

TOWN OF FAIRFAX STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor, Members of the Town Council

FROM: Michael Rock, Town Manager 
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DATE: August 4, 2010

SUBJECT: Progress on the General Plan Update

DISCUSSION

The Town Council has now received, reviewed and/or commented on six draft elements. These are the draft **Town Center, Circulation, Safety, Open Space, Land Use, and Noise Elements**.

Progress on the last two remaining elements is as follows:

- The GPAC completed their review and editing of the draft **Conservation Element** on July 22, 2010 (their last formal, solely GPAC meeting after approximately ten years of work); and has forwarded this element to the Planning Commission for review at their (presumably) last General Plan update workshop on August 5, 2010.
- Staff is currently reviewing and editing the draft of the updated 2006 **Housing Element** prepared by our prime consultant, prior to presenting this element before a joint meeting of the Planning Commission, GPAC, and the Affordable Housing Committee scheduled for August 26, 2010. Members of the public are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Staff anticipates delivering these last two remaining elements to the Town Council at its September 1, 2010 meeting.

Please note: Subsequent to the two remaining elements having been forwarded to the Town Council, all eight drafted elements will be “packaged” for Council’s final review and adoption pending environmental review. As discussed at the last Town Council meeting in July, final “packaging” is proposed to be conducted by a special ad-hoc “super committee.” This committee would be comprised of the Mayor and Vice Mayor, Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Commission, (former) Chair and Vice Chair of the GPAC, and the Chair of the Open Space Committee (or their appointee(s) from each entity); assembled in order to assist staff in the preparation of a final complete draft of the updated General Plan. It is anticipated that the ad-hoc super committee’s work would occur at a special one-time multi-day retreat to accomplish its final review work in an expeditious manner.

In order to recognize the arduous work of the current GPAC members – as well as the work of the long list of alumni of this committee over the last ten years, staff and GPAC are planning a celebratory event (date and details coming soon). This event will formally “sunset” the existence of a GPAC until the next General Plan update.