

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX
STAFF REPORT**

TO: Mayor, Members of the Town Council

FROM: Michael Rock, Town Manager 
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DATE: September 1, 2010

SUBJECT: Review and Discussion of the draft Conservation and Housing Elements and report on the status of the Fairfax General Plan

DISCUSSION

The Town Council previously 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 final two remaining elements is as follows:

- The Planning Commission (PC) completed their review and editing of the draft **Conservation Element** on August 5, 2010 (their last formal, solely PC workshop meeting after approximately ten years of work updating the General Plan!); and has forwarded this element to the Town Council for review.
- Staff presented the draft 2010 **Housing Element** to a special joint meeting of the PC, General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) and Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) Members on August 26, 2010; members of the public were encouraged to attend that meeting – and this one to make comments.

Staff has now delivered all eight elements of the updated General Plan to the Town Council.

Please note: As discussed at the last Town Council meeting on August 4th, final “packaging” of the draft General Plan will be conducted by a special ad-hoc “super committee.” This committee will 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 Committed (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 late October or early November of this year.

After the Super Committee completes their review of the entire updated General Plan, it will be presented to Town Council for adoption, pending environmental review.

Finally, 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 tentatively scheduled for September 30th at Iron Springs Brewery. This event will formally “sunset” the existence of a GPAC until the next General Plan update.