

GP2040 Community Comment Cards
January 22, 2013, 5 to 7PM
Tempe History Museum

Land Use & Development

- Keep fraternity and sorority houses on ASU lands. Implement and enforce city codes to promote current strip mall center landlords and tenants to beautify their centers, repair their lots and allow for trees to be planted on and around their property.
- I like the forum, more mixed use development, adoption of a form-based code and more initiatives about adaptive reuse.
- I have moved into a modular 55+ Park. My concern is the property has been held hostage by Tempe rolls, meaning no RV lot space as a seasonal possibility. Oh I know RVers do spend money and use roads.

Design & Preservation

- In the 14 years I've lived here I've seen a big change in the skyline of Tempe. ASU has made the Mill & Apache Blvd are look like high rise paradise. It's to bad, I'm all for progress it's inevitable, but does it have to be so overwhelming?
- Strengthen historic preservation- not just for buildings and sites, but also landscape, flood irrigation, petroglyphs on "A" Mountain, etc.
- Beautification of Apache and Terrace. Perhaps the city can purchase the vacant lots between Rural and McClintock roads on Apache to create community centers for children or seniors and integrate it will ASU student body to encourage student integration.
- This is VERY important to us and our neighborhood- please consider! Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization: 2nd dot point applies to University Royal neighborhood (by Kiwanis Park) to include cars parked in front of yards, trash cans being left out for 2 or more days, recycling cans used for regular trash, weeds overgrown in front yards. Same dot point: alleys are dirty, full of trash -more attention paid to cleanliness- could turn to health issue, cars parked to cover sidewalks.
- If land user removes a tree, shouldn't they be requested to replace?

Economic Development

- Tempe has already one of the highest tax rates for sales and property. How are all of their "niceties" going to be paid for? Higher taxes?
- Need to make sure that proper development along lake shoreline is not impeded
- Develop an entrepreneur community and shared work space similar to Gangplank- (which to City of Chandler supports).
- Please do more to support non-profits, entrepreneurs and social entrepreneurs.

Open Space, Recreation & Cultural Amenities

- Horseback riding needs to be maintained in Papago Park.
- Very little mention of Papago Park!! We need to preserve our remaining Desert Parks!! We need to conserve our desert wildlife and landscape! We need to define paths better and clean trash from our desert parks. Tempe needs to better address necessary and proper pruning of desert vegetation along sidewalks and roadways

- What's happening in Papago Park (concerning plans for improvements to area)? Attention needs to be paid! The area needs to be protected, preserved, and monitored so we don't lose this precious desert.
- Prioritize elements and aspects of Tempe that are unique and contribute to the area's distinctiveness.
- More attention must be paid to the programming at the Tempe Center for Arts. An outdoor amphitheater at Beach Park needs to be further explored.
- Waggoner Park could use a dog park area. Many residents already use the ball fields as a place for their dogs to run but it isn't a closed off safe place to have the animals off leash. If the City of Tempe can't do it, maybe the residents that use the park or don't could or would pay to put a dog area in place?

Public Services & Facilities

- Create Community Schools after hours. Combined use spaces available for non-profits offering needed services to family space at a school that rotates services- parenting classes, health services, and other services all in one place and/or use unused city meeting rooms.
- I did not see if City of Tempe plans to use assessments of city plans around public health and using an evaluative process known as Health Impact Assessments. Basically, decisions are made using analysis to how does this affect health and what is the current "as is" of public health community health. I did see elements of quality air, walkable communities, attention to residents for safety available, free public areas to promote physical activity. What about a business plan to deal with aging population?

Conservation, Environmental Planning and Water Resources

- The heat island phenomenon has a huge impact on the valley and the central area of Tempe is warmer than a lot of the valley. So it's important that we address this and it really is in our power to do so. For example, when variances are granted for less landscaped area, there is a cost. And that cost should be considered. It makes the area less walkable and more dangerous and diminishes quality of life for everyone. Every time we build or landscape we create microclimates and these have a tremendous impact on people and ultimately the city as a whole. To continue to attract people and business downtown, we need to prepare for higher temperatures and do what is in our power to prevent them. The center of cities is often where the higher temps are recorded and are also very important to business and the health of a city. So to protect our investment in the city core, we must take this seriously.

Circulation (Transportation)

- Tempe needs to be careful regarding a 4th runway at Phoenix Sky Harbor. We do not need more planes over Papago Park, the Zoo, Botanical gardens and North Tempe Homes.
- Bike path on Spence.
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian laws, infrastructure, etc. in general. Create more *continuous* bike lanes on all arterial and feeder roads. Revise City Code to properly treat operation of bicycles. For example: a) do not treat bicycles the same as cars b) allow bicyclists to treat stop signs and yield signs. (Sometimes called "Idaho stop" I think-maybe it's another state...) 3) Enforce bicycle light laws-there are far too many hard-to-see bicyclists at night.
- Creative use of all canals in Tempe.

Public Involvement

- Better publication of events such as this to increase public awareness of.
- This entire process was a WASTE OF TIME and the feedback means effectively nothing!! When you allow an individual to vote 10 TIMES on one issue you skew the feedback on this issue since you do not know if it was important to one person or 10!! If a couple comes into have this as a pet peeve you could have 20 votes! If 30 to 40 people attend this event you could assume the majority of people feel this is critical for Tempe. You need a new procedure - put a number on each tag for each person. Then you will have good feedback.
- 1 green stamp should represent 1 person's vote otherwise this public opinion is very skewed!
- This is my first opportunity to engage in 2040 input. After review of poster boards, there is a mix of issues that are current and long term so difficult to vote given urgency of some items. My votes represent a mix of short term and long term priorities.