



**Meeting Minutes
General Plan 2040
Community Working Group**

Tuesday, December 18, 2012
5:30 PM
Tempe Public Library
Meeting Room 2
3500 South Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona

<p>CWG Members Present JoLyn Gibbons Alan Beaudoin Jeremy Capello Lee Don Cassano Armando Espinosa Ryan Guzy Cole Hickman Ed Mitchell Michael Myrick Celeste Plumlee Marie Provine Lisa Roach Joe Salvatore Fred Warren Don Watkins Steve Wegner Woody Wilson Dennis Webb</p>	<p>Audience Members Benjamin Shaw Jim Durham Marion Durham Haryaksha Gregor Knauer Karyn Gitlis Christine Hartman</p>
<p>CWG Members Absent Brad Graham Gary Johnson Melody Moss Julie Ramsey</p>	<p>Staff Present Nancy Ryan Lisa Collins Amanda Nelson Mark Vinson</p>

The meeting was called to order at 5:35PM.

Item 1 Welcome and Introductions

Joe Salvatore (CWG Chairman) introduced himself and shared his interest in the GP2040. He asked each CWG member to do the same. Nancy Ryan introduced herself and other City of Tempe staff members at the meeting.

Item 2 Procedures and Expectations

Procedures and expectations were presented.

Item 3 Public Appearances

Chairman Salvatore called for public appearances.

- Haryaksha Gregor Knauer provided a welcome statement to the CWG.
- Marion Durham asked about the Community Meeting to be held January 22, 2013 at the Tempe History Museum from 5 to 7PM.

Item 4 Requirements of the General Plan

Nancy Ryan shared the purpose and need for General Plans in Arizona and identified the required elements for Tempe's General Plan from Arizona State statutes (A.R.S. § 9-461.05) as well as, additional elements that were included in the General Plan 2030 which are expected to be part of GP2040. One new element is proposed for the General Plan; which is education. Nancy shared the organizational table of contents proposed for the new plan to show how each required and optional element would be included.

Item 5 Growth Projections

Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) provides the cities within the County with projections of population, housing and employment growth, based on census and an extensive model. Population and employment projection maps show the distribution of population and employment from the 2010 census data and the percentage of increase at "buildout", which coincides closely with the 2040 timeframe of the General Plan. Nancy Ryan shared the projected growth for population was 41,730 and employment was 40,680, and that MAG is in the process of updating these projections. New projection numbers will likely be issued during the course of the General Plan update.

Item 6 Review Proposed Guiding Principles

Nancy Ryan introduced the concept of including Guiding Principles as part of GP2040, and noted that peer cities in the state and country have included guiding principles (or framework principles) within their General Plans. Guiding principles provide an overall context of core values that guide development of the General Plan. The guiding principles proposed were sustainable land use, increased economic vitality, sustained mobility/greater accessibility, enhanced quality of life and preservation of neighborhood character and environmental stewardship.

CWG member comments of the Guiding Principles included discussion of:
Sustainable Land Use Principle

- Availability of medical facilities and doctors

Economic Vitality Principle

- Arts and culture
- Sports and sporting activities
- Tempe Town Lake activities and events
- Uniqueness characteristics of neighborhoods
- Equity of public investment throughout the community
- Sustainability connection with the Plan
- Education quality and accountability
- Affordable housing for families

Sustained Mobility/greater Accessibility Principle

- Tempe as leader
- Multi-modal considerations in planning
- Bicycle education and safety
- Mobility for all -- universal design

Enhanced Quality of Life and Preservation of Neighborhood Character Principle

- Potentially the most important Principle
- Development impacts on neighborhoods and multi-modalism
- Buffer zone between zoning districts – historic, high-density
- Incentives for redevelopment in blighted areas
- PAD's – how successful/unsuccessful
- Deteriorated areas – preserve, redevelop or revitalize or a combination
- Seeking community engagement early for redevelopment
- Evaluate/ balance preservation and development
- Involve arts and culture
- Homelessness and social services

Environmental Stewardship Principle

- Wildlife at Town Lake, Rio Salado, buttes, etc.

Item 7 Draft Goals of the General Plan Chapters

Due to time constraints, discussion of this item was tabled to be reviewed along with each of the General Plan chapters. CWG members were asked to review the draft goals and could email any comments to staff.

Item 8 Wrap up and Closing

The General Plan 2030 land use and density maps provided as part of the hand-outs were explained. Nancy asked CWG member to review the maps and descriptions of the particular land uses. It was noted that the GP2040 CWG Members have expanded to 23 with the addition of five more members added by Council approval on December 13, 2012. The next meeting was confirmed to be January 3, 2013 and the Community meeting will take place on January 22, 2013 from 5 to 7PM at the Tempe History Museum. Staff reviewed the potential to change the meeting dates for February through June, but would email the possible dates to members. CWG members were asked to share any potential conflicts with staff by email.

Item 9 Future Meeting Date

The next meeting of the GP2040 CWG will be on Thursday, January 3 at 5:30 PM, meeting at the Tempe Public Library, lower level, Meeting Room 2

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

Prepared by: Nancy Ryan

Reviewed by: Lisa Collins

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