1. **Introductory Remarks**

   Principal Planner Verny Carvajal of the Planning and Building Agency welcomed the participants to the ninth General Plan Advisory Group (GPAG) meeting and introduced the Community Services and Facilities Element to be discussed.

2. **Updates**

   Planning Division Manager Candida Neal informed the group of the resignation of former Executive Director Hassan Haghani. Ms. Neal indicated that she will be Acting Executive Director until such time that a new director is hired, or instructed otherwise.

   Ms. Neal and Mr. Carvajal then addressed questions that have arisen regarding community groups contacting GPAG members directly. Both Ms. Neal and Mr. Carvajal indicated that GPAG members were free to communicate with interested parties outside of the scheduled meetings and report any feedback received back to the GPAG; however, they indicated that those communications should not undermine or replace the process and collaboration taking place at scheduled GPAG meetings. They then reiterated previous comments regarding the GPAG selection process, which was established to select members that represent a cross-section of the community and have all constituencies represented.

3. **Video Presentation**

   A video depicting the idea of community was screened. The video countered the idea that community is the agglomeration of houses, apartments, stores, shops, schools, playgrounds, streets, and alleys, with the argument that community is the people who inhabit these places and their experiences and interconnections.

4. **Community Services and Facilities Element**

   Senior Planner Melanie McCann of the Planning and Building Agency introduced the topics that will be covered in the Community Service and Facilities Element. Ms. McCann
stated that the element will be structured into five topic areas: Recreation and Culture, Education, Active Living and Wellbeing, Public Facilities, and Public Safety. The element will be comprised of five goals and a total of 41 policies. Ms. McCann then presented several images to help convey the topic areas that will be covered in the element.

Mr. Carvajal elaborated on why these topics that may seem disparate were grouped into one element. All the topics being covered have a unifying thread: community. These topics all cover the services and places/buildings in which the people that create a community use, receive services from, and live.

5. **Draft Goals and Policies – Group Exercise**

The GPAG was then divided into small groups, and members were asked to review and critique the draft goals and policies using the same approach used in previous meetings, a “POV” approach; an approach by which each member critiques the policy from the perspective, or point-of-view, based on the group they represent within the community. Each small group included a City staff facilitator to record the comments and feedback to refine draft Community Services and Facilities Element goals and policies.

6. **GPAG – Continuation**

After completion of the group exercise, the group discussed the need for more time to review all of the draft goals and policies. Each of the small groups were only able to review and comment on three topic areas. The members of the group elected to cover the remainder of the topics at the following GPAG meeting instead of proceeding to a new element.

7. **Next Steps and Acknowledgements**

Mr. Carvajal confirmed that the next GPAG meeting will be held on September 6, 2017. The meeting will focus on the remainder of the Community Services and Facilities Element topic areas.

The meeting was concluded with a brief invitation made by GPAG members Tish Leon and Claudia Arellanes to *Shakespeare at the Park* and the rooftop movie screening in Downtown, respectively.
List of GPAG Member Attendees:

Marlene Buitron, Youth Commission
Claudia Arellanes, Downtown Business Owner
Phil Bacerra, Planning Commission
Peter Katz, Santa Ana Communication Linkages Forum
Laura Morfin, Former Community Redevelopment and Housing Commission
Soledad Valentin, Multi-Family Housing Representative
Orin Williams, Santa Ana Unified School District
Barry Cottle, C & C Development
Lynette Guzman, Parks and Recreation Board
Beatriz Mendoza, Planning Commission
Kathi Davis-Bowman, WisePlace
Nancy Mejia, Latino Health Access
Gilad Salmon, Environmental and Transportation Advisory Committee
Tish Leon, Senior Advocate-Downtown Neighborhood
Isaac Michaca, Santa Ana Building Healthy Communities

Absent: Ken Nguyen, Planning Commission
Ekta Naik, Alliance Development

Note: the PowerPoint presentation used for the meeting is available at http://www.santa-ana.org/generalplan/default.asp