

Community Plan Advisory Boards

In order to provide meaningful public involvement and ensure the future implementation and resulting success of Community Plans, Community Plan Advisory Boards have been created. The first Board to convene was the City Center Community Plan Advisory Board in May 2012. The second Board to convene was the Benson Hill Community Plan Advisory Board in July 2016.

Each Advisory Board has made recommendations regarding priorities for proposed work as it relates to the adopted goals and strategies of their respective Plan. This represents a new approach to civic engagement for the City and will help the City truly know the priorities of the community. The structure of each plan with responsible departments identified, timelines, and rough costs will help the Board prioritize recommendations, as well as provide a level of accountability from the City. It is also intended that Board members will develop an understanding of how the City works in regards to finances, processes, Capital Improvement Plans, Transportation Improvement Plans, departmental work programs, etc. and that they will communicate information back to the groups they represent. Board membership includes business leaders and owners, residents, and employees. It is hoped that this composition will lead to new partnerships, such as between businesses and residents, which will help to implement the Plan fully. Members are enthused about their role in shaping their community and in ensuring the City Center continues towards goals of having a high quality of life for residents, employees, and visitors.

