



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF GPUSC AND GPAC AGENDA

Community Room - 100 Civic Center Drive

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 - 4:00 PM

Special Joint Meeting of GPUSC and GPAC Members:

General Plan Update Steering Committee Members:

**Phillip Brown
Kimberly Carter
Nancy Gardner**

General Plan Advisory Committee Members:

**Nicholas Acevedo
Virginia Anders-Ellmore
Dennis Baker
Curtis Black
James Carlson
Annie Clougherty
Susan DeSantis
Chuck Ebner
Jeremy Evans, Co-Chairperson
Rita Goldberg
Arlene Greer, Co-Chairperson
David Guder
Lynn Hackman
Laird Hayes
Ruth Kobayashi
Scott Laidlaw
Katie Love
Anthony Maniscalchi
Thomas Meng
Jim Mosher
Amber Snider
Debbie Stevens
Christy Walker
Paul Watkins**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The General Plan Update Steering Committee and the General Plan Advisory Committee are subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that their agenda be posted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of a special meeting and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the General Plan Update Steering Committee and the General Plan Advisory Committee, and items not on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the General Plan Update Steering Committee and the General Plan Advisory Committee. The General Plan Update Steering Committee and the General Plan Advisory Committee may limit public comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally three (3) minutes per person.

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NOTICE REGARDING PRESENTATIONS REQUIRING USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT

Any presentation requiring the use of the City of Newport Beach's equipment must be submitted to the City Clerk 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

I. CALL THE JOINT MEETING TO ORDER

II. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL FOR THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE STEERING COMMITTEE

III. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL FOR THE GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments are invited on agenda and non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The Committee has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on agenda or non-agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.

(This item includes written correspondence received that is not related to items on the agenda.)

[IV Additional Materials Received Mosher](#)

V. CURRENT BUSINESS

a. GPAC/GPUSC Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2025 (Attachment 1 - Draft Minutes)

Recommended GPAC Action:

Review and approve the joint meeting minutes of December 3, 2025.

Recommended GPUSC Action:

Review and approve the GPUSC meeting minutes and the joint minutes of December 3, 2025.

[Attachment No 1 - Draft Minutes of December 3, 2025 \(GPAC-GPUSC\)](#)

[Va Additional Materials Received Mosher Draft Minutes of December 3, 2025](#)

b. Review and Consideration of the Final Draft of the GPAC/GPUSC General Plan Update (Attachment 2)

At the special joint meeting of the GPAC/GPUSC on December 3, 2025, City staff received guidance from the Committees regarding making responsive changes to the draft Elements based on input received from the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees and from community members. Since that time, City staff has worked with Dudek to make the changes, as directed, and is proud to present the final version of the GPAC/GPUSC Draft General Plan for review and consideration. Please reference Attachment 2 for more context and information.

Recommended GPAC/GPUSC Actions:

(1) Review the updated draft General Plan Elements; and

(2) Conduct a vote to consider supporting the draft moving forward, with or without changes, for further review and refinement by the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees, and ultimately the City Council.

[Attachment No 2 - Final Draft GPUSC-GPAC - General Plan Update](#)

[Vb Additional Materials Received Various](#)

c. Review and Consideration of the Draft Implementation Programs and Crosswalk Tool (Attachment 3a - Redline-Strikeout Draft Implementation Programs; and Attachment 3b - Draft Crosswalk Tool)

At the special joint meeting of the GPAC/GPUSC on December 3, 2025, City staff presented the initial draft of the Implementation Programs, as well as the new "Crosswalk Tool" to help provide better direction on how goals and policies will be implemented, who should be leading the implementation, and when the implementation should occur. The GPAC/GPUSC provided support that the documents were heading in the right direction. City staff has worked with Dudek to make further refinements to these documents, which will be shared with the Committees for additional input and guidance.

Recommended GPAC/GPUSC Actions:

(1) Review the updated draft Implementation Programs and Crosswalk Tool; and

(2) Conduct a vote to consider supporting the draft moving forward, with or without changes, for further review and refinement by the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees, and ultimately the City Council. Depending on the level of comfort of the GPAC and the GPUSC, the motion could support the content and format, only the format, or other specific component(s) of the attachments.

[Attachment No 3 - Memo and Implementation Programs and Crosswalk Tool](#)

[Vc Additional Materials Received Mosher](#)

d. Considering a Recommendation to City Council on an Ad Hoc General Plan Implementation Committee

At its meeting on December 3, 2025, the GPUSC requested to place the discussion and potential direction to recommend the City Council form an ad hoc committee to assist with tracking General Plan implementation.

Recommended GPAC/GPUSC Actions:

(1) Discuss the potential for such a committee and how it may operate; and

(2) Conduct a vote to direct City staff to include this as a recommendation from the GPUSC/GPAC for the City Council's consideration.

[Vd Additional Materials Received Mosher](#)

e. Next Steps and Closing

The GPAC/GPUSC have worked diligently since 2022 to review and provide guidance on how to refresh the General Plan. City staff will provide insight into the next steps and will invite Committee members to provide their perspective on the General Plan Update process so far.

Recommended GPAC/GPUSC Actions:

(1) Receive a presentation from City staff and the consultant team; and

(2) Provide any final remarks or guidance.

[Ve Additional Materials Received Mosher](#)

VI. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS WHICH MEMBERS WOULD LIKE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION OR REPORT (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: TBD