Planning and Development Review

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 15

Subject: Approve a resolution to create a Comprehensive Plan Citizen's Advisory Task Force to assist in the Comprehensive Planning process.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by Planning Commission.

Prior Council Action: April 23, 2009 - The City Council directed the City Manager to begin contract negotiations with Wallace, Roberts and Todd (WRT) for the purposes of creating a new Comprehensive Plan for the City.

At their July 14, 2009 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended to City Council the appointment of a Comprehensive Plan Citizen's Advisory Task Force (CPCAC) to assist in the comprehensive planning process. The group is to be charged with assisting staff and the consultant, Wallace Roberts and Todd (WRT) in ensuring that the broader community is engaged in the process. The Commission unanimously agreed that in order for it to operate in an efficient manner, the committee's membership size should range from between 14 to 24 people. The recommended membership size is also favored by WRT. The Commission also recommended that this group should have the ability to create subcommittees that include citizens not serving on the task force.

The creation of a task force has been recommended in a series of public meetings, including a well-attended educational forum held by Livable City. In addition, the creation of this task force was recommended to Council by WRT during their presentation to Council on February 12, 2009.

The Council's Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee is scheduled to make recommendations on membership appointment at its August 24, 2009 meeting, with Council action on August 27, 2009.