



# **PLANNING COMMISSION**

## **AGENDA REPORT**

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ITEM NUMBER: CC-2

SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION GOALS

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### **BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION**

On June 10, 2014, City Council and Planning Commission held a joint study session to review Planning Commission Goals for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Nine major categories, including related goals, were adopted. Goal number 1 concerned Code Enforcement and the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force; below is a response to three of the goals included within this category:

C. *Train Code Enforcement Officers on parking regulations and ticketing of on-street vehicles*

Several months ago, Code Enforcement received training from the Police Department related to both the regulations and ticketing of on-street vehicles. The officers are now ticketing vehicles illegally parked on public streets when the vehicles are associated with a private property where Title 20 violations are occurring.

D. *Review and build on the experience gained from the four Neighborhood Improvement Programs including key insights learned; focus on multi-family areas; and continue to explore strategies to address overflow parking from older multifamily uses*

In all four areas we found many residents are unaware that the City has property maintenance standards. Once residents understood what needed to be done, compliance was fairly easy to achieve. This was especially true in the single family neighborhoods. With multiple family residences, the impression is that many property owners did not wish to expend the money until told exactly what they needed to do so as to avoid paying for potentially "unnecessary" improvements. Once direction was provided, compliance was also generally easy to achieve. We also found, overall, that there are almost as many property owners as tenants who do not maintain their properties.

At this point, overflow parking has been addressed primarily by trying to ensure required parking remains open and available for parking purposes. Alternatives/options such as car lifts have not yet been explored by Code Enforcement.

E. *Expand the focus of the NITF to include business impacts on the community*

Recently, the NITF was refocused to address primarily homeless issues; however, Code Enforcement continues to work with the business community to ensure compliance with Code for things such as illegal banners (including the feather signs); outdoor storage; business activity in the public right-of-way; as well as deteriorated landscaping and buildings.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file.



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