

STAFF REPORT

City of Flagstaff

REGIONAL PLAN CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. June 4, 2009

Aquaplex, Meeting Room A, 1702 N. Fourth Street

To: Regional Plan Citizen Advisory Committee

From: Bob Caravona, Comprehensive Planning Manager

The following items correspond to the Regional Plan Citizen Advisory Committee Agenda for 06-04-09 to provide the CAC with more background information, summarized public comments, and staff recommendations.

VI.A. Gap Analysis 052609:

Summary: At the 4-02-09 CAC meeting, a 'Gap Analysis' was reviewed. This extensive and ongoing 11x17 spreadsheet documented each required element in the updated Regional Plan, summarized which Regional Plan 2001 policies were relevant, as well as Vision 2020 goals, Smart Growth principals, New Urbanism principals and any work that was deemed 'missing'. This is a summary of the missing information that may help the CAC draft updated/new policies. This summary will be ongoing and additions made as the team works through the process.

Land Use – *missing / needed items:*

1. Reference downtown plan(s) – 'Development Strategies' Field Paoli (2002) & Downtown Management Plan (2008)
2. County growth plan for commercial, annexation plan, design standards and big box; should add land use policies for residential, industrial, and open space.
3. Matrix of uses, types, density, opportunities – Can we streamline the language? The "Land Use and Growth Management" section has no reference to Open Space and policies when much of the surrounding land is US Forest Service and State Trust Lands.
4. Although redevelopment map exists, no area plans or *Infill Incentive Districts* created to support the infill policy/strategy.
5. Development patterns from last 10 years: jobs, shopping, housing supply, services
6. Activity Centers?
7. Economic diversity index
8. Address Navajo military base
9. Annexation references
10. Other?

Growth Areas - missing items:

1. Reference to any master plans; incorporate master plans onto growth boundaries for coordination and service associations
2. Reference Growth Areas relationship to Open Space
3. Annexation policies in relationship to Growth Areas?
4. Understand growth projections – housing units, jobs, schools and economic development potential. Overlay these projections with circulation routes for best targeted Growth Areas.
5. Other?

Circulation - missing items:

1. State / ADOT plans
2. FMPO – Regional Transportation Plan
3. Align with updated land use assumptions and population projections
4. Sidewalk inventory
5. Subdivision regulations – connectivity requirements?
6. Neighborhoods/suburbs/schools/opens space/parks – connections?
7. Other?

Bicycles - missing items:

1. Street & trail counts for bike and pedestrian usage
2. How many bicyclists use NAIPTA buses?
3. Map overlap of trails – county, city, USFS
4. Bicycle crash statistics
5. Other?

Water - missing items:

1. Water Adequacy report
2. Water 'Masterplan'
3. Other?

Conservation - missing items:

1. Stormwater Plan
2. Natural Resources map
3. Other

Energy - missing items:

1. Community Sustainability Plan
2. Green Building standards - LEED
3. Recycling facilities & plans
4. Conservation education opportunities
5. Wind / solar energy ordinances
6. Other?

Environment - missing items:

1. Air Quality study (Greenhouse gas emissions study)
2. Water Quality
3. Resource protection & development patterns
4. LEED Standards analysis
5. Other?

Open Space - *missing items*:

1. Open Spaces Management Plan (2008) <http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/DocumentView.aspx?DID=7230>
2. Other?

Parks & Recreation - *missing items*:

1. Coordinate County's and City's Parks & Recreation masterplans
2. Overlay with Open Space plan, FUTS master planning & public facilities
3. Other?

Public Facilities - *missing items*:

1. County & City facilities Master plans or studies
2. Other?

Community Character - *missing items*:

1. Character Districts study
2. Map with existing view sheds locations, historic places, and neighborhood edges - places worthy of protecting or creating
3. Other?

Urban Design - *missing items*:

1. Existing streetscape standards (Engineering Standards; LDC Landscaping requirements)
2. Public Art locations – existing and future
3. Other?

Historic Preservation - *missing items*:

1. Landmark Overlay District – contributing structures
2. Historic Districts – latest reports
3. State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) requirements/incentives
4. Other?

Neighborhood Preservation & Revitalization - *missing items*:

1. Protection of neighborhoods – design & programs
2. Understanding of neighborhoods within Land Use and Growth Management
3. Successful neighborhood grass-roots activities? Schools, public gardens, art, etc.
4. Other?

