



CITY OF SURPRISE
General Plan Advisory Group
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374
 Thursday, September 14, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- A. Call To Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Current Events and Reports
- E. Staff Reports
- F. General Plan Advisory Group Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Citywide
 - 1. Review of the June 13, 2023 GPAG meeting minutes. Jason Moquin
Community Development

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

- 2. Citywide
 - 1. Review and Discussion of Surprise 2040 General Plan 60-Day Review Draft Jason Moquin
Community Development
 - Review of Received Public Comments
 - Group Discussion of the 60-Day Review Draft

G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items

- 1. Upcoming Hearing Schedule
 - Surprise Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing #1 – Review (10/5/2023)
 - Surprise Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing #2 – Recommendation (11/2/2023)
 - Surprise City Council Work Session / Public Hearing – Decision (12/5/2023)

H. Executive Session

For information purposes: Upon a public majority vote of a quorum (“Commission”), the Commission may hold an executive session, which will not be open to the public, but for only the following purposes: discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2));

or discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)).

Confidentiality Requirements: Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(C)(D), any person receiving executive session information pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 shall not disclose that information except to the Attorney General or County Attorney or by agreement of the Commission, or as otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

The Commission may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission’s attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

I. Adjournment

POSTED: Monday, September 11, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

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Council Meeting Date: September 14, 2023 Contact Person: Jason Moquin, Planning Manager
Submitting Department: Community Development District: Citywide
Staff Recommendations:

Consent: No Regular: No Public Hearing: No Report/Discussion: No

Agenda Wording:

1. Review of the June 13, 2023 GPAG meeting minutes.
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Motion:

Background:

Objective Analysis:

Policy Compliant:

Financial Impact:

Budget Impact:

FTE Impact:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. GPAG No. 8 Minutes 06.13.2023
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**CITY OF SURPRISE
GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY GROUP
MEETING NO. 8
MEETING MINUTES**

**June 13, 2023
6:00-8:00 PM
Council Chambers Community Room
16000 N Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, AZ 85374**

GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING #7

GPAG MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Robinson, Parks & Recreation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Gibbs, COS Resident | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitchell Rosenbaum, Planning & Zoning Comm. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chris McComb, Imagine Prep. Academy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Breading-Goodrich, COS Resident | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Phillips, Developer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Gyorffy, COS Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Kent Xander, Land Broker | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Doolittle, COS Resident |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dennis Tyner, Ottawa University | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margaret Lieu, Arts Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Draper, COS Resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holly Medina, West Mec | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark James, Luke AFB | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taylor Earl, Land Use Attorney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jay Leonard, COS Resident | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Boule, COS Water Resource Mgmt. Director | <input type="checkbox"/> William Lally, Land Use Attorney |

CITY OF SURPRISE STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Moquin, Planning Manager | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lloyd Abrams, Comm. Dev. Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trever Fleetham, Planner-Senior | |

MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL (CONSULTANT STAFF) IN ATTENDANCE:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matthew Klyszeiko, Consultant Project Manager | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steven Sifferman, Consultant Planner |
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General Plan Advisory Group (GPAG) Meeting convened at 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

GPAG Chair Steve Doolittle called the GPAG Meeting #8 to order at 6:00 PM. He then led an attendance roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Current Events and Reports:

No current event nor reports were announced.

Consent Agenda:

Item No 1. Consideration and action to approve the General Plan Advisory Group Meeting #6 Minutes of May 9, 2023.

Approved

Regular Agenda Item – Non-Public Hearing:

Item No 2. Review and Discussion of Draft General Plan 2040

Review of Updates to the Surprise General Plan 2040 Draft Goals and Policies.

Consultant Klyszeiko of Michael Baker International gave a brief presentation on the purpose of the meeting to review and discuss further the changes to the Surprise General Plan 2040 Draft Goals and Policies following feedback from the GPAG #7 Meeting on May 9th. GPAG members gave their

feedback by taking turns sharing their thoughts in a group setting in front of all participants in the meeting. Comments included changing the “Competing Economy” value to “Resilient Economy,” adding back in the mention of neighborhood electric vehicles for limited use on public roadways, clarifying the use of the reference table at the beginning of the Goals & Policies booklet, and grammatical corrections.

