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REGULAR MEETING—BY TELECONFERENCE

**MEETING SUMMARY
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023**

5:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ONE MAIN STREET
RIO VISTA, CALIFORNIA 94571**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT – See instructions on Page 1**

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3. ACTION ITEMS

- 3.1 Approval of the December 1, 2022 minutes.

4. DISCUSSION

4.1 Update on January Community Workshops

Approximately 100 people attended both community workshops on Jan. 26th. Community input was received on the topics of land use, mobility/circulation, and economic development. Many similar comments and themes were shared as in previous workshops and surveys.

Attendees of the event came from all over the community, with the majority from the northern portion of the city.

4.2 Land Use Discussion

Questions raised and main themes we heard during the land use discussion:

What makes Rio Vista special and unique? What is Rio Vista's identity and character?

The river; proximity to open space/nature; small town; quaint; charming; safe and quiet; central location (close to Oakland and Sacramento); friendly residents; low cost of living; and its history.

Is there anything about the community that you would like to see changed?

More shopping/entertainment/restaurants; fill in vacant storefronts; improve waterfront; hotel/motel; community center; youth center/activities for children; medical offices/clinics/urgent care; wedding venue/banquet space; and repair roadways and highway.

What uses or areas would you like to see maintained or enhanced? What should be protected?

Historic buildings; fishing pier; boat ramp; community swimming pool; cinema building; waterfront as a public space; existing parks/open space, and army base buildings.

The latest Draft Land Use Map was presented at the workshops. There was an overall agreement that the consultant team and staff were going in the right direction with the proposed land use map changes.

4.3 Sliding Scale Survey Board

Staff asked for feedback on three statements for people to show their preferences on housing in downtown, mixing of uses in downtown, and recreation and parks citywide. 64% were highly favorable or in agreement with the statement, "encourage more high-density housing (apartments and housing) in downtown. 70% thought that "encouraging mixing of uses (homes and commercial) in downtown)" was a great idea. 48% wanted to see more sports fields, and 42% wanted to see more passive parks.

4.4 Economic Development

General Plan Update and Economic Development Strategy teams worked together. Continue to provide the message that both General Plan Update and the Economic Development Strategy documents are living

documents. Continuous and consistent community engagement makes these documents “alive” and “evolving.” There were common threads of feedback from one-on-one interviews, previous community and stakeholder meetings, and January 26th meeting.

4.5 Economic Development Survey

Question 1: Besides increasing the tax base, what would successful economic development “look like” for Rio Vista?

All areas of city are aesthetically pleasing and attractive; more visitors and activity/events; busy downtown; no vacant storefronts; no blight; all businesses especially in Downtown are busy/ profitable; much greater variety of places to go, dine, and recreate.

Question 2: What do you like best about Rio Vista? Why do you live here? If you were not raised here, what brought you here?

Quiet community with nice, friendly people; away from the hustle and bustle of urban cities; home ownership is more affordable; low crime; and family-oriented city .

Question 3: Living in a small town can have its challenges. What is your biggest daily challenge here in Rio Vista?

Highway 12 and the bridge; bad (weak) broadband/internet services; mostly going out of the city to buy things you need; less selection of places to go, dine, and recreate; high rent for retail spaces, yet challenging to maintain consistent flow of customers for businesses to “break even”; and no local lodging for those visiting family who reside in the City.

Question 4: What would you most like to see come to Rio Vista? What do you miss most, that other towns offer?

More restaurants/food and beverage establishments; more entertainment (bowling, movie theater, etc.); stores and establishments that would complement the businesses that are currently here; giving the community more choices.

4.6 Transportation Discussion

Transportation discussion revolved around transportation concerns and recommended improvements, future of Highway 12, experience of travelling in Rio Vista, locations where residents enjoy biking/walking, and locations where residents avoid biking and walking.

4.6 Transportation – Mode Travel Questions

How safe do you feel traveling in Rio Vista?

- Walking – most people feel very safe
- Biking – most people feel neutral or very unsafe (although some do feel safe biking)
- Transit – most people feel very safe
- Driving – most people feel very safe

How efficient is travelling in Rio Vista?

- Walking and driving - Pretty evenly split between efficient and very inefficient.
- Biking – Majority felt inefficient/very inefficient
- Transit – Almost all felt inefficient/very inefficient

If travel was safer and more efficient, what would your preferred travel mode be?

- Walking, biking, and driving (pretty evenly noted as the favorite travel mode)
- Transit was clearly the least favorite travel mode

4.7 Transportation – Highway 12

How supportive are you of a Hwy 12 bypass?

- 55% very supportive/supportive
- 18% neutral
- 27% were unsupportive/very unsupportive
- Multiple people indicated verbally they wanted a truck bypass for SR 12

How supportive of a new toll bridge are you?

- 40% very supportive/supportive
- 9% neutral
- 51% unsupportive/very unsupportive
- Some wanted to only toll commuters/non-locals

How supportive are you of consolidated access points on SR 12?

- 43% very supportive/supportive
- 22% neutral
- 35% unsupportive/very unsupportive

Consistent favorite places to walk or bike:

- Airport Rd. between Liberty Island and Church
- Summerset Dr. in Trilogy
- Major roads around Summit – some expressed concern about it being gated and losing access to these facilities
- Along River Road (some noted they enjoy this strictly for the view, but it needs better bike/ped facilities)
- The Promenade

Consistent least favorite places to walk or bike:

- Highway 12
- St. Francis Way
- River Road (due to poor pedestrian facilities)
- Airport Road between Church and River Road
- Church Road

Additional consistent comments:

- Church St/Hwy 12 is super dangerous and needs a left turn lane
- Truck traffic on 12 is particularly bad. Some wanted a bypass for trucks, some wanted trucks to pay a toll.
- Some don't want trucks allowed on Airport Rd. or local streets
- Want more bicycle/pedestrian crossing on Hwy 12
- Bridge breaks down often and is unreliable. Concerns about access during emergencies
- Many didn't know Delta Breeze exists. Those that did weren't happy with the connections. It doesn't connect to Bart which makes it difficult to travel and parking can be an issue
- Many residents avoid Hwy 12 entirely. If going to downtown from Trilogy/Summit, they take Airport Road
- Many feel unsafe driving at nighttime. It's difficult to see and people felt like there is not enough lighting on streets

4.8 Updated land use map/designations

Revised a few additional areas of Draft Land Use map to be consistent with Zoning Map. Additional research and follow-up still needs to occur for some areas.

4.9 Next Steps

Transportation consultants are tabulating travel surveys from the community workshops. Next steps are to write the draft General Plan sections and focus is on Land Use Element and Parks and Recreation Element. Next GPWG meeting will be held on March 2, 2023.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

6.1 Housing Element and Safety Element Update

6.2 Economic Development Strategy Update

7. ADJOURNMENT

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Krystine Ball

Krystine Ball, General Plan Working Group Clerk