

MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

Technical Advisory Group Meeting #2

Date: Wednesday September 12, 2007
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Pinal County Government Complex; 820 E. Cottonwood Ln., Bldg. A, BOS Conf. Room; Casa Grande

Purpose: Comprehensive Plan Development Suitability

Handouts: Agenda, Meeting Summary Notes

Participants:

Thomas Poulson, BOR	Jim Nelson, SRP	Greg Bernosky, APS
Jim Hartdengen, ED-3	Brian Betcher, MSIDD	Dhruv Patel, APS
Scott Lee, Global Water	Vern Sullivan, Southwest Gas	David Wilson, ED-2
Terri Sue Rossi, CAP	Jerry Stabley, Pinal County	Peggy Fiandaca, PSA

Meeting was called to order at approximately 3:10 p.m.

Welcome

Jerry Stabley, Pinal County Project Manager welcomed everyone and thanked them for participating on the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan Technical Advisory Group (TAG). The TAG reviewed the meeting summary notes and no changes were suggested.

Overview of Plan Process and Schedule Overview

Peggy gave an overview of the process to date. The Compendium has been finalized and will be on the website soon. The website has been receiving quite a bit of visitation and the database has grown to over 2,000 email addresses. The E-Newsletters are being used to communicate about the project. The first of the Economic Development and Transportation Task Forces have been held. The purpose of the groups is to provide focused input to the planning process.

The Visioning Workshops have been completed. We have received a tremendous amount of input and over 300 people attended to provide input to the vision statement. The consulting team is reviewing and documenting the input and a draft vision statement will be produced. The vision statement will be discussed during upcoming public events.

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The consulting team is preparing for the Design Charrettes that will be held throughout the county in October 2007. The purpose of these events is to conduct a land use gaming exercise where the public can provide direction related to future development. Six design charrettes will be held and the land use maps will be used to create a set of potential alternatives that will then be evaluated.

Development Suitability

Peggy reviewed several development suitability maps with the TAG. They included residential, environment, and economic suitability. These maps were developed by combining many of the GIS layers that are included in the Compendium. These maps will be used to create the land use alternatives. The TAG discussed the maps and provided input related to each.

Countywide Planning Coordination

Peggy gave an overview of the discussions occurring with the various cities within Pinal County regarding improving coordination. The planning directors are discussing developing common land use classifications county-wide, common roadway classifications, and creating one Energy Element for Pinal County that each of the cities will utilize.

The TAG members discussed that they would like to create two subcommittees: Energy and Water. The subcommittees would work on the respective elements.

Next Steps

The next TAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 18th at 2:00 p.m. in Casa Grande Board of Supervisors Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m.

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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