

### 1. Workshop Location and Attendance

- Held at Temple City Public Library, on Saturday, 10/21/23, 1pm-3:30pm
- Approximately 7 members of the public participated, 6 attendees were from East Pasadena-East San Gabriel, and 1 was from Altadena.
- DRP staff in attendance: Evan Sensibile, Mi Kim, James Drevno, Katrina Casteneda, Jolee Hui, Anthony Curzi, Christina Nguyen, Jorge Torres, Ramon Cordova, Connie Chung.

### 2. Purpose of Workshop

To share information and gather feedback from residents for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan, the communities of East Pasadena-East San Gabriel and San Pasqual, specifically. Whittier Narrows and South El Monte Island were also discussed but were not the communities of focus during the workshop.

### 3. Workshop Structure

The workshop included a mix of presentations and interactive activities. LA County Planning staff presented an overview of urban planning, an introduction to the WSGVAP, and information about East Pasadena-East San Gabriel and San Pasqual, as well as general preliminary strategies and goals for the plan.

Three activities seeking resident feedback were worked into the presentation: The first activity was based around sharing favorite memories and places. The second activity tasked participants with reimagining community change. The third activity involved identifying specific community assets, opportunities, and concerns.

### 4. Primary Theme from ACTIVITY 1 – Community Values

Below is a summary of the values shared during the “Favorite Place Memory” activity. The activity specifically asked attendees to recall a favorite place or activity from childhood, or any point in their lives, to share as a basis to learn what the community values.

- Proximity and easy **access to nature** and natural areas, open space, recreation, and participation in outdoor activities including horseback riding at Eaton Canyon, hiking the San Gabriel Mountains, swimming, sailing, and camping.
- Community center as a **gathering space** for all ages and participation in indoor activities including sports, fine art, music, and chess.
- **Vibrant communities** with **safe, shaded walking** areas and walkable commercial district with **locally owned shops and restaurants**.

- Neighborhoods as places to **informally gather and socialize**. Safety for children to play, a place to socialize with neighbors, easy bicycling or walking around in the community.

## 5. **Primary Themes from Activity 2 – Magic Wand and Envisioning Your Commercial District.**

The Magic Wand asked participants to describe one thing they would change about their community. The second part asked them to envision their local commercial area in 20 years and share what they see.

- Make East Pasadena-East San Gabriel Safer for Walking and Riding:
  - i. Have tree lined streets to provide comfort and shade for walking, with long-term care for the health of street trees and vegetation in medians. Participants noted an uncomfortable walking environment along commercial corridors in need of a tree canopy and more green space.
  - ii. Prioritize pedestrian safety over traffic flow.
  - iii. Install traffic calming measures on east-west streets near their intersections with Rosemead Boulevard, such as roundabouts or smart traffic lights, to reduce speeding and unsafe driving.
- Housing:
  - i. Preservation of single-family character.
  - ii. More “missing middle” housing types.
  - iii. No high-density housing.
  - iv. Reduce streetlight glare/light pollution in single-family neighborhoods.
- Vibrant Commercial Districts:
  - i. Vibrant locally owned businesses along Rosemead Boulevard such as cafes, restaurants, and retail to create more pedestrian activity and complement existing commercial uses in the northeast area of the community (near I-210 freeway).
  - ii. Remove barriers for businesses to open to make it easier for locally-owned businesses to open more quickly.
- Safety:
  - i. Improved crime prevention measures community wide.
  - ii. Solution for homelessness.

## 6. **Primary Themes from Activity 3 – Stoplight.**

This activity asked attendees to identify assets, opportunities, and needs or concerns in the community.

**a. Assets:**

- Large houses and large lawns.
- Nearby parks.
- Horse keeping.
- Narrowing of California Boulevard.
- Flood cameras in neighborhoods for increased security and crime prevention.
- Chapman Woods Association is a local neighborhood organization with a board that hosts community events.
- Community members care about safety and look out for each other.
- The presence of unique community character in Chapman Woods neighborhood and Michillinda Park neighborhood.
- Great community with pleasant neighborhoods.
- Walkability on neighborhood sidewalks.
- Walkability in San Pasqual.

**b. Opportunities for Improvement**

- Rosemead Boulevard
  - Eliminate empty businesses.
  - Promote locally owned businesses such as restaurants.
  - No housing.
  - Poor walkability.
  - Width of the street.
  - Access from residential areas
- Crime at Eaton Blanche Park and near Southern California Edison right-of-way.
- The presence of wildlife such as coyotes.
- Wilson Middle School land could be repurposed as green and/or recreational space such as a park or a community garden.
- Use bioswales to capture rainwater on property.
- Develop public art within the community.
- Restrict development of multifamily buildings in Chapman Woods.
- Youth crime prevention and programming.

**c. Issues/Concerns:**

- Crime along Rosemead Boulevard.
- Homelessness.

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- Urban heat island effect on sidewalks due to lack of tree canopy along Rosemead Boulevard. and Huntington Drive.
- Width of Huntington Drive.
- Lack of connective bicycle routes and infrastructure.
- Parking enforcement on Rosemead Boulevard.
- Illegally parked automobiles.
- Lack of green space in the community.
- Cannabis sales and storefronts.
- Empty buildings/businesses along Rosemead Boulevard.
- Former Wilson Middle School and surrounding land.
- Automobile traffic cutting through Chapman Woods.
- Multi-family dwellings on Rosemead Boulevard.
- Width of Huntington Drive and lack of green space.
- Bright LED streetlights.
- Not enough sheriff presence.
- On-site water storage.