



MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

Comprehensive Plan Advisory Group Meeting #4

Date: Wednesday August 22, 2007
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Pinal County Government Complex; 31 N. Pinal; Bldg. F
Purpose: Review Vision Workshops, Prepare for Next Steps

Handouts: Agenda, July 23 Meeting Notes, Visioning Workshop Executive Summary, Planning Workshops Process Handout

Participants: Gordon Brown, Harold Christ, Frank Jones, Chuck Millar, Rayna Palmer, Dallas Paulsen, Ron Rickel, Rosemary Shearer, Carlie Weaver

Jerry Stabley, Pinal County
Peggy Fiandaca, PSA
Curt Dunham, PSA
Audra Koester Thomas, PSA

Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Welcome and Project Overview

Jerry Stabley, Pinal County Project Manager welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He expressed the success of the public involvement events held earlier in the month.

Update on Plan Process and Schedule

Peggy Fiandaca reviewed the meeting notes from July 25.

Audra Koester Thomas updated the group on the progress of the Pinal County Compendium, a document of existing conditions. The document is nearing completion and is anticipated to be on the website in mid-September.

Peggy updated the group on the progress of the website and ongoing project communications. The content of the website is growing exponentially.

Peggy provided an update of the Native American Visioning Workshop and the quality of the input received. The summary report will be on the website.



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Visioning Workshops

The project team presented the initial results of the six Visioning Workshops. A separate report was done for each Workshop plus an executive summary was completed to tie together the common themes heard in each of the individual events.

The major outcome of the events was that there was clear consensus regarding the vision themes developed during the Road Show process.

Peggy then led a discussion of the results and gathered input from the CPAG. Following are CPAG suggestions and comments.

- Public Health, Safety, and Welfare do need to be part of the Vision.
- As people move here they are going to expect more health care services and choices.
- We are going to need several regional hospitals.
- We need to address sanitary waste systems. This is a major public health issue.
- Need to address solid waste. A place off SR 79 near Mineral Mountain. Solid waste has to go someplace if the population continues to increase. Need to explore using old mine sites for landfills. Talk with Phelps-Dodge.
- Need to explore all alternatives for preserving the environment.
- Law enforcement and fire protection are major issues.
- Need facilities for elderly assisted living.
- Need satellite facilities; why does the county allow subdivisions that don't provide for adequate fire and police protection?
- Need to nurture the village concept with more small, local government/leadership entities.
- Need to clearly identify the costs for what people say they want (e.g., open space)

Planning Workshops

Peggy introduced the next major public involvement effort to take place in October. Planning Workshops will be held in Apache Junction, Mammoth, Eloy, Maricopa, Johnson Ranch, and at Central Arizona College.

The purpose of the workshops will be to have participants translate the vision for the future into land use and transportation concepts via an interactive mapping exercise.

The CPAG was asked to help promote attendance at these important events.



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Task Forces

Curt gave a brief overview of some of the discussions of the Economic Development and Transportation Task Force meetings held earlier in the day. He expressed the value of the high level of participation and quality of dialogue and input. The CPAG will be furnished with a summary report of the discussions from those Task Force meetings.

Airport Feasibility Study Update

Curt gave a brief synopsis of the conclusions of the Airport Feasibility Study. He stressed that the conclusions indicated that a facility with the capacity and passenger traffic of Tucson International Airport was very realistic in Pinal County for the 2035 to 2040 timeframe. While this seems like a long way off, in order to develop a facility of this type, planning should begin now. This includes much more in-depth analysis, including land use planning, potential acquisition of land, air space analysis, and infrastructure and transportation planning. A partnership was suggested to be developed between Pinal County, CAAG, ADOT Aviation, and the Federal Aviation Administration (which could provide funding) to take the analysis to the next level of detail.

Next Steps

The CPAG will meet next on Friday, September 14, 2007 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The next CPAG meeting will be on November 14, 2007 at the Arizona State University Decision Theater. Time was tentatively set for 3 to 6 p.m. but this will be finalized. The CPAG agreed to make travel arrangement to get to this meeting.

These meeting summary notes reflect the notes taken by Partners for Strategic Action, Inc. during the meeting. If corrections are needed, please provide those recommendations as soon as possible, preferably within two weeks of receipt of these notes.

Respectfully submitted,

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