FLAGSTAFF REGIONAL PLAN 2012

November 19, 2009 Focus Group

Open Space, Parks & Recreation, Public Facilities

Aquaplex, Meeting Rooms A, B & party room –
4 to 7 p.m.

Agenda

4:00 – 4:15 p.m. (15 min.) Welcome & Opening Remarks *Bill Towler, FAICP*

- Why this is important & Big Picture thinking – think beyond your neighborhood
- What is expected by State Statute:
  - Open Space
  - Recreation & Parks
  - Public Facilities

4:15 - 5:45 p.m. (90 min.) Three break-out Groups:

1.	**Open Space**	*Mark Ogonowski, Arizona Game & Fish* *Martin Ince, AICP, FMPO* *Kimberly Sharp, COF Neighborhood Planner* *Bob Hoffa, COF Conservation Manager*
2.	**Parks & Recreation**	*Bill Towler, FAICP, Coconino County* *Brian Grube, COF Recreation Superintendent* *Dave Wessel, AICP, FMPO*
3.	**Public Facilities**	*Bob Caravona, COF Comprehensive Planning Mgr* *Tiffany Antol, Coconino County* *Erika Mazza, COF Housing Planner*

5:45 – 6 **Break**

6 – 6:30 **Reconvene and 'map' it out**

Jim Cronk, COF Planning Director

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OPEN SPACE 4:15 – 5:45 p.m. (90 min.)

Purpose: To obtain feedback on the current plan (2001 RP) and desired changes / future direction.
Current community changes that may effect – Open Space Commission Acquisitions; State Law on 'Open Space' designations in plans;

ARS: 'Open Space':

a) Comprehensive inventory of open space, recreational resources and designations of access points to open space and resources
b) Analysis of forecasted needs, policies for managing and protecting open spaces and resources and implementation strategies to acquire additional open space areas and further establish recreational resources
c) Policies and implementation strategies designed to promote a regional system of integrated open space and recreational resources and a consideration of existing plans

Mark Ogonowski, Arizona Game & Fish
Martin Ince, AICP, FMPO
Kimberly Sharp, COF Neighborhood Planner
Bob Hoffa, COF Conservation Manager
Jeanne M. Trupiano, AICP, County Parks & Recreation

4:15 – 4:35 (20 min.) - **Kimberly Sharp** – Welcome and "What is OPEN SPACE in Flagstaff"

Use current RP definitions, ask for other definitions
Ask questions –

- Summary of Open Space & Greenways Plan – *John Aber, Principal Planner*
- What are some of the most used and community loved open spaces?
- City Open Space Acquisition Bond / Open Space Commission
- Coconino County Parks & Open Space Program - *Jeanne Trupiano*

Write group's comments on board

4:35 – 4:50 (15 min.) **Martin Ince** – FUTS Trails & connections

FUTS Masterplan & goals (FUTS Goals & RP 2001 Goals)
Ask questions –

- How do we strengthen the connection between FUTS trails and Open Space?
- How should we include/address FUTS trails in open space planning?

Write group's comments on board

4:50 – 5:15 (25 min.) **Mark Ogonowski-** Bigger picture / connections

Wildlife Corridors /Environmental protections / places for PEOPLE
Ask questions –

- What are the priorities on Open Space planning?
- Urban hunting?
- What are the connections between Open Space, Parks & Recreation, Transportation and plans for GROWTH?
- How can these co-exist?
- *(Sara Reif)* discuss CLS if time permits

Write group's comments on board

5:15 – 5:45 (30 min.) **Bob Hoffa-** SWOT Analysis

Ask questions –

- What are the strengths Flagstaff has in Open Space Planning?
- Weaknesses?
- Opportunities?
- Threats?

Write group's comments on SWOT analysis

Select one member of the group to present Bullet Points to whole group

Parks & Recreation 4:15 – 5:45 p.m. (90 min.)

