

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Plan Commission

FROM: Marla Powers, Planning Services

DATE: April 20, 2006

RE: Briefing on 2006 Comprehensive Plan Update process

Items to discuss at Plan Commission's April 26 meeting:

The Service Provider Table and Service Provider Map are attached. The purpose of the service provider survey was to seek initial information from service providers about the listed general study areas and to help the Planning Services Department determine the serviceability of areas outside the city limits. Serviceability was ranked on a scale of 1=easy to serve to 5=difficult to serve. A map of the County's Update in terms of areas to be annexed will be presented during the Plan Commission meeting.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on May 2, 2006 to form its decision on the issue of the 20-year population projection for the county. The Office of Financial Management had prepared a low, medium, and high 20-year projection, which are 62,954, 138,000, and 242,100 respectively. SRTC's 20-year projection is 114,700; Avista's is 118,285. It is somewhat unclear to City staff what the Steering Committee of Elected Officials is recommending to the County Commissioners. At its Feb. 15 meeting, the Committee voted to recommend the medium population projection (138,000). At its March 31 meeting, however, the Committee voted 9-1 "to accept the numbers as presented by each jurisdiction as a preliminary population allocation." Those numbers totaled 227,150.

A bulleted list of GMA requirements is attached. This outlines exactly what needs to be reviewed for the update. The biggest noncompliant issue that must be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan is updating the number of people the City is planning for. A change in population must be reflected in capital facilities and City services and its\there capacity to serve people in the future. The ability for City services to be available to the general population is known as a level of service, which is the last item to be addressed with the population allocation discussion.

2006 Comprehensive Plan Update workshops with the Plan Commission are a preparation for what information will be taken out to the public during Open Houses. An Open House is an opportunity for citizens and staff to exchange ideas and have a dialog regarding this process or ideas for changes to the Comprehensive Plan through different planning processes.

I look forward to discussing these important issues with you next week at your April 27 meeting.

Attachments (3)