

City of Monrovia

Community Development / Planning Division Update

September 6, 2022 • Study Session • Monrovia City Council

Agenda

- Overview of the Planning Division
- Monrovia Land Use Tools
- Development Trends
- Update on Entitled Projects (Multifamily and Commercial)
- Projects Under Review

Planning Division

Current Planning

- Zoning Administration
- Processing Development Applications (Staff, DRC, PC, CC)
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance
- Construction Monitoring
- Code Enforcement Support

■ Long Range (Advance) Planning

- General Plan / Municipal Code maintenance and consistency
- Legislative Response
- Regional Coordination

Historic Preservation

- Process Landmark Designation Applications (HPC, CC)
- Demolition Ordinance Administration
- Mills Act Compliance

Development doesn't happen on its own!

Land Use Tools

- The Monrovia General Plan
- The Zoning Code (MMC Title 17)

Review and Approval Bodies (MMC Title 2)

 City Council, Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, and the Development Review Committee

Ultimate Goal

We exist to serve the people of Monrovia to create a community that offers a premier quality of life.

The General Plan

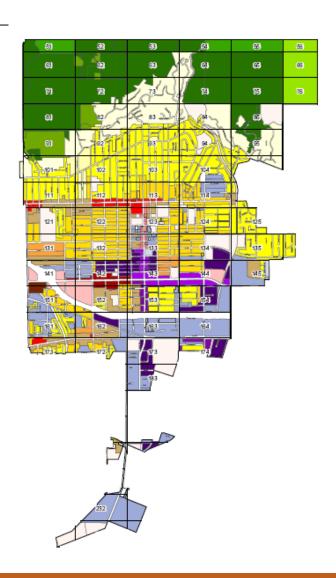
- Long Range Planning Document (20-25 years)
- Sets the vision for specific areas in the City with policy directives (goals and policies)
 - South Myrtle Avenue Corridor
 - Huntington Drive Commercial Corridor
 - Station Square Transit Village
- Consists of eight sections, or "elements" each addresses a specific long range planning topic
- Focused General Plan Update includes Housing Element and Safety updates and adoption of new Environmental Justice Element



8 Required Elements

The Zoning Code

- Zoning Map and Zoning Code (Title 17)
- Breaks areas in to "Zones" to separate incompatible uses (heavy industrial vs. residential)
- Provides a list of land uses by zone
- Designates which uses are permitted by right and which ones require special approval



Other Influencing Factors

Legislation

(State and Federal)

World Events

(The Pandemic)

Influencing
Development
Trend

The Housing Crisis

(Availability and Affordability)

Commercial Market

(Office, Restaurant, Retail, and Industrial)

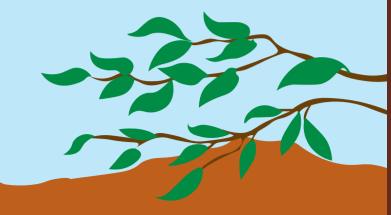
Monrovia's Land Use Plan

- Takes advantage of Economic Opportunities
 - Mixed of Land Uses
 - Market Conditions
 - Unique Opportunities
- Development Strategies include
 - Traditional Zoning
 - Planned Development Areas
 - Specific Plans



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Update on Entitled Projects



Station Square



Alexan Marmont



- 6.77 acre site
- 436 units / 4 livework
- 800 parking stalls

Estimated Completion Fall 2024

Alexan Marmont



127 Pomona



- 1.83 acre site
- 232 units / 25 affordable
- 7,500 sf commercial
- 387 parking stalls

Permit Issuance

127 Pomona



Station Square South



- 3.79 acre site
- 296 units / 5 livework
- 532 parking stalls

In Building Plan Check

Arroyo at Monrovia Station



- 3.03-acre site
- 224 Units / 17 affordable
- 3 live-work
- 7,273 sf commercial
- 509 parking stalls