Purpose: Direction on future Parks & Recreation amenities, funding & priorities

ARS: 'Recreation':
Showing a comprehensive system of areas and public sites for recreation, including the following (with locations and proposed development):

a) Natural reserves
b) Parks
c) Parkways and scenic drives
d) Beaches
e) Playgrounds and playfields
f) Open Space
g) Bicycle Routes
h) Other recreation areas

Elizabeth Neumayer, Community Enrichment Director
Brian Grube, COF Recreation Superintendent
Bill Towler, FAICP, Coconino
Dave Wessel, AICP, FMPO

4:15 – 4:40 (25 min.) - **Elizabeth Neumayer** – Welcome and "What is Parks & Recreation"

Existing RP Parks & Recreation Map
County Parks & Rec Master Plan (2009)
Upcoming City Parks & Rec Master Plan (2010)
Ask questions –

- What are the priorities in Parks & Recreation planning? How do we determine future needs?
- What are the connections between **natural open space** and **developed parks**; and how is this related to transportation and plans for GROWTH?
- COF Parks & Recreation Masterplan – relationship to Regional Plan?

Write group's comments on board

4:40 – 5:00 (20 min.) **Brian Grube (COF) & Mike Conner (Coconino Co):**

Ask questions –

- Role of REGIONAL PARKS?
- Role of Neighborhood Parks?
- Role of Pocket Parks?
- Connections?

5:00 – 5:15 (15 min.) **David Wessel, FMPO**
Trails as recreation and transportation.
Ask questions –

- Bicycle routes as recreation, importance of FUTS trails?
- Equestrian trails and connection to FUTS, AZ Loop trail, USFS?

Write group's comments on board

5:15 – 5:45 (30 min.) **Bill Towler-** SWOT Analysis
Ask questions –

- How do open space, parks & rec, transportation and plans for growth co-exist?
- What are the strengths of the Flagstaff area's Recreation/Parks opportunities?
- Weaknesses?
- Opportunities?
- Threats?

Select one member of the group to present SWOT findings to whole group

Public Facilities 4:15 – 5:45 p.m.

Purpose: Focus of public facilities, services and buildings

ARS: 'Public Services & Facilities':
General plans for police, fire, emergency services, sewage, refuse disposal, drainage, local utilities, rights-of-way, easements and facilities for them.

ARS: 'Public Buildings':
Map showing locations of civic and community centers, public schools, libraries, police and fire stations and other public buildings. Plans for future buildings.

Bob Caravona, COF Comprehensive Planning
Tiffany Antol, Coconino County
Erika Mazza, COF Housing Planner

4:15 – 4:40 (25 min.) - **Tiffany Antol** – Welcome and What is 'Facilities Planning'?

Introduce–

- Sue Brown, Coconino County Facilities Planning
- Sergio Enriquez or Rebecca Sayers, COF Facilities Planning, Space Needs Analysis *(+ City Courts facilities; Airport; FD; PD)*

Write group's comments on board

4:40 – 5:15 (35 min.) **Bob Caravona**–Facilities

Ask questions –

- Government is the largest employer and space/land user. What are the priorities in Public Facilities planning? (e.g. Civic centers, consolidation, efficiencies thru agglomeration? Serving the customer? Identity and promoting stability of the City through location, perception and image of government offices?
- How are public facilities impacted by 2% population growth? Potential contraction of populations/demographics?
- Can public facilities support infill? For example, what is our relationship with our partners and their space allocation and planning (e.g. ADOT? DPS? QWEST? APS? FUSD?) Is vacant land the first choice?
- As public, quasi public and utility operators, how can our collective planning efforts and capital improvements/investment strategies support our vision? Is there opportunity to communicate, coordinate and plan together?

Write group's comments on board

5:15 – 5:45 (30 min.) **Erika Mazza-** SWOT Analysis

Ask questions –

- What are the strengths Flagstaff has in Public Facilities and services?
- Weaknesses?
- Opportunities?
- Threats?

Write group's comments in SWOT Table

Select one member of the group to present SWOT findings to whole group

5:45 – 6 p.m. (15 min.) BREAK

6 – 6:30 p.m. (30 min.) Reconvene – Jim Cronk facilitate:

6 – 6:15 – Each group presents highlights – SWOT analysis results (5 min. each)
6:15 – 6:30 –Bringing big ideas together; highlighting conflicts; emphasizing connections
6:30 ► – Recommendations to CAC, *if time permits*