

MEETING MINUTES

City of Flagstaff

REGIONAL PLAN CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. December 2, 2010

Northern Arizona Healthcare Educational Offices: 1000 N. Humphrey's Suite 241, Flagstaff, AZ; in the Fort Valley shopping center, south of the hospital.



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Draft Regional Plan Vision Statement:

The Greater Flagstaff community embraces the region's extraordinary cultural and ecological setting on the Colorado Plateau through active stewardship of the natural and built environments. Residents and visitors encourage and advance intellectual, environmental, social and economic vitality for today's citizens and future generations.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **Roll Call**

Committee Members: Α.

X_Paul Babbitt (Chairman)	X Michael Chaveas	X Maury Herman	_ X _Mike Nesbitt
X Carol Bousquet (Vice Chairman)	X Alex Wright	X Judy Louks	X Eva Putzova
X Ben Anderson	A Jean Griego	X William Ring	Eunice Tso
X Susan Bean	X Shaula Hedwall	X Devonna McLaughlin	X Nat White
	X Richard Henn	X_Jerome Naleski	
Alternate Members:	_X Don Walters	_X_Julie Leid	_X_Trish Rensink

III. **APPROVAL of MINUTES for November 18, 2010 CAC Meetings**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recommend changes and approve 11/18/10 Meeting Minutes.

Jerome Naleski made a motion to accept the November 18, 2010 meeting minutes without change, it was seconded by Richard Henn, and the motion was passed.

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Α.

At this time, any member of the public may address the Committee on any subject within their jurisdiction that is not scheduled before the Commission on that day. Due to Open Meeting Laws, the Committee cannot discuss or act on items presented during this portion of the agenda. To address the Committee on an item that is on the agenda, please wait for the Chair to call for Public Comment at the time the item is heard. If time does not allow all comments to be heard, public comments may be posted to the Regional Plan blog: http://flagregionalplan2012.wordpress.com/

No public comment.

٧. **OLD BUSINESS** - (Continued, postponed, and tabled agenda items.)

Environnemental Planning & Conservation Element

PURPOSE: Discuss and recommend goals and policies for 'Environmental Planning & Conservation Element'

FACILITATORS: Bob Caravona, John Aber and Mark Ogonowski

HANDOUTS: Water Quality

Environmental Planning and Conservation Element (continued)

a. Review comments received regarding proposed "Water Quality" draft text

b. Parking Lot: Review items from October 21st and November 18th CAC meetings. If additional findings available, CAC discusses and makes recommendations.

(est. 140 minutes)

c. Review goals and policies; discuss and recommendations for the remaining subsections for 'Environmentally Sensitive Lands', 'Soils', 'Water Quality', 'Air Quality', 'Dark Skies', and 'Natural Quiet'

Environment and Conservation

Staff still needs to conduct some internal review.

Water Quality

Nothing is available yet on water quality. This will be discussed in the January meeting.

Soils Policy #2

Bill Ring made a motion to adopt the Goal and Policy #2 as written, it was seconded by Jerome Naleski, and the motion was passed.

Question was raised concerning what is meant by a standard on-site waste water system. The desire is to get denser development to use public systems not wells or septic.

Soils Policy #1

Richard Henn made a motion to adopt the policy with the suggested change to add the word "conservation", it was seconded by Alex Wright, and the motion was passed.

Soils Policy #3

Jerome Naleski made a motion to adopt the policy as "to minimize disturbed area, soil compaction, and destruction of vegetation" and to include the strikeout of language, it was seconded by Michael Chaveas, and the motion was passed.

The expert forum (EF) was explained as a group of local scientists formed to review the Regional Plan language. They were a group approved by the CAC to offer expert advice.

Discussion needs to be had regarding the trade offs and whether or not the policy may set the standard higher than is affordable.

Discussion followed the vote on the motion regarding gaining an understanding of how the Regional Plan and the Zoning Code are conformed. In a prior meeting, the mayor discussed the Regional Plan and the value of it was elevated.

