



**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH  
GENERAL PLAN UPDATE STEERING COMMITTEE  
AGENDA  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 100 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE**

**Wednesday, July 23, 2025 - 5:00 PM**

***General Plan Update Steering Committee Members:***

**Phillip Brown  
Kimberly Carter  
Nancy Gardner**

**Staff Members:**

**Seimone Jurjis, Community Development Director  
Jaime Murillo, Deputy Community Development Director  
Ben Zdeba, Planning Manager**

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The General Plan Update Steering Committee meeting is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the General Plan Update Steering Committee agenda be posted at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of each regular meeting and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the Committee and items not on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the General Plan Update Steering Committee. The Chair may limit public comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally three (3) minutes per person.

Please Note: You can submit your questions and comments in writing for the General Plan Update Steering Committee to consider by mailing or delivering them to the City of Newport Beach General Plan Update Steering Committee at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA, 92660. Alternatively, you can send them by electronic mail at [GPupdate@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:GPupdate@newportbeachca.gov). In order to ensure adequate time to review comments, please submit any written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday in order to give the Committee adequate time to review your submission.

The City of Newport Beach's goal is to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this meeting, you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, we will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact Jaime Murillo, Deputy Community Development Director, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible at (949) 644-3200 or [jmurillo@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:jmurillo@newportbeachca.gov).

**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 Community Development Department 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

**II. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

**III. 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. CURRENT BUSINESS**

**a. Review of GPAC's Meeting on July 2, 2025 (Attachments 1 and 2 - Draft Recreation Element and Draft Natural Resources Element)**

The GPAC Recreation/Natural Resources Subcommittee met on May 15, 2025, to review the draft Elements. At the conclusion of the Subcommittee's meeting, those in attendance agreed to allow City staff to make some small revisions and to share the Elements with the full GPAC for consideration. The Draft Recreation Element and Draft Natural Resources Elements were shared with the GPAC at its meeting on July 2, 2025. By a unanimous vote of the GPAC members in attendance, both drafts were supported with revisions to move on for the GPUSC's review and concurrence with the GPAC's work. Attachments 2 and 3 include responsive revisions to the GPAC's input as redline-strikeout edits.

*Recommended Actions:*

1. Provide any feedback on the GPAC's efforts; and
2. Receive and file Attachments 2 and 3 to express concurrence with the GPAC's actions.

[Attachment 1 & 2 - Draft Recreation Element and Draft Natural Resources Element](#)

**b. Placing a Matter Regarding Language Used in the General Plan Update on the GPAC's Agenda**

With the GPAC's review and shaping of each individual General Plan Element, "softer" language has been suggested throughout using words like "reasonable" and phrases like "to the extent necessary." Given the frequency of such suggestions, it may be worthwhile to place the matter on the GPAC's agenda for a broader consideration.

*Recommended Action:*

1. Discuss and conduct a straw poll to place this matter on the upcoming GPAC agenda for August or soon thereafter.

**c. Next Steps**

City staff will share the anticipated next steps for the General Plan Update.

*Recommended Actions:*

1. Receive a report from City staff; and
2. Provide input regarding next steps.

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

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**