Conservation, Rehabilitation, & Redevelopment - *missing items*:

1. Infill Incentive Districts
2. Redevelopment planning efforts
3. Other?

Housing - *missing items*:

1. Updated 'Nexus' information (trends, affordability, costs)
2. Overlay information with cost of development, infill, growth areas, and circulation
3. Housing incentive policy – successes & potential
4. Other?

Economic Development - *missing items*:

1. Economic diversity index analysis – employment stats, sector strengths and weaknesses
2. Economic Development master plan
3. Recognize all community partners in economic development
4. Other?

Tourism - missing items:

1. Tourism impacts?
2. Map of all tourist attractions & support (overlay this w/ circulation, land use, growth areas)
3. Other?

Social - missing items:

1. Community organizations & social services
2. Poverty Rates; homelessness; transitional development; capacity building
3. Education – FUSD facilities planning; attainment rates; community education plans
4. CCC Plans
5. NAU Masterplan (facilities); community plans; Town/Gown building
6. Creative class capacity
7. Other?

Safety - missing items:

1. Facility masterplan input concerning fire, police, etc.
2. CPTED standards?
3. Response time analysis
4. Evacuation routes
5. Road standards (engineering standards)
6. Geological hazards? Fault lines?
7. Other?

Staff Recommendation: The stated ‘missing’ items of reference are the beginning of an on-going list that will be added to over time. As each element is approached from a revision stand-point, staff recommends that the CAC and Core Planning Team review and update the list in its entirety, to supplement missing information when available and understand overlaps with other planning elements.

VI.B. Public Participation Plan – updated 5/29/09

Summary: Public Participation Plan presented at 5/07/09 CAC meeting. The following represents the Public Participation Plan with: recommended changes; updated survey recommendations; and additional information as supplied by various stakeholders.



Flagstaff Area Regional Plan 2012
Public Participation Plan
 City of Flagstaff and Coconino County - Arizona

Updated 5/29/2009

Introduction

The current *Flagstaff Area Land Use and Transportation Plan* was adopted November 2001. By State Statute, a municipality's general plan (our Regional Plan) is to be updated every 10 years. The *Flagstaff Regional Plan 2012* is to be adopted by City Council and Coconino County Board of Supervisors in 2011 and voter ratified in 2012. Thus, work begins now to reach that goal.

Purpose

The purpose of the Public Participation Plan is to describe involvement and communication strategies that City and County Staff, the Steering Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committee may employ to ensure the greatest opportunity of public participation in the development of the *Flagstaff Regional Plan 2012*.

Policy makers gain greater understanding of the community's needs and desired future when people of diverse backgrounds come together to openly discuss, debate, and listen to one another. Actively engaging the public in the planning process means to work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure the public's issues and concerns are consistently understood and considered.

Elements in document:

- I. (17) Required Elements by AZ State Statute [ARS § 9-461.05]
 - Land Use Element
 - Circulation Element - Transportation, Transit & Airport
 - Bicycling Element*
 - Housing Element*
 - Conservation, Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Element*
 - Growth Area Element
 - Cost of Development Element
 - Open Space
 - Recreational Element
 - Conservation Element*
 - Environmental Element
 - Water Resources Element
 - Public Buildings Element*
 - Public Services and Facilities Element
 - Safety Element
 - Energy*
 - Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization*

- II. (5) Optional Elements as encouraged by Arizona Smart Growth Act – *inclusion in the actual document to be determined through the public process:*
 - Community Character and Design
 - Economic Development & Tourism
 - Cultural & Natural Resource Planning*
 - Social Capital (Education, Diversity, Public Art & Culture, etc.)*
 - Historic Preservation*

* Note – these are new elements not included or required in the 2001 General Plan

