

Santa Fe Springs General Plan Update Community Workshop #1 Summary

Date and Time: September 16, 2020; 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Welcome

The City of Santa Fe Springs hosted a digital community workshop on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 using Zoom video conferencing. Four members of the public attended the workshop, as well as City staff and consultants. All four participants indicated they live in Santa Fe Springs.

Laura Stetson and Jose Rodriguez of MIG facilitated the meeting. Discussion notes are included in Appendix A.

Presentation and Discussion

Ms. Stetson welcomed participants to the meeting and led introductions. After introductions, Mr. Rodriguez provided an overview of the City's history and the General Plan Update. Ms. Stetson then reviewed the General Plan Update process, timeline, and opportunities for providing input.

Following presentations, the MIG team led an interactive discussion around three questions:

- 1. What are the strengths, assets, or unique qualities that make Santa Fe Springs great?
- 2. What do you believe are the biggest opportunities or challenges in the community?
- 3. Overall, what is your vision for the future of Santa Fe Springs?

The group discussion was documented using a digital white board, available in Appendix A.



Adjournment and Next Steps

After the group discussion, the City and consultant team thanked everyone for coming. Ms. Stetson invited participants to stay involved by visiting the General Plan website, taking the online survey, and joining the next community workshop. The date for the second community workshop will be announced by the City on the project website and other channels of communication.



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Appendix A

• Community Workshop #1 – Public Comments



Re-Imagine Santa Fe Springs

2040 GENERAL PLAN

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Question 1. What are the strengths, assets or unique qualities that make Santa Fe Springs great?

City services - aquatics We love the City - it's size, population, and the center, programs (tiny Neighbors - nice mix industrial base. In past the Small community feel Schools are great tots, parks and industrial base had done a of people recreation services), better job at supporting the and, city classes City Community programs Historically, great help from Building (casino night) - the City rebate program The City looks nice Business environment City is involved with Department. That has changed recently. its residents Art program and art Multi-generational around the City (e.g. Pride - clean streets, local community coffee shop, art nice landscaping feeling walks)

Question 2. What do you believe are the biggest opportunities or challenges in the community?

Too many people building onto their homes without permits. Eroding architechtural standards	Street parking challenges - residents with many cars	Cars parked on front lawns during street cleaning	Need for a good market; we need to go outside of City for grocery shopping	Need for more restaurants and something to do on the weekends
Buildings are deteriorating, need improvements	Missing a downtown	Activities for families over the weekend	Night life	Outdoor plazas and dining
Ghost town/dead after work hours and during the weekend	Nearby cities: Downey Promenade brought business, Pico Rivera	Need tax dollars	Poor streets conditions (potholes, etc.); repairs needed within industrial areas (e.g. Telegraph, Los Nietos)	Truck impacts to streets
Homeless situation (encampments by I-605 freeway); where can we house this population?	There is a need to maintain the City and keep its beauty			

Question 3. Overall, what is your vision for the future of Santa Fe Springs?

My kids wanting to stay here to raise their kids	Continue with the many community events, small community feeling	Adding improvements we've discussed (e.g. nightlife)	Safe, thriving community	Get our utilities and telecom underground (e.g. poles in backyards) - companies (Frontier) don't do a good job at this
Hazards and emergency preparation - companies handling chemicals, trains coming through our neighborhoods	Citywide internet (smart city)	Homes and schools safe from train derailment that cary hazardous materials (e.g., equipment, masks)	Safety kids and preparation for homes, schools, etc.	Permits/building Code requirements/programs (e.g. upon sale of unit) - Keep ahead of constant remodels
Energy and water self-sufficiency: electrical charging stations and solar	Safety for bicyclists and pedestrians			

Additional Comments

Will there be any bike lanes along Florence Avenue?

The City doesn't have a

high turnover rate -

everyone wants to be

here and that says a lot

At the corner of Orr and Day and Florence, if you're walking along Orr and Day there is a very narrow sidewalk that feels unsafe would feel safer with a rail

Thank you for taking our comments

Planning Department is there to help, always responds and reaches out

Advertise the next workshop at all of the Committee meetings