Soils Policy #4

Shaula Hedwall made a motion to change the policy language to "Best management practices should be used when implementing prescribed burning programs in order to conserve soil resources", it was seconded by Devonna McLaughlin, and the motion was passed.

According to the Flagstaff Fire Department their methodology does not promote sterilization of the soil.

Discussion on this policy covered the necessity of the Policy and whether or not the Policy could be moved to the introduction of the text. Concern was raised regarding who would be referring to and using this policy. It would primarily be used by the City Fire Department.

Soils Policy #5

The committee raised concern about this Policy and felt that it was already covered by other regulations.

Julie Leid made a motion to eliminate Policy #5 and add soil erosion to Policy #3, it was seconded by Bill Ring, and the motion was passed.

Soils Policy #6

Concern was raised that all development rights can't be taken away from the land owner unless you want to buy the property. Policy seems to counter other policies that seem to direct development at grassy areas. Nor does this seem to fit under this subject and the Goal unless reworded to show how it protects soils.

Alex Wright made a motion to eliminate Policy #6, it was seconded by Julie Leid, and the motion was passed.

It was discussed that if the CAC in the Regional Plan support the development of a Land Conservation Plan it could look at certain sites and have layers of information to help make decisions about what was important, where and why so that the criteria for making decisions was more specific to the location as opposed to a generic set of criteria.

Soils Policy #7

The committee felt that this Policy was already covered under the Noxious Weeds policies.

Trish Rensink made a motion to eliminate Policy #7, it was seconded by Jerome Naleski, and the motion was passed.

Air Quality Goal #1, Policy #1, Policy #2

Richard Henn made a motion to accept Air Quality Goal #1, Policy #1, and Policy #2 as written, it was seconded by Devonna McLaughlin, and the motion was passed.

Air Quality Policy #3

Concern was raised concerning policy being too restrictive. The intent of the policy is to reduce emissions by decreasing vehicle miles traveled; however, there are issues with the compactness of roads currently in the city which should be considered.

Julie Leid made a motion to adopt the language, "Improve air quality by reducing vehicular emissions," it was seconded by Trish Rensink, and the motion was passed.

The committee raised concern about defining strategies and reducing a user's ability to dream up creative solutions to the problem.

The three bullets under the Policy should be strategies; however, they do not represent all of the possible strategies. These strategies were put into the parking lot for now.

Air Quality Policy #4

There was a consensus that Policy #4 should be a strategy under Policy #3.

Air Quality Policy #5

Committee felt that the Policy should be simply stated and focused on the minimization of dust pollution. Policy is generally meant to apply to existing development and is meant to encourage partnerships to improve dirt roads. There are so many strategies other than just simply paving everything.

Bill Ring made a motion to adopt the language, "Encourage strategies and partnerships to mitigate dust", it was seconded by Don Walters, and the motion was passed.

Air Quality Policy #6

There was a consensus that Policy #6 should be adopted as a strategy.

Air Quality Policy #7

Eva Putzova made a motion to adopt the language "Improve and maintain air quality through non-polluting industry and commercial enterprises", it was seconded by Don Walters, and the motion was passed.

Air Quality Policy #8

The committee felt that forest health is dependent upon prescribed burns. There are alternatives, but burns will always be necessary. The conversation of the trade offs must be had to decide on the priorities. Concern was raised as to why prescribed burns are being singled out when the issue is to minimize smoke as a source of air pollution.

After much discussion the decision was made to parking lot this issue.

B. Announcements

1. Next regular CAC Meeting:

January, 6, 2011 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at N.AZ Healthcare facilities

Agenda Items:

- 1. Completion of 'ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT', if needed.
- 2. OPEN SPACE & RECREATION ELEMENTS Goals & Policies
- 3. PARA Grant project scope

For the January meeting parking lot issues will be revisited such as the Rio discussion. There will also be maps sent out to committee members, it was requested that the maps be mailed not sent via e-mail.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Babbitt at 5:57 PM.