



Staff Report

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COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To: Salt Lake City Planning Commission
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Re: Plan Salt Lake Final Draft (PLNPCM2011-00682)

Briefing on Plan Salt Lake

REQUEST: A request by Mayor Ralph Becker for a citywide Vision Plan (Plan Salt Lake). Plan Salt Lake is a citywide vision that establishes where we are as a City, what we value as a City, where we want to be, and a consolidated policy document for decision making that will lead us there. The Plan creates a framework for future neighborhood, community and City element plans to consider how each plan contributes to the future of Salt Lake City.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Plan Salt Lake (draft)
- B. Existing Conditions
- C. Public Process Summary
- D. Dept. Comments

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Since 2012, the Planning Division has been working with the community, City Departments, service providers, other government agencies, non-profits and other stakeholders with an interest in the City to establish a citywide vision plan. The result of this effort is a document called Plan Salt Lake. Plan Salt Lake is intended to create a framework to prepare our City for growth in a sustainable and livable way. The plan recognizes that all cities evolve over time. Plan Salt Lake is built upon the notion that as the natural, built, social and economic environments change, we collectively have a responsibility to be responsive, resilient and contribute to a Vision that is intended to improve our overall quality of life.

The purpose of the plan is to:

- Establish and articulate a citywide vision for Salt Lake City;
- Identify the commonly held values of our community;
- Establish a framework for future community master plans and element plans to carry out the vision; and
- Set targets and identify metrics to help measure our success over time.

Although Plan Salt Lake is a vision plan, it does include an implementation section. This section does not establish specific things that have to be implemented, as that is the role of the other type of plans.

The implementation section instead establishes initiatives, which are broad direction statements that may require multiple actions to implement. The Plan also establishes targets for the future (2040) knowing that how we get there will need to be defined and articulated overtime as the City reacts to change and issues that arise.

For the Planning Commission on August 27th, the Planning Division will provide the Commission with a draft version of Plan Salt Lake, along with all of the background info. We will go over key sections of the plan. We would like the Planning Commission to weigh in on the following questions:

- Is there anything missing?
- Are the Vision and/or Guiding Principles correct?
- What changes, if any need to be made?

These questions are the same questions that the final round of public engagement has asked. This will be the last briefing before the Planning Commission. On Sept. 10th, a public hearing will be scheduled to allow interested parties to weigh in directly to the Planning Commission. Given that this plan is not as specific as other plans (such as the Downtown Master Plan), the Planning Division will be asking the Commission to make a recommendation after the public hearing on Sept. 10th.

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