

**CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 14, 2004

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Planning Commission

From: Sol Blumenfeld, Director,
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Community Development Department

Subject: Status of General Plan Update

Recommendation

To direct staff as appropriate on how to proceed with the General Plan update.

Attached is a schedule of upcoming workshops and events to continue to promote the visioning process of the General Plan update. The informal sub-committee, which is made up of volunteers, has determined to continue outreach efforts in this manner in order to obtain the broadest possible base of support and input before taking any further steps. This approach and schedule was agreed to by the General Plan sub-committee at their last meeting, but has not been validated by the Planning Commission. Given that the City Council has not provided any budget, resources or formal support for the project, the process continues to be a volunteer effort.

Staff is seeking confirmation on whether the Commission wishes to continue to proceed in this manner, with the knowledge that the City Council has not validated or supported this effort. Without official City support there is certainly no guarantee that the General Plan will ever be updated, or that the work of the volunteers and the input obtained at these workshops will be included in the General Plan.

Alternatively, the Commission may want to seek City Council authorization before proceeding on this course, and request that the City Council formally create and authorize a General Plan update committee, and set aside funding and resources for the project.

Attachment

Schedule for General Plan Update