



Meeting Date: August 23, 2016

STAFF REPORT

Agency: City of Belmont

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Agenda Title: Belmont Village Specific Plan (BVSP) - City Council Study Session

Agenda Action: Discussion and Direction

Recommendation

Hold a Study Session to hear an update and presentation on the Belmont Village Specific Plan (BVSP) Project and provide direction to staff.

Background/Summary/Discussion

The City and its Consultant, Dyett & Bhatia, initiated major BVSP work tasks in August 2015. Since that time, the following public outreach has occurred:

- Three Public Workshops, including one at Notre Dame De Namur University (NDNU)
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Two Information Sessions with Neighborhood/Local Organizations
- Two Study Sessions with the City Council and Planning Commission
- Project Website

In April 2016, the City Council and Planning Commission conducted a joint meeting, reviewed the project, and concurred with the Draft Preliminary Preferred Plan for the BVSP. The current project schedule targets release of the Draft BVSP for public review early next month. The Draft and Final Environmental Impact Report (DEIR & FEIR) is anticipated to be prepared for public review/hearings during the September 2016 - January 2017 time period; it should be noted that this EIR will cover both the BVSP and the 2035 General Plan (GP) Update project. The adoption hearings for the BVSP (and GP) are targeted for first quarter 2017.

The Study Session presentation/format will be as follows:

1. Introduction and Welcome
2. Project Overview
3. Plan Overview
4. What's Next
5. Questions and Comments

The Draft BVSP will contain the following chapters:

1. Introduction and Background
2. Land Use
3. Mobility
4. Urban Design
5. Infrastructure and Public Services
6. Environmental Sustainability, Health, and Safety
7. Implementation

The presentation will include a detailed overview of the content of the BVSP Chapters.

Questions that will be posed to the Council for discussion at the 8/23 Study Session:

- Does this overview capture your understanding of the community’s priorities for Belmont Village?
- What additional ideas or strategies, if any, are you looking to see in the Plan?

Alternatives

1. Provide specific alternative direction on the Belmont Village Specific Plan (BVSP) Project to staff and Dyett & Bhatia.

Attachments

- A. Belmont Village Specific Plan (BVSP) Presentation

Fiscal Impact

- No Impact/Not Applicable
- Funding Source Confirmed:

Source:

- Council
- Staff
- Citizen Initiated
- Other

Purpose:

- Statutory/Contractual Requirement
- Council Vision/Priority
- Discretionary Action
- Plan Implementation

Public Outreach:

- Posting of Agenda
- Other¹

¹ E-Notification of City Council agendas, NextDoor, City & Public Works Department Facebook Pages, Chamber of Commerce E-Notification, Channel 27 Notification, Project Website Meeting Announcement – www.planbelmontvillage.com