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COMMUNITY WORKSHOP AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO REVIEW GENERAL PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS – JAN. 5

Recommendations from the General Plan Advisory Committee and an open Community Workshop on the comprehensive General Plan Update will be highlights of the next regular Twentynine Palms Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at City Hall.

Land Use, Circulation and Infrastructure Alternatives and other General Plan Update issues will be presented to the Planning Commission and the public by the General Plan consultant (Hogle-Ireland Inc.) along with a series of recent recommendations from the GPAC. The public will be invited to provide input on the issues during the Community Workshop portion of the meeting.

Some of the recent actions by the GPAC included a decision at their Dec. 14 meeting to recommend that the existing Land Use designations remain as provided within the current General Plan. The GPAC also formulated additional recommendations for the Planning Commission and City Council at their Dec. 21 meeting, including:

To recommend remapping the sensitive habitat area known as Mesquite Dunes in Twentynine Palms, in an effort to expand protection for the entire dunes area, including those areas within the sphere of influence.

To recommend that the City create an overlay zone for wildlife linkages, according to the existing map of wildlife movement created by the Wildlife Conservancy and Joshua Tree National Park.

To recommend that a sewage treatment facility be installed in phases in the city, starting with the downtown area.

To recommend development of a policy to allow “clustering” for residential properties in Twentynine Palms.

To recommend that a circulation plan be developed for Section 19 (a land-locked section of one square mile extending from Two Mile Road to Amboy Road, and from Mesquite Springs Road to the east side of Morongo Road).

In other circulation issues, the GPAC decided to recommend taking no action at this time regarding the realignment of Amboy Road as a circulation bypass, and agreed to meet again in roughly two months to review and discuss the subject of

trails, pending completion of the Twentynine Palms Trails Plan being developed by the Morongo Basin Open Space Group.

Results and recommendations from the Jan. 5 meeting are expected to be forwarded to the City Council at the Council's regularly scheduled meeting of Jan. 26, 2010.

The public is urged to attend the Planning Commission meeting and Community Workshop on Jan. 5, beginning at 6 p.m., at City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road. For more information, call the Community Development Department at (760)367-6799, or view the background material available on the General Plan website at www.29palmsgeneralplan.com.

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