

City of Yuba City Planning Commission – Presentation to City Council

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What we do...

- **Sec. 8-1.03. Powers, functions, and duties – Planning Commission**

- The **Planning Commission** shall have all the powers, functions, and duties provided for by the State **Planning** Law, by the laws of the City, and as delegated in accordance with applicable laws.
- Purpose and Goals of Planning Commission
 - The Planning Commission serves as the City Council's advisor on land use and planning issues.
 - Ensure that future development in Yuba City improves the quality of where people live, work and play within the community.



Other City Commissions ...


- **Sec. 9-1.03. Powers and duties – Parks and Recreation Commission**

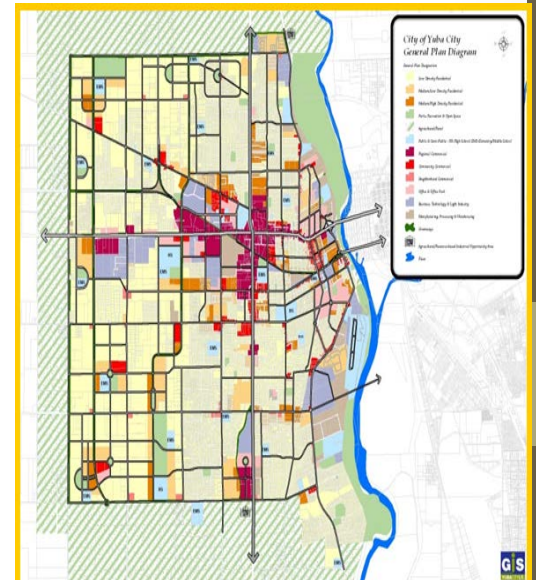
- The Parks and Recreation **Commission** shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council, to the City Administrator, and to the Parks and Recreation Director in all matters pertaining to parks and recreation. The **Commission** shall interpret the leisure time needs, facilities, and services to public officials and the general public in order that adequate support may be obtained. The **Commission** shall recommend general policies concerning all parks and recreation properties, facilities, plans, programs, and activities. It may evaluate suggestions, criticisms, and comments in light of such general policies. It may recommend a longrange program for the improvement, acquisition, and development of parks and recreation facilities and for the extension of services.

- **Sec. 2-10.03. Powers and duties – Senior Commission**

- The Senior **Commission** shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council, City Manager and the Parks and Recreation Director in all matters pertaining to the elderly and all general matters concerning issues related to the **planning** and implementation of City programs designed to address the needs of the aged population. The **Commission** shall examine and evaluate programs and services provided by the City targeted to the elderly. The **Commission** shall recommend general policies concerning recreational programs, specific areas of need and longer-term provision of service targeted to the elderly. The **Commission** may recommend procurement of grants and other similar programs of financial assistance to further programs and services for the elderly. The **Commission** may advise the City on issues related to the aging population including the activities and programs operated by the City, i.e., the Senior Center, housing issues, health and safety issues, etc. The Parks and Recreation Director shall provide guidance to the **Commission** to insure that programs and/or projects that the **Commission** has an interest in are within the policies, programs, and scope of services that the City provides

How we do this ...

- How do we accomplish this?
 - Utilizing the City Council's Policies and Objectives through the following tools:
 - General Plan
 - Zoning Ordinance
 - Specific and Master Plans (e.g. *Central City Specific Plan*; *Lincoln East Specific Plan*; *Butte Vista Master Plan*)
 - Citywide Design Guidelines
 - Twelve Growth Policies
 - Subdivision Map Act
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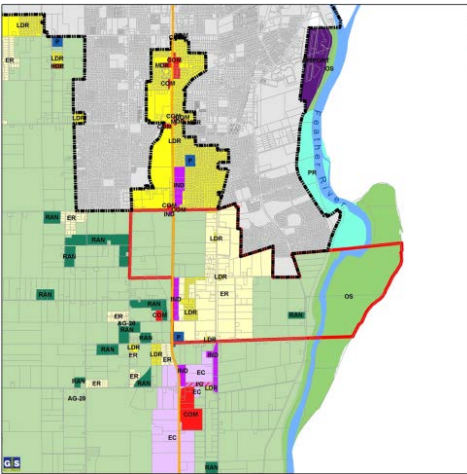


New Tools to use ...