Review of Updates to the Draft Surprise General Plan 2040 Text.

The review of the entire text of the Draft Surprise General Plan 2040 as submitted to the GPAG members prior to the meeting followed the small group review and discussion used in the May 9th GPAG Meeting #7 that reviewed the initial Draft Goals & Policies of the 2040 Plan. Consultant Klyszeiko instructed the GPAG members on the small group review and discussion procedures.

The small group review process utilized two 30-minute rounds of conversation with 3-4 committee members and 1 staff facilitator seated around a table at each station. In order to cover all of the chapters of the Draft 2040 Plan in the allotted one-hour time limit, the Six Values were paired into three stations (i.e. tables) as follows:

1. A Welcoming Place & A Sustaining Environment
2. A Livable Community & A Connected City
3. A Competing Economy & A Healthy Lifestyle

The GPAG members chose an initial station, forming a small group for discussing the two values at a particular station of the three for the first 30-minute period. At the end of the first 30-minute period, the members of the group moved to one of the remaining two stations of their choosing. The staff facilitator stayed at the same station during both of the two 30-minute rounds of discussion. During the second round of discussion, the staff facilitator informed the second small group on what happened and what was shared in the first discussion round. During both rounds, GPAG members were free to comment on the entire Draft 2040 Plan, including the introductory and concluding chapters.

After the two 30-minute rounds of conversation, the three staff facilitators shared and reported to the entire committee on the various comments and feedback that were provided during the two small group conversations. During this time, members of the committee had a final chance to offer any closing observations based on the discussion summary. Some of the topics presented in the final reporting and discussion were:

1. A Welcoming Place: (1) *Including mentioning of the Surprise Youth Council for an even greater description of Surprise’s inclusivity.*
2. A Livable Community: (1) *Convert data graphs to infographics, (2) Consider options for streamlining this long chapter.*
3. A Connected City: (1) *Include multi-use paths on transportation maps to show links and connectivity of bike/ped paths, (2) A little more discussion on Scenic Lands.*
4. A Competing Economy: (1) *Include a data date, (2) State that natural resources is important for tourism, (3) Mention that attracting a quality workforce includes providing a diversity of housing. (4) Any destination resort development should not conflict with other Goals & Policies in the 2040 Plan.*
5. A Healthy Lifestyle: (1) *A more precise and comprehensive definition of “Arts” and “Culture”, (2) Clearing up the mentioning of wildlife corridors, agricultural lands, and greenbelts, (3) Include the White Tank Mountains Conservancy as a partner in the Goals & Policies.*
6. A Sustaining Environment: (1) *Discuss the need for future acquisition of water sources to continue*

growth rate, (2) Consider tying dark sky component into rural areas, (3) Add policies related to buffers around White Tank Mountains.

Other Business and Future Agenda Items:

After wrapping the final discussion of the Surprise General Plan 2040 Draft Goals and Policies, Planning Manager Moquin and Consultant Klyszeiko reviewed the upcoming events in the Surprise General Plan Update timeline. The next GPAG Meeting #9, if deemed necessary to hold, will be on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 in the Council Chambers Community Room from 6-8 PM. The progress of the 60-Day General Plan Review and the results of Community Workshop Round 3 will be reviewed at this meeting. Also, there will be separate work sessions with the Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council to review the Draft Surprise General Plan 2040. The work session for the Planning & Zoning Commission will be on Thursday, June 15, 2023, and the work session for the City Council will be on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. The 60-Day General Plan Review timeframe commences on June 30th-August 30th. Community Workshop #3 will take place on the evening of Thursday, August 10, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT:

At the conclusion of the agenda items, Chair Dolittle moved to adjourn the General Plan Advisory Group Meeting #8 at 8:00 P.M.

The foregoing instrument is a full, true, and correct copy of the original document.

ATTEST BY: _____
Jason Moquin, Planning Manager

DATE: June 14, 2023



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