



Agenda Report

Agenda of: April 22, 2025

Department: Community Development Department

Subject: Public Hearing on the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan.

Recommended Motion:

No Motion.

Background:

A comprehensive plan is a strategic framework that guides the long-term development and preservation of a city. It encompasses various elements such as land use, transportation, housing, economic development, and environmental sustainability. By integrating these components, a comprehensive plan ensures that growth is managed in a way that maintains the city's unique character. Preservation efforts within the plan focus on natural resources and the distinctive elements of Castroville, ensuring that the city's identity is retained for future generations. The Comprehensive Plan addresses growth guidance, the Highway 90 scar, streets and drainage, and outlines an action plan with both short-term and long-term goals.

The first meeting on this topic was held on January 16, 2024, with about 80 attendees. There was great discussion, much of it centered around Highway 90 and future connectivity possibilities but also covering other visions that would benefit the community.

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on January 8, 2025, regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Following the staff's recommendation, they did not act but instead listened to citizens' comments and discussed their concerns and questions.

The Planning and Zoning Commission held another public hearing on February 12th to discuss each the Downtown Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and Unified Development Ordinance. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Downtown Plan but requested a joint workshop with the Council to discuss policy decisions.

On March 17, 2025, the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council held a joint workshop to discuss policy decisions. Topics and concerns brought up at that workshop have been addressed in the updated documents.

Planning and Zoning decided to not take action. They wanted the public to have more time to review the document. It was decided that they would bring the UDO back at the next meeting to discussion and possible action

Attachments:

- PowerPoint presenting the changes made derived from the joint workshop.

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