

**Albany Planning and Zoning Commission  
December 10, 2014 Meeting Summary**

**Study Session on Draft Community Services Goals, Policies, and Actions**

Barry Miller delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Draft Community Services and Facilities Element. He noted this was an optional Element, but its topics were all critical to the quality of life in Albany.

Chair Donaldson asked the Commission if there were questions or comments. David Arkin indicated he supported the idea of a CSF Element, even though it was not a mandated part of the General Plan. A question was raised about adding another optional element for historic preservation. Barry Miller noted that the existing plan was silent on this issue, but the Land Use Element was being expanded to cover preservation as a major topic area. Phil Moss suggested that the language on undergrounding of utilities (in the Land Use Element) be moved to this element. Chris Kent suggested that the goals of this Element could be woven together, to highlight their relationships to one another.

Stacy Eisenman suggested a program to replace streetlights with LEDs, either in this Element or in the Conservation Element. She also suggested adding an action to acquire Veterans Memorial Hall. Barry Miller noted that this was covered in the Parks and Rec Element, and Stacy suggested perhaps it should be moved here and cross-referenced there. It was noted that the building needed historic restoration and seismic retrofitting. It was further suggested that cross-references to the solid waste policies (in the Conservation Element) be added here. Stacy suggested that we add an action item to create guidelines for defensible space (crime prevention through environmental design).

Chair Donaldson indicated we should discuss street maintenance (pavement) under the infrastructure goal. We should also add sidewalks here—they are aging and some of them need to be replaced. The policies in the police and fire section should cross-reference the Environmental Hazards policies that address emergency preparedness and CERT.

David Arkin suggested that the text define green infrastructure, and include a broader focus on renewable energy, composting, recycling, electric vehicles, and improvements to support walking and bicycling. Barry Miller indicated that these topics were covered in other elements, but a strong bridge could be created in the text to these priorities. He noted a cross-reference could be added to the solar energy and climate action policies in the Conservation /Sustainability Element.