

CITY OF SURPRISE
Special City Council Meeting Minutes
Surprise Communiiversity
Surprise, AZ 85374

Saturday, November 9, 2013 @ 9:00 AM

Call To Order

Roll Call

Mayor Wolcott called the **Special City Council Meeting** (Council Retreat) to order at 9:00 AM at the Surprise Communiiversity on **Saturday, November 9, 2013**. Also in attendance with Mayor Wolcott were Vice Mayor Biundo; Council Member Mankiewicz; Council Member Williams; Council Member Villanueva and Council Member Hall.

Staff City Manager, Chris Hillman; City Attorney, Misty Leslie and City Clerk,
Present: Sherry Ann Aguilar.

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Sustainable Land Use and Design

- A. Resort and Executive Housing Community
 - 1. Generally
 - a. Incorporating natural features and wildlife corridors preservation
 - b. Concentrating density to protect wildlife corridors
 - c. Clustering commercial development into small, nice enclaves along Sun Valley Parkway
 - 2. Resort
 - a. Northeast corner of White Tanks Foothills
 - b. Low profile, high quality hotel integrated into the natural environment(i.e. Library)
 - c. Unimpeded view to the East
 - 3. Executive Housing
 - a. Eastside of the White Tanks, West of the Canals

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- b. Limit height of construction along mountain grades
 - c. Gated community, limited access along Jackrabbit (preferred)
 - d. Local retail (don't need to drive 20 minutes to get milk)
- 4. Move-up Housing North of White Tanks, and wrapping
 - a. Preserved sight corridors
 - b. Preserved open space
 - c. Alter transportation plan (Deer Valley)
 - d. Rural character street designs, narrow, no curb and sidewalk?
- 5. Design / Environmental Concepts to Encourage:
 - a. High energy efficiency standards
 - b. Clustering, median, and high-end homes
 - c. High 360 degree architectural standards
 - d. Underground utilities
 - e. Dark skies
 - f. Wildlife corridor protection
 - h. View corridor preservation
 - i. Water conservation
- 6. Work with state land on joint vision for buffering.
 - a. Preserve?
 - b. Possible pedestrian entrance to park/trails
- B. Wittmann
 - a. Preserve current land use/"Way of Life"
- C. In-Fill
 - a. Unincorporated pockets
 - b. City center
 - c. Dysart to Litchfield, South of Thunderbird
 - d. Bell Road corridor adjacent to Original Town Site west to Grand Ave.
 - e. Encourage Development to existing infrastructure
 - f. Former Auto Mall area
 - g. Focus on Employment uses, Arts/Cultural uses
- D. Gateways
 - a. Locations
 - Litchfield and Peoria
 - 303 and Peoria
 - Grand and Greenway
 - Bell and Grand
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 - Bell and 303
 - Bell and West City limits
 - Bell and East side City limits

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- b. Theme/Style; unifying but area distinct

Economic Development

- A. Grand Ave Corridor as Medical and Rehabilitation
- B. Dysart and Grand Cultural Center
- C. Family entertainment/activity

Transportation

- A. Jackrabbit alignment East of Bell
- B. Deer Valley Road alignment, moved to preserve wilderness, open space, and corridors
- C. 3/4th street standard
- D. Scalloped street correction at Greenway and Litchfield
- E. Missing medians
- F. Roadway landscaping (Bell)
- G. Traffic Routing and alternate transportation access (golf carts) to games
- H. “Award Winning” Railplex

Sports Tourism

- A. Sports village
- B. Soccer/Softball competition area at 303
- C. Tennis facility stadium
- D. Competition swimming pool

Tools

- 1. Expedited Review
- 2. Bond Financing
- 3. Overlay districts
- 4. Architectural standards
- 5. Energy efficiency standards
- 6. Grants/financial programming
- 7. Public and/or private partnerships
- 8. Infrastructure construction

F. General Council Objectives – no particular order

- 1. Jobs
- 2. Executive Homes

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3. AAA Bond Rating
4. Education and Schools
5. Performance and Accountability Portal
6. Develop Business Gateways
7. Performing Arts
8. Preservation of the White Tank Mountains and low density development and resorts as transition from the White Tanks
9. Median Maintenance
10. Universities
11. Maximize current assets
12. Convention Center/Multi-purpose space for smaller conventions

Adjournment:

Mayor Wolcott adjourned the Special City Council Meeting of November 9, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Sharon R. Wolcott, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I, Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk for the City of Surprise, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are the true and correct minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of **Saturday, November 9, 2013.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk