

Upcoming Meetings

October 11th -- Public Informational Workshop (No Actions Taken)

Community Development staff will provide a presentation on the key changes made in the Plan and Code to help guide and highlight where and how changes were made. This is not a hearing and therefore public comment is not taken. Staff will also highlight what will occur at each of the upcoming hearings so that the public can determine their subject area of interest, sections of the document on which to place focus, and how these correspond to the upcoming hearings. Public comments will be taken at these public hearings by each of the City's boards and commissions as part of the adoption process of the Plan and Code.

If you cannot attend the workshop, City staff will post the presentation slides to the City website here:

<http://www.cityofventura.net/page/community-plan-amp-development-code>

October 17th -- Parks and Recreation Commission Hearing (Recommendation Action to Planning Commission)

The Parks and Recreation Commission will review those portions of the Westside Plan and Development Code that relate to parks and recreation. For the Community Plan, this relates to several key polices on parks, access to open spaces and joint use partnerships with the Ventura Unified School District. In the Development Code, this relates to potential park land use designations, the Land Use Table for park uses, and the Parks and Open Space Standards that regulate types of parks.

The PRC staff report will be available on Oct. 12th, accessed here: <http://www.cityofventura.net/meetings/220>

October 29th -- Historic Preservation Committee Hearing (Recommendation Action to Planning Commission)

The Historic Preservation Committee will review the Westside Plan and Development Code as they relate to historic preservation. In the Community Plan, this includes those policy and action items related to potential historic district creation. In the Development Code, this corresponds to changes in the regulations regarding "urban node" and overlay designations along portions of Ventura Avenue and the use of development standards in the "Building Mass" overlays. This Committee will also recommend the use of the Westside Historic Survey as a planning tool in the City's development review process.

The HPC staff report will be available on October 22nd, accessed here: <http://www.cityofventura.net/hpc>

November 7th -- Design Review Committee Hearing (Recommendation Action to Planning Commission)

This Committee will review the Westside Development Code. The Development Code contains the regulations which new development will need to comply to. These regulations cover topics such as the Regulating Plan and Transect Zones, processing requirements and nonconforming provisions, permitted by right and conditionally permitted uses, building typology and frontage standards, streets, signage and definitions.

The DRC staff report will be available on October 24, 2012: <http://www.cityofventura.net/meetings/drc>

December -- Planning Commission Hearing (Recommendation to City Council)

The Planning Commission makes the official recommendation to City Council on the adoption of the Westside Plan and Development Code, and certification of the Final EIR. Because DRC may require more than one hearing to complete their review, the Planning Commission date is not set. Potential dates or special hearings might be December 5, 12 or 19th.

Please track the progress of the hearing dates on our website.

January - February 2013 -- Council Hearing (Adoption)

Council would be expected to receive the Planning Commission's recommendations and conduct their review of the Westside Plan, Development Code, FEIR and the Westside History Survey in either January or February. Exact hearing date will be identified with City Clerk prepares Council's 2013 hearing schedule.

As you have read, we have an ambitious effort for civic engagement in the Westside Community Planning process. We hope you will be able to participate.