



THOUSAND OAKS GENERAL PLAN 2045

WORKSHOP #4 OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY

June 29, 2023 | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Los Robles Greens, Sunset Ballroom

Overview

On Thursday, June 29, 2023, the City of Thousand Oaks hosted a public open house to present an overview of the Draft General Plan. The meeting took place from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Los Robles Greens Sunset Ballroom and had approximately 30 community members and an additional 20 city staff and consultants in attendance.

The event included a 45-minute overview presentation followed by open house stations covering the various chapters of the General Plan document. Community members were encouraged to visit each station and direct questions at city staff and the consultant teams who were available at each station.



Simultaneous Spanish translation was available, though no community members utilized the service.

The following summary includes an overview of the presentation and participation.

Presentation

The evening kicked off with a presentation by Matt Raimi, project consultant with Raimi + Associates, which was divided into major sections including General Plan background, overview of the Draft General Plan, and feedback and next steps.

General Plan Background

Matt provided an overview of what a General Plan is and the mandatory topics, the General Plan process and flow of work, and a summary of General Plan community engagement and outreach completed to date.

Overview of the Draft General Plan

This section outlined the introductory components of the General Plan beginning with plan organization, chapter contents, how environmental justice and sustainability are addressed

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throughout, the plan's vision and guiding principles, and major strategies. Following these sections, Matt provided highlights of each major chapter of the General Plan including the following elements: land use, mobility, parks and open space, conservation, community facilities and services, arts and culture, safety, noise, governance, and implementation.

Matt also provided highlights on the General Plan appendices and supplemental documents.

Feedback and Next Steps

Following the General Plan overview, Matt shared the status of the associated programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which will be released for public review in early August 2023.

The Draft General Plan feedback form was also highlighted, which is an online comment submission available on the project website through mid-September: www.toaks2045.org/draft-general-plan.

At the end of the presentation, Matt shared key dates and next steps in the Draft General Plan including presentations to Planning Commission on July 10, 2023, and City Council on July 11, 2023.

Open House Stations

The workshop included 10 open house stations. Each station included 1-3 poster boards with highlights from the General Plan. This included goals, maps, and other pertinent information. The stations were staffed by consultants and/or City Staff. Participants were encouraged to ask questions and review content.

- Station 1: Introduction
- Station 2: Community Engagement
- Station 3: Vision and Guiding Principles
- Station 4: Land Use Element
- Station 5: Mobility Element
- Station 6: Parks and Open Space Element
- Station 7: Conservation Element
- Station 8: Community Facilities & Services Element, and Governance Element
- Station 9: Safety Element and Noise Element
- Station 10: Arts and Culture Element

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Informal comments and discussions took place at the various open house stations. Key takeaways from those discussions are noted below. Please note, participants were encouraged to provide official feedback on the Draft General Plan through the online feedback form.

- Vision and Guiding Principles: Compliments towards staff's professionalism.
- Land Use: Some concerns and some support for the mixed-use designation at the Borchard property.
- Mobility: General questions and support for the proposed bikeway map.

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- Open Space and Conservation: Supportive of the City's continuing commitment to conservation and open space.
- Governance: Questions about how the City is preparing to address the housing needs of senior residents; questions about why biotech was described as important for the future economic well-being, while other industries were not mentioned; and question on why the City choose not to have a separate economic development element.
- Noise/Safety: General questions about noise and safety in Thousand Oaks.
- Arts and Culture: General questions about arts and culture in Thousand Oaks.

DEMOGRAPHICS INFORMATION

The following results indicate who participated in the demographic information activity station. Note that not all open house participants completed the demographics survey.

- **Live and Work in Thousand Oaks.** The majority of participants live and work in Thousand Oaks.
- **Tenure in Thousand Oaks.** Approximately half of the attendees have been in the community 21 or more years. The remainder have been in the community for 20 years or less.
- **Age.** All participants fell into the 45-64 or 65 or older category, with the exception of one participant who was under age 18.
- **Background.** Majority of participants identified as White (Not Hispanic), though several participants identified as Asian.