

Eastern Neighborhoods Program Summer 2007 Update

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-- **DRAFT Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Release & Hearing Date --**

The entire Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Eastern Neighborhoods project, published June 30, 2007, is available on our website to download in PDF format. Please visit us at:

<http://easternneighborhoods.sfplanning.org>

A limited number of hard copies are also available to the public.

The public review and comment period is **June 30 to August 31, 2007**. A Planning Commission Hearing on the DEIR will be held on **Thursday, August 9, 2007**. If you have questions, would like to submit written comments on the DEIR, or would like to request a CD-ROM copy of the document, please contact:

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For more information about the environmental review process please visit:

http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning/projects_reports/eesummary.pdf

-- **June 28th 2007 Planning Commission Progress Report --**

On June 28th, staff from the Planning Department along with the Recreation and Parks Department and Municipal Transportation Agency presented the second in a series of a progress reports on the Eastern Neighborhoods Program to the Planning Commission. The progress report included:

- An overview of the proposed policies and objectives and funding strategies for open space in the Eastern Neighborhoods Plans.
- An overview of the collaborative work between the Planning Department, the Municipal Transportation Agency and the County Transportation Authority to plan appropriate transportation improvements in the Eastern Neighborhoods.

If you were unable to attend, the Power Point presentation is available online here or you can visit <http://www.sfgov.org/sfgtv> to watch the video of the hearing.

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-- Upcoming Planning Commission Progress Reports --

The next few of a series of progress reports to the Planning Commission on the Eastern Neighborhoods Program are now scheduled. The hearings normally take place at 6pm. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE at <http://easternneighborhoods.sfplanning.org> FREQUENTLY BECAUSE DATES AND TIMES MAY CHANGE.

Progress Report #3

When: **July 19th, 2007**

Who: Planning Department staff and Department of Public Health staff (DPH)

What: Eastern Neighborhoods Progress Report – Informational Only

- An update on the historic preservation surveys and overview of the proposed objectives and policies in the Plans to preserve historic resources
- An overview of the collaborative work between Planning and DPH staff of the joint review of the Area Plans with the Healthy Development Tool developed by the ENCHIA (Eastern Neighborhoods Community Health Impact Assessment) process.

Progress Report #4

When: **July 26th, 2007**

Who: The Planning Department staff and the Mayor's Office of Housing

What: Eastern Neighborhoods Progress Report – Informational Only

- A hearing on the final Socio-Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA) background document, which helped inform the draft EIR, Plans and proposed zoning controls
- An update on the preliminary public benefits package and affordable housing strategies

Progress Report #5 – tentative date/to be confirmed

When: **August 2nd, 2007**

Who: The Planning Department staff

What: Eastern Neighborhoods Progress Report – Informational Only

- An overview of the proposed Eastern Neighborhoods zoning controls
- An overview of the proposed Eastern Neighborhoods height controls and guidelines on built form

DRAFT EIR Hearing

When: **August 9th, 2007**

Who: Planning Department staff

What: DRAFT Environmental Impact Report Hearing

- The public review and comment period is **June 30 to August 31, 2007**. A Planning Commission Hearing on the DEIR will be held on **Thursday, August 9, 2007**. Comments may also be submitted in writing.
- See our website to download a copy and for more information on how to comment: <http://easternneighborhoods.sfplanning.org>

-- Upcoming Office Hours, Deadline for Comments & How to Stay Involved --

Office Hours

Planning staff are holding office hours for the different neighborhoods at least once a month. More office hours can be scheduled based on attendance and upon request. Office hours are intended for anyone to drop-in and ask any questions about any of the components of the Eastern Neighborhoods

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 rezoning and community plans. No new information is presented but some office hours will be structured around a topic.

Office hours for the months of July and August are as follows:

2007 Eastern Neighborhoods Upcoming Office Hours	
East SoMa 4:30 - 6:30 PM	Monday, July 9, 2007 @ Bayanihan Center Conference Room 1010 Mission Street @ 6 th St
	Monday, August 6, 2007 Place TBA
Mission 4:00 - 6:00 PM	Wednesday, July 11, 2007 @ 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
	Monday, July 23, 2007 @ 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
	Wednesday, August 8, 2007 @ 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
Showplace Square/Potrero & Central Waterfront 4:00 - 6:00 PM	Tuesday, July 10, 2007 @ 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
	Tuesday, August 7, 2007 @ 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400

Deadline for Comments

Deadline for written or emailed comments on the Draft Area Plans and proposed zoning have been extended to **July 31st 2007**. Comments can also be made in person at the informational Planning Commission hearings noted above. The purpose of this deadline is to allow us to make revisions to the plans and zoning in time to release revised versions of these in early fall. We will continue to take comments on these new versions when they are released.

How to stay involved

The following strategies are to ensure that we have various ways of maintaining communication with community stakeholders, that we receive community input, that we are able to answer questions and that people understand the process. If you have ideas for other strategies please let us know!

1. Fill out the feedback survey

The survey contains questions related to the various components of the Eastern Neighborhoods Planning Process such as the preliminary affordable housing strategy, the Area Plans and the zoning proposals. Feel free to fill out the survey to give us your input and let us know if you have questions. Deadline to submit it is **July 31st 2007**. We will continue to post comments and survey results on the website. Contact us if you'd like a hard copy.

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East SoMa survey:

<http://eastsoma.sfplanning.org> or

[http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning/Citywide/pdf/East SoMa Feedback Survey.doc](http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning/Citywide/pdf/East_SoMa_Feedback_Survey.doc)

Mission survey:

<http://mission.sfplanning.org> or

[http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning/Citywide/Eastern Neighborhoods/Web Survey 07 Mission.doc](http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning/Citywide/Eastern_Neighborhoods/Web_Survey_07_Mission.doc)

2. Periodic Updates

This is the second update we send out regarding the Eastern Neighborhoods Program. If you like to suggest topics for future updates, if you'd like to be added to our electronic mailing list (if you are receiving this you already are on the mailing list) or if you know of organizations that should receive hard copies please contact: Claudia Flores at Claudia.Flores@sfgov.org or at 415-558-6473.

3. E-mail / Write us

Send us your comments or questions! But see deadlines above.

4. Set up a meeting / appointment

Staff are always available to meet. Meetings can take place at the Planning Department or they can be held in other convenient locations

5. Let us know about your meetings

Staff can come present at regular meetings that community organizations/groups already hold depending on the number of requests. Let us know of your meetings as far in advance as possible via e-mail or phone.

6. Attend public hearings

Check the Planning Commission calendar on the web and get on the electronic mailing list to find out about them.

For more information, to obtain a copy of the Draft Area Plans or other workshop and project materials please visit our website at <http://easterneighborhoods.sfplanning.org> or contact the Plan Manager for your neighborhood.

Please visit your neighborhoods' website for the most current dates and info:

East SoMa: <http://eastsoma.sfplanning.org>

Mission: <http://mission.sfplanning.org>

Showplace Square/Potrero Hill: <http://showplacepotrero.sfplanning.org>

Central Waterfront: <http://centralwaterfront.sfplanning.org>

To receive the next update, please provide us with your electronic contact information. Upcoming updates will be sent via e-mail and posted on the web. Hard copies can also be delivered to interested organizations or by contacting: Claudia Flores at Claudia.Flores@sfgov.org and 415-558-6473.