



City of Walnut Creek North Downtown Specific Plan Advisory Committee

Statement of Objectives

1. Provide input on land use and transportation in the Specific Plan area and immediately adjacent areas, including
 - a. Realizing the development potential envisioned by General Plan 2025;
 - b. Identifying the important issues around land use, circulation, transportation and community character ;
 - c. Identifying the existing areas and businesses within the Plan area that should be protected and the goals and objectives to be achieved over the next 30 years;
 - d. Considering the relative fiscal benefit and cost of different land use scenarios and their accompanying infrastructure improvements, such as the feasibility of a concert hall and/or a broader entertainment district, enhanced auto sales and service, and housing;
 - e. Streamlining future development (and therefore an improved customer experience) through: adoption of a Program EIR and providing clarity for property owners and future developers on what the City and community want and find acceptable for the area, now and into the future.
2. Serve as advisers to the City Council, Planning Commission, staff, and Specific Plan lead consultant.

NDSP Advisory Committee Structure

The Advisory Committee is a community advisory committee to the Walnut Creek City Council and Planning Commission. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide stakeholder and citizen perspectives, participation, and involvement in the North Downtown area policy development and implementation.

- (1) Membership. Two (2) City Council members chosen by the City Council shall serve on the Advisory Committee. Each of the City commissions shall nominate one member to the Advisory Committee and one alternate. In addition, as planned, the Advisory Committee will be comprised of up to six (6) members and their alternates to be nominated by the City Council North Downtown Specific Plan Ad Hoc Council Committee and appointed by the Walnut Creek City Council as “at large” members. Members shall be selected to reflect the community and business organizations and interests within Walnut Creek and, in particular, the Plan area. Members shall not serve in a representative capacity with respect to their appointing authority (Walnut Creek City Council) or to the organization that they serve (e.g. Chamber of Commerce, etc.). Advisory Committee members may be interviewed by the Ad Hoc Council Committee prior to nomination.

- (2) Terms of Membership. Members shall be appointed for the duration of the planning process, expected to conclude in November 2017.
- (3) Advisory Committee Responsibility. Serve as advisers to the City Council and Planning Commission. Review and provide input on progress reports and technical studies. Review plan alternatives and help identify a preferred alternative. Review potential opportunity sites for new development. Provide input on design guidelines and desirable amenities in new development. Make a formal recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council on the final draft of the Specific Plan in a majority/minority format report or comprehensive report with all recommendations.
- (4) Public Meetings. Advisory Committee meetings are subject to Brown Act and state and federal laws governing public meetings. Members of the public may attend the meetings and will be given time to address the Advisory Committee during public comment and during each agenda item. The Advisory Committee's deliberations will occur during the public meeting and may be recorded for meeting minutes.