

# CITY OF LARKSPUR GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

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## A Twenty-year Community Vision: Updating the Larkspur General Plan

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As fall begins, an update of the Larkspur General Plan is in full swing. While the 1990 General Plan is a relevant planning document with a strong community vision, the City recognizes the need to incorporate the community's vision of Larkspur for the next twenty years and to include changes in State law. The updated General Plan will guide our preservation and development from 2010 to 2030.

### Citizen Advisory Committee

The City Council jumpstarted the General Plan update process this March by inviting interested Larkspur residents and business representatives to apply for membership on the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). The 26-member CAC is guiding the General Plan update by identifying important community issues, providing input on existing General Plan goals, policies, and programs, and encouraging community involvement in the process. The CAC members represent a broad spectrum of neighborhoods and community interests, as well as City boards and commissions and local school districts.

### Current Issues and Planned Studies

To date the CAC has held several public meetings addressing City budget and services, state and local climate change legislation, State housing law and housing needs, and other pertinent background information. The CAC will continue meeting over the next eight months to give the City direction on General Plan goals, policies, and programs.

The environmental review process associated with the update will consist of several technical studies, including traffic, air quality, and noise studies to

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### Areas in Transition: The CAC Tackles Two Areas for Future Redevelopment

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) recently hosted tours of two areas in Larkspur that have the potential for revitalization or redevelopment in the next twenty years. The first area is the commercial corridor of north Magnolia Avenue, or **SUBAREA 1**. The Redwood Highway Area east of Highway 101, or **SUBAREA 2**, is the second area of focus.

### TOUR NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS



**SUBAREA 1:** CAC members took note of several opportunities to enliven the corridor by attracting dynamic businesses, providing community gathering places, and making the streetscape friendlier to pedestrian and bicycle traffic.



**SUBAREA 2:** This active industrial area is also home to two mobile home parks and is an access point for pedestrians and bicyclists using the West-East pedestrian Highway 101 overpass and South-North overpass spanning the Corte Madera Creek. Addressing environmental issues and safely accommodating pedestrians and bicyclists are the CAC's main focal points.



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### Citizen Advisory Committee Schedule: February to April, 2011

*All meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall unless otherwise noted. This schedule is tentative and subject to change. Please check the City website or contact the Planning Department to confirm meeting dates, times, and locations. All meetings are open to the public.*

## REVISED CAC MEETING SCHEDULE- Updated January 2011.

Meetings begin February 28, 2011.

February	March	April
<u>February 14:</u> No CAC meeting.	<u>March 14, 6:30 p.m.:</u> CAC-hosted public workshop for Subarea 1 scenarios	<u>April 11, 6:30 p.m.:</u> Continued CAC discussion of draft General Plan elements
<u>February 28, 6 p.m.:</u> Staff presentation and CAC discussion of subarea scenarios	<u>March 28, 6 p.m.:</u> CAC-hosted public workshop for Subarea 2 scenarios; CAC discussion of draft General Plan Elements	<u>April 25, 6 p.m.:</u> Continued CAC discussion of draft General Plan elements

### CAC Takes the Helm of the General Plan Update

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ensure the continued protection of public health and safety. The timeline anticipates that the CAC will have a draft General Plan ready for public review by late spring of 2011.

The City Council encourages the community to voice their opinions during this important update. Please contact CAC members, City Council members, or City staff with your

thoughts and opinions throughout this process.

I encourage you to attend the CAC meetings, which are open to the public. The meetings are held in City Council Chambers on the second and fourth Mondays of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., respectively.

Please check the City's website at: [www.larkspurcityhall.org/203-LarkspurGeneralPlan2030.html](http://www.larkspurcityhall.org/203-LarkspurGeneralPlan2030.html)

or call the Planning Department at 927-5038 to confirm meeting dates, times, and agendas. What will Larkspur look like in 2030? It's up to the community to decide! Let's hear your voice.

*For more information about the CAC and the General Plan update, or to be added to our mailing list, call 927-5038 or email Julia Capasso at: [jcapasso@larkspurcityhall.org](mailto:jcapasso@larkspurcityhall.org)*