



PUBLIC DRAFT OPEN HOUSE Event Summary

Date: August 8, 2017

Time: 5:00-8:00 pm

Where: Draper City Council Chambers

Closely following the online release of the public draft of the General Plan update, the Planning Department invited Draper residents to the August 8th Open House Event. Participants were asked to review the draft and provide feedback on how to improve the draft. This meeting provided an opportunity for residents to talk with staff members and consultants about specific goals, policies, and action strategies that can help move the City toward a collective vision of the future.

Over 30 residents and interested individuals stopped by the three-hour event, with half of participants electing to provide written comments on the draft. Conversation and the feedback received covered a wide range of topics, including housing, transportation, employment, parks, redevelopment, and trails.

Residents are encouraged to continue to review and provide feedback on the draft General Plan through August. The full list of comments from the Open House is below.

1. Section: Framework – Land Use

Comment: The shoebox property in Suncrest makes little sense as commercial property. I'd suggest an equitable land swap and preserve or control limited expansion in this area. High-density housing also makes little sense here, especially with surrounding land use.

2. Section: Proposed East Jordan Canal Trail

Comment: Running a public trail next to an open canal is extremely dangerous and should be re-routed to a safer





location. Even one infant death due to drowning would be far too many.

3. Section: Land Use

Comment: I would love to see high-density (apartment, condo, townhome) housing evenly distributed through the city.

4. Section: Housing

Comment: I like that the planning committee recognizes the lack of affordable housing in Draper. I support some areas of higher density housing while maintaining the feel of older neighborhoods. Even though this plan doesn't specifically address the plans for the prison site, I would like to see plans for a homeless shelter included in that development.

5. Section: Implementation of Action Plan (page 113)

Comment: Very carefully consider zoning changes relative to TRAX while commercially beneficial, low-density residential will suffer if TRAX development progresses in areas of this type; for example Highland Road/Porter Rockwell Trail. Updates to the City Code should be kept at a minimum and left to public hearing.

6. Section: Maps 2 Employment

Comment: You can't set good goals without good data. The map shows low employment intensity at the TOD? eBay Dell EMC etc. 1000 of people and cars.

7. Section: Chapter 5 Implementation

Comment: The last two actions under Economic Vitality refer to "City Center Complex Plan" and the "Town Center area." Are these the same area? Is there already an adopted Plan?

8. Section: Community Vision. Please add a rec center. Why does Draper need 22,000 new (housing) units? Housing and Neighborhoods under framework. "What types of housing are we already zoned for? Do we need more high-density zoning then we already have on the books.

9. Section: Community Vision

Comment: We have enough high-density housing. We do not need to support increased housing density in strategic locations.

10. Section: Mobility

Comment: Improve traffic flow for residents to middle and high schools (1300 East is a mess when dropping kids off in the morning). Improve traffic flow from East side to



West side (i.e. driving kids to Galena Hills Parks for sports between 5-7pm is painful).
Improve traffic flow from South Mountain to rest of the city. UTA/TRAX line crossing.

11. Section: Community Mobility Chapter 2

Comment: With regards to a “full-service, transit oriented community,” while I am not opposed to mass transit solutions in Draper, as long as the stops are main stations/transfer points; I am strongly discouraging the implementation of mass transit lines, stations, etc. in primarily residential areas for example, along the Porter Rockwell trail adjacent to Highland Road. It seems there are other solutions such as along the I-15 corridor.

12. Section: Open Space and Recreation

Comment: Draper should finish and maintain the parks and open space that we have. The Galena Park Ball Field that needs finished! It’s a 10 year old garbage dump full of trash and mud. You can make a plan to set goals but if you have no intention of achieving your goals, it’s a waste of time. Goal OSR-8-3

13. Section: Creating a Vision (pg. 8)

Comment: Under the bullet “Respect” the word tolerance is used, but might be better replaced with “open-mindedness,” “receptive” or “inclusive.” The word tolerant presupposes a position of superiority rather than comradery or respect. Please consider reinforcing the positive aspect of the idea being conveyed.

14. Section: Goals & Policies (EV-3-pg 53). In striving to diversify the business offering in Draper to provide infrastructure, amenities and services, there should be an emphasis on balance in that process to make sure we aren’t inhibiting the above goals when we give breaks to developers that would otherwise benefit the city. If our focus is to tax businesses for revenue, they will leave.