8th and Campus--gets full during little league games (5-7 pm))
- ◆ Improve angled parking to accommodate larger cars on higher-speed streets
- ◆ Continue to have free parking in Upland

SIGNALS

- ◆ Increase crossing time for pedestrians to cross during one cycle
- ◆ Synchronize traffic signals
- ◆ Improve timing of traffic signals on Third--currently not timed well; a lot of queuing
- ◆ Improve signal timing, especially in the East-West direction
- ◆ Improve synchronization in the North-South direction, which will improve stop and go traffic
- ◆ Reduce need for drivers on an empty road have to stop at each intersection before it becomes green

CUT-THROUGH TRAFFIC

- ◆ Reduce hospital traffic on 10th
- ◆ Improve circulation so that people don't take side streets to avoid traffic by Upland High (11th St.)