- Recent Planning Commissioner's Conference
 - Provided new training for the Commission.
 - Conference topics included:
 - Roles and Responsibilities of a Planning Commissioner
 - Essential Planning Tools
 - Using Modern Technology Tools to Engage Your Community on Land Use Decisions – Planning Talks
 - Marijuana Dispensaries, Sober Living Facilities & Massage Establishments – Overview of the Problems
 - Collaborative Governance – How to Leverage Public, Private Partnerships to Drive Better Land Use Planning
 - CEQA Basics & Advanced
 - A City Finance Update
 - Planning in an Adversarial Environment
 - Joint Planning Commission/City Council Meetings: Good or Bad Idea?
 - The Future of Public Engagement in Planning

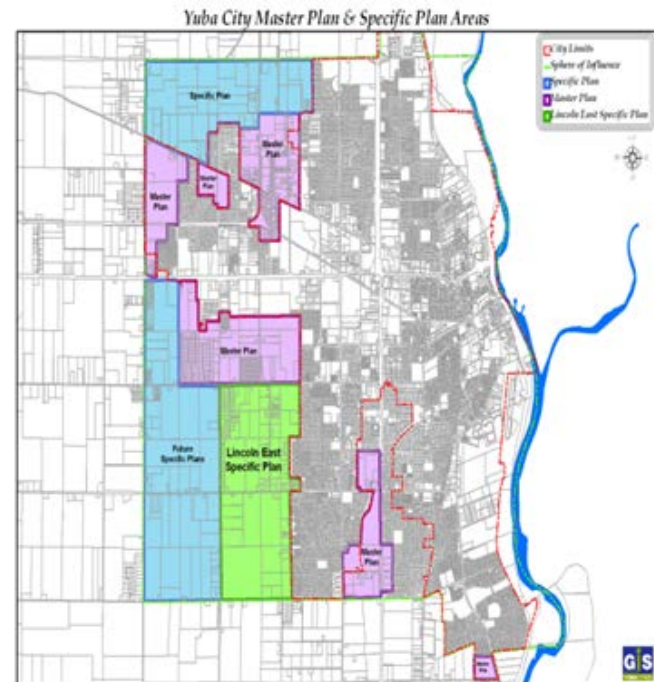
Other Ideas for the PC ...

- Other tools to consider utilizing:
 - Enhanced communication with the public about new development projects.
 - Improve/increase neighborhood involvement and awareness
 - Possible joint City Council/Planning Commission workshops
 - Goal setting session
 - Major project coordination/discussions
 - Promote/discuss regional development coordination



PC “Workshops” ...

- Planned “Workshops” at future Planning Commission meetings. Discussion/Workshop Topics would include:
 - City’s Development Approval Process
 - Promote streamlined review
 - Promote new economic growth
 - Appropriate conditions of approval
 - General Plan
 - Twelve Growth Policies
 - Zoning Ordinance
 - Specific and Master Plans (land use)
 - Sign Ordinance
 - Design Guidelines and Design Standards
 - Infrastructure Master Plans
 - Habitat Conservation Plan(s)
 - CEQA Review
 - Water Rights; Water Conservation



And last but not least ...

- Return of the Planning Commissioner's Design Award for new development projects.
 - Award plaques to high quality design projects
 - Select winners from different project types
- Planned study sessions with "Other" City Commissions.
 - Share insight of how Planning Commission and other Commissions work on similar issues and promote new partnerships and awareness.
 - Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Economic Development Commission
 - Youth Commission
- Goal setting session for the Planning Commission only
 - Identify potential work projects to improve upon their tools

