Summary Minutes

Public Comment
None.

I. 2015 General Plan Annual Report

Liz McElligott, Assistant Agency Director, Community Development Agency presented the 2015 General Plan Annual Report.

State law requires that each city and county in California prepare a comprehensive general plan. The County General Plan consists of specific goals, policies and actions pertaining to open space, conservation, safety and noise.

The intent of this report is to demonstrate the County’s compliance with the requirements of Government Code Section 65400 which mandates that the County prepare an annual report on the status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation. This report will cover the County’s development related activities in 2015. It also describes planning activities that were in process in 2015 or anticipated in the short-term planning horizon to achieve full consistency between general plan policies and County development regulations. This document does not create or alter policy; it is simply a reporting document. The content is provided for informational purposes only, and is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Guidelines Section 15306.

A copy of this report must be sent to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Providing a copy to HCD fulfills a statutory requirement to report certain housing information, including the County’s progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs and local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the development of housing, as defined in Government Code Sections 65584 and 65583(c)(3).

The Community Development Agency requests the Unincorporated Services Committee’s support to move the item to the full Board of Supervisors and upon approval, submit to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research and the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

Recommendation from the Unincorporated Services Committee: Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.

II. Proposed amendments to the Safety Element of the General Plan to comply with SB 1241 and incorporate the revised 2016 Alameda County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Christina Horrisberger, Planner, Community Development Agency, presented a memorandum and proposed amendments to the Safety Element of the Alameda County General Plan.
State law requires Alameda County to have a General Plan which contains the Safety Element. The Safety Element establishes policies and programs to protect the community from risks associated with seismic, geologic, flood and wildlife hazards.

The proposed amendments are intended to bring the Safety Element into compliance with the California Disaster Assistance Act, Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Senate Bill 1241.

The Planning Department requests the Unincorporated Services Committee to take public testimony and provide comments on proposed amendments and support the proposed amendments to be moved to the full Board of Supervisors for adoption.

III. Proposed temporary amendments to the Alameda County General Code of Ordinance in order to attain compliance with recent State legislation regarding secondary (accessory dwelling units).

Attachment

Christina Horrisberger, Senior Planner, Planning Department, and Rodrigo Orduña, Assistant Deputy Director, Community Development Agency presented memorandum and a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed temporary amendments to the Alameda County General Ordinance Code and Specific Plans, in order to attain compliance with recent State legislation regarding secondary (accessory dwelling) units.

In September 2016, AB 2299 and SB 1069 were signed into law. The combined bills took effect on January 1, 2017, which governs how local agencies regulate accessory dwellings. The new state law is intending to address the shortage of affordable housing by easing restrictions on accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

The Planning Department proposes to implement temporary code amendments in order to comply with State Law and minimize the period during which state law is locally effect. While temporary standards are in place, staff will complete a thorough evaluation of areas that can support ADUs, engage the public identify community needs and develop a proposed standards. The proposed standards will be presented to the public and various bodies in a series of public meetings.

Recommendation from Unincorporated Services Committee: Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.

ADJOURN
The meeting was adjourned to March 22, 2017.

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