FLAGSTAFF REGIONAL PLAN 2012

MEETING MINUTES-DRAFT

Regional Plan 2012 – CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 18, 2009 RETREAT
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
USGS – Building #3 – Main Conference Room

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1. *9:00 a.m.* **Welcome**

Welcome was made by Karla Brewster, City Council member and Mandy Metzger, County Supervisor.

2. *9:15 a.m.* **Introduction to Regional Plan** – ARS requirements; boundaries; public involvement; Core Planning Team; Steering Committee

15 minutes – Speaker: Jim Cronk and Bill Towler

Mr. Cronk gave a brief presentation of the purpose of the Citizen Advisory Committee in relation to the Regional Plan update. He encouraged the Committee to bring their ideas and thoughts to the table for discussion. He also introduced the City and County individuals and staff who are on the steering committee for the Regional Plan update.

Mr. Towler also briefed the Committee on the process they would be involved in and introduced those individuals that are on the Core Planning Team.

3. *9:30 a.m.* **Introductions of Group** – background, where do you live and why did you move to this area? Why are you doing this? What do you feel are your strengths for this group? What do you feel is the top issue(s) for our region?

60 minutes – Staff member: Bill Towler

Everyone was given the opportunity to introduce themselves and give a brief background on themselves and what they felt was their top issue for the region.

Bill Towler, County Community Director for 23 years; his top issue was affordable housing.

Jerome Naleski, Realtor, 6 years; his top issue was smart growth for Flagstaff.

Davonna McLaughlin, Asst Director for Both Hands, her top issues was affordable housing and economic development.

Eva Putzova', Planning & Policy Analyst, NAU, her top issue was that Flagstaff was a automobile century community and this was not good.

Jean Greigo, Retired Teacher and Volunteer, her top issue is economic development and the loss of young people due to lack of employment.

Susan Bean, Writer and Naturalist; her top issue is harmonizing economic development and affordable housing.

Alex Frawley, Program Specialist for the Small Business Development Center at Coconino Community College; her top issue is the base industry sectors, which implies wages.

Richard Henn, Director of Education for Northern Arizona Health Care; his top issue is health care and how do we make this a healthier community.

David Walker, President of Northern Arizona Building Association; his top issue is economic development.

Bill Ring, Attorney; his top issue is smart sustainable growth, acquiring and securing water for growth.

Karla Brewster, City Councilmember and Former teacher, on staff at NAU; her top issue is sustainability which includes affordable housing, water, economic development, smart growth, open space.

Mandy Metzger, County Supervisor; her top issue is sustainable economic development.

Coral Evans, City Councilmember; her top issue is economic development, raising the average income level and overall quality of life for people living here.

David Wessel, Director of the Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization (FMPO); his top issue is transportation to fit growth.

Ken Kaemmerle, retired Professional Planner; his top issue is quality of life.

Bea Cooley, retired; her top issue is living harmoniously with our surroundings and water.

Cynthia White, Executive Director at Friends of Flagstaff's Future; her top issue is our resources.

Maury Herman, Property owner; his top issue is social issues.

Mike Chaveas, Deputy District Ranger for Coconino Forest; his top issue is the links between the community and the forest.

Judy Louks, Realtor. Her top issue is transportation, education system and economic development.

Carol Bousquet, Spouse, mother and Planner; her top issue is sense of community pride.

Tish Bogan-Ozmun, Retired Realtor; her top issue is environmental issues.

Jim Cronk, Planning Director for the City of Flagstaff; his top issue is integrating all issues (transportation, land use).

Tiffany Antol, Senior Planner at Coconino County; her top issue is meeting community vision while growing.

Bob Caravona, Comprehensive Planner for City. His top issue is enacting policies to encourage people to stay.

Erika Mazza, Housing Manager for the City of Flagstaff; her top issue is opportunity for synergy.

Robert Spear, GIS Specialist; his top issue is local economy.

David Hatchner, GIS Manager; his top issue is quality of life.

Kim Sharp, Neighborhood Planner for the City of Flagstaff; her top issue is design of the natural and built environment.

4. *10:30 a.m.* **Boards & Commission Training / Open Meeting Law**

60 minutes – City Clerk; City Attorney

Margie Brown, City Clerk and Patricia Boomsma, City Attorney provided Boards & Commissioner training and Open Meeting Law as required for new board members.
---------- LUNCH SERVED ----------

5. *12:30 p.m.* **Roles & Responsibilities** – CAC Role; Staff Role; Steering Committee; Schedule; Public Participation Plan; Monthly Meetings – decide on day & time; monthly meetings responsibilities; how elements are drafted; how decisions are made; how plan gets adopted; CAC Chair selection at future meeting; CAC Meeting Agendas, Notes & Staff Liaison

60 minutes – Staff member: Bob Caravona

Mr. Bob Caravona gave a presentation on the importance of the updated regional plan and the planning process, also the importance of citizen/public participation. He also highlighted the elements of the Regional Plan and the work involved for each element. He spoke on the roles of the CAC, steering committee and staff and how they will work together. He went over the tentative schedule and the Committee was asked to decide what day and time would work best for their monthly meetings. The consensus of the Committee was to meet the first Thursday of the month beginning at 3:30 p.m. The location would be determined. The first meeting would be held on March 5, 2009.

6. *1:30 p.m.* **Resources** – CD: Existing documents (RP 2001 & Vision 2020) and others; planning 101 resource websites & info; examples of other Masterplans

15 minutes – Staff member: Tiffany Antol

An overview of the material given to the Committee was presented by Ms. Tiffany Antol.

7. *2 p.m.* **Visioning**

60 minutes – Staff member: Kimberly Sharp & David Wessel

The group was asked to break into two groups to participate in a group exercise on how each group would envision using $100 million dollars and what their priorities would be. Each group identified what their priorities would be and these were: Affordable housing, economic development, preserving wildlife corridors, historic preservation, water conservation, energy conservation, promoting renewable energies, parking near or downtown, picture canyon, Buffalo Park, Milton Avenue, Butler avenue congestion, Enterprise interchange, Fourth Street corridor, Brennan Homes.

The next exercise was to come up with one headline they would want to read in ten years and one headline they would not want to read in ten years. Some ideas presented were: "Pick Flag for Healthy Living", "Flagstaff dying of thirst, Council imposes daily flush", "Blue plus White equals Green", "Eggheads and Blue collars work

well together", "Eighty Percent Unemployment, Twenty Percent Water Supply, Where Did the Plan Wrong?", "Flagstaff Most Livable City in the World", "Flagstaff Runs Out of Water".

The group was asked what they thought of the day's session and the response was that it was positive and that the Regional Plan needed to be referred when planning and developing Flagstaff.

This concluded the retreat.