Entitled / Mitigation

TownePlace Suites by Marriot

102 West Huntington Drive





- TownePlace Suites
 - 109 rooms

Estimated Completion Early 2023

Chick-fil-A / Starbucks

820 W Huntington Drive







Estimated Completion Early 2023





Raising Cane's

945 W Huntington Drive



Estimated Completion Early 2023





Projects Under Review

Current Planning

- In-N-Out (Former Black Angus Site)
- New Industrial Warehouse (2601 California Ave)
- Hillside Development
 - Vacant Lot southwest of 547 Norumbega Drive
 - 347 Highland Ave 4 lot Subdivision + Debris Basin









Projects Under Review

Long Range Planning

- Focused General Plan Update (Housing, Safety, EJ)
 - Planning Commission Hearing October 12, 2022
 - City Council Hearing November 2022 (date TBD)
- Inclusionary Housing Study
 - Community Survey Live through September 7, 2022
 - Economic Feasibility Study Underway
- Density Bonus Ordinance Underway
- ADU Guidelines Underway
- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Program Underway

Upcoming Projects

- **■** Housing Plan Implementation Planning HOMe
 - Senate Bill 9 / Duplexes and Urban Lot Splits
 - Review Conditional Use Permit (CUP) requirements for Multifamily Housing
 - Review Parking Requirements
 - By-right Special Needs Housing
 - Supportive Housing
 - Single Room Occupancy
 - Housing/ADU web-portal
 - Develop housing program tracking/compliance/reporting system

Opportunities not Envisioned by General Plan

Driving Forces

- Cost to produce Affordable Housing = Higher Density
- Desirable Locations close to Old Town and Station Square
- Preservation of Potential Historic Structures (Need for Return on Investment)

Important Considerations

- Balance between higher density and neighborhood compatibility
- Desire for Economic Diversity
- Location, Location, Location

Existing Potential



701 S Myrtle Avenue

- Mixed-use allowed on 2 acre sites
 - Land Area: 70, 030 SF (1.6 acres)
- Height Limit: 4 stories with 4th story setback from the first three stories on Myrtle Avenue.
- Affordable Housing requires higher density (>54 units/acre) and height (> 4 stories)



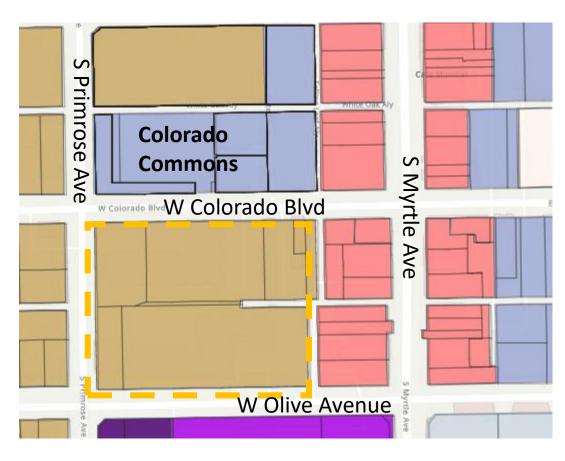
South Myrtle Avenue Corridor

Existing Potential



125 W Olive Avenue

- Ripe for New Residential Development
- Located in Residential High zone
- Affordable Housing requires higher density (>54 units/acre) and height (> 4 stories)



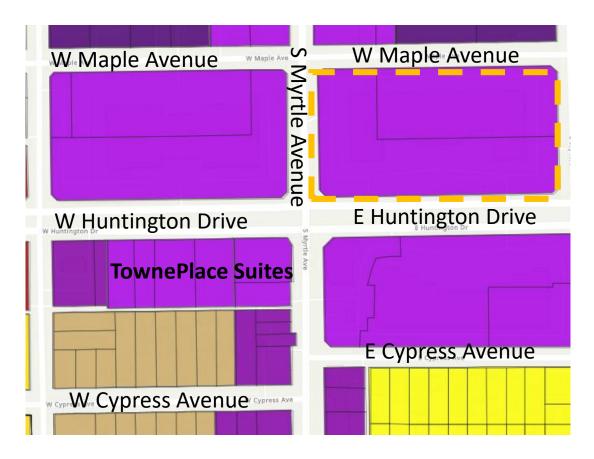
Residential High Density

Existing Potential



101 E Huntington Drive

- Ripe for Mixed Use Residential Development
- General Plan calls for Office/Research and Development/Light Industrial



South Myrtle Avenue Corridor



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Questions and Discussion

