

**CITY OF SURPRISE
GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY GROUP
MEETING NO. 7
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 9, 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay Leonard, COS Resident | <input 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 #7 to order at 6:00 PM. He then led an attendance roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Current Events and Reports:

Planning Manager Moquin announced to the GPAG that the members should be looking forward to the upcoming City of Surprise Housing Study that will soon be completed by an outside consultant firm.

Consent Agenda:

Item No 1. Consideration and action to approve the General Plan Advisory Group Meeting #6 Minutes of April 11, 2023.

Approved

Regular Agenda Item – Non-Public Hearing:

Item No 1. Review and Discussion of 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 the Surprise General Plan 2040 Draft Goals and Policies. He 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 six Values in the allotted one-hour time limit, the 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 among the three stations 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.

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) *Adjust wording from “outreach” to “engagement” to imply two-way communication, (2) State explicitly some of the more prominent community partners.*
2. A Livable Community: (1) *Considerations for a potential future airport of in the City, (2) A diversity of housing options to include different price ranges and rental/owned options.*
3. A Connected City: (1) *Emerging transportation technologies beyond electric vehicles, (2) Considerations for mass transit and connecting into the regional transit system.*
4. A Competing Economy: (1) *Create a business environment that attracts a resort destination in Surprise.*
5. A Healthy Lifestyle: (1) *Mention homeless services in the community within the Goals and Policies, (2) Art should be more explicitly stated in the Goals and Policies wording and tie into to the community’s educational aspirations.*
6. A Sustaining Environment: (1) *Better define sustainability and the systems approach, (2) Add in solar technology for energy generation in the writing of the General Plan, (3) Considerations for a potential new landfill site at the 2040 time horizon of this General Plan update.*

Overall, there were comments from the GPAG members for the staff and consultant team to try to find areas of the Goals and Policies for further compression if possible and to consider writing some of the statements in more concise and clear language. Additionally, cost of development should be more explicitly written into the goals and policies under the six values when applicable. Finally, a roadmap of reference topics would be a good idea to include in the Plan, so readers can quickly jump to sections pertinent to them.

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 #8 will be on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 in the Council Chambers Community Room from 6-8 PM. The Draft General Plan will be reviewed at this

meeting. Also, there will be separate work sessions with the Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council in June to review the Draft General Plan. The 60-Day General Plan Review timeframe commences on June 30th-August 30th. Community Workshop #3 will take place on an evening to be determined between August 10th-August 16th.

ADJOURNMENT:

At the conclusion of the agenda items, Chair Dolittle moved to adjourn the General Plan Advisory Group Meeting #7 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: May 10, 2023