Public Participation Plan Objectives

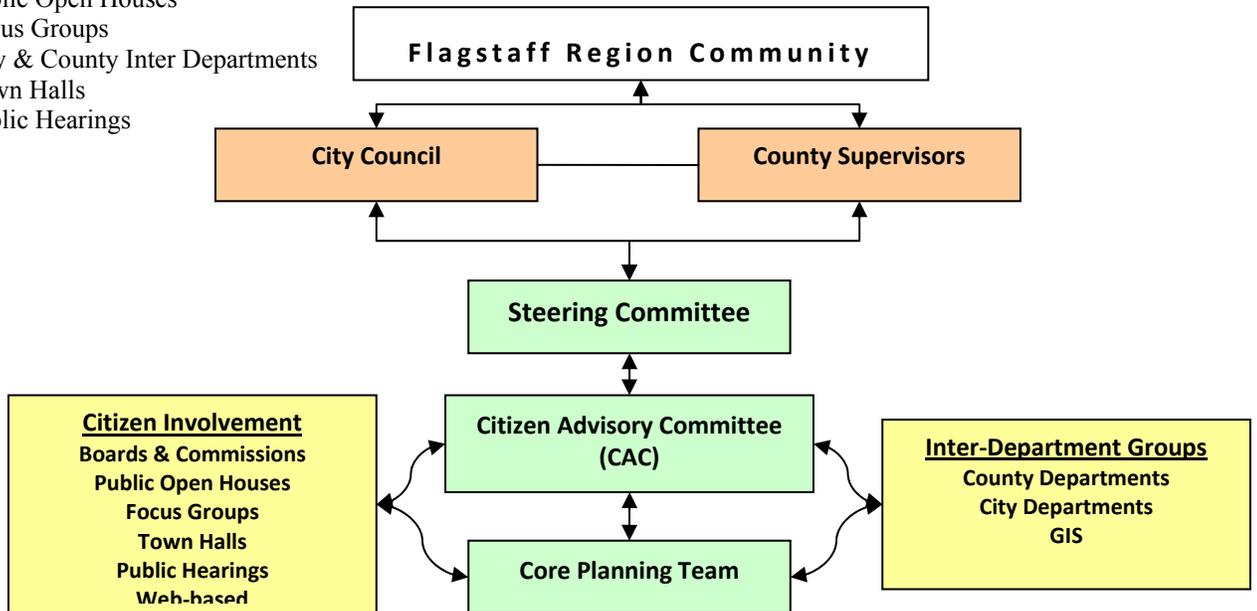
The overall public involvement approach will be to:

1. Facilitate opportunities for **meaningful community participation**;
2. Actively **seek input** from a broad and representative base of the affected population;
3. Ensure that the Regional Plan **accurately reflects the collective voice** of affected population;
4. Maintain a stream of **on-going up to date project information**, easily available to citizens
5. Regularly discuss the **interrelatedness and concurrent development** of the Regional Plan update, the Regional Transportation Plan update, and Land Development Code re-write so that these documents are responsive to community issues and coordinated at the policy level; and
6. **Comply with Arizona Growing Smarter requirements** of early and continuous public participation throughout the region’s planning process. According to the Growing Smarter Act, the public involvement procedures must provide for:
 - The broad dissemination of proposals and alternatives.
 - The opportunity for written comments.
 - Public hearings after effective notices.
 - Open discussions, communications programs, and information services.
 - Consideration of public comments.

Involvement Strategies

There will be multiple public involvement strategies as well as various ‘teams’ working together to move elements through multiple facets of brainstorming, drafting, reviewing and editing.

1. Flagstaff City Council
2. Coconino County Board of Supervisors
3. Steering Committee
4. Citizen Advisory Committee
5. Core Planning Team
6. Boards and Commissions
7. Public Open Houses
8. Focus Groups
9. City & County Inter Departments
10. Town Halls
11. Public Hearings



1. Flagstaff City Council

The Flagstaff City Council is responsible for adopting the finished Regional Plan document by Arizona State Statute. The document, as adopted, becomes the binding ‘General Plan’ for the municipality, and serves as a guidebook for, but is not limited to, the following:

- Making recommendations for future growth and development by way of (specific, area, neighborhood) plans, regulations, financial decisions, and capital budgets
- Making Departmental decisions for work program goals, such as Public Works and Capital projects
- Analyzing development requests
- Producing an annual report of Regional Plan accomplishments and next steps
- Initiating a public education campaign on Flagstaff’s future as defined by the Regional Plan
- Making decisions regarding public property

2. Coconino County Board of Supervisors

The Coconino County Board of Supervisors is responsible for adopting the finished Regional Plan document, and the Regional Plan will be an amendment to the existing Coconino County Comprehensive Plan, applicable to a 460 square mile outside the city limits, including Bellemont, Fort Valley, Kachina Village, Mountainaire, Timberline-Fernwood and Doney Park. The County may use the Regional Plan for the same purposes as stated above.

3. Steering Committee

The Steering Committee serves as the liaison between process management (staff) and City Council and Coconino County Board of Supervisors. The Steering Committee will meet quarterly with Core Planning Team representatives.

<u>Regional Plan Steering Committee</u>	
City of Flagstaff	Coconino County
Councilmember Coral Evans	Supervisor Matt Ryan
Councilmember Karla Brewster	Supervisor Mandy Metzger
Kevin Burke, City Manager,	Steve Peru, County Manager
Jim Cronk, Planning Director	Bill Towler, Community Development
Director	
CAC Chair Paul Babbitt	

4. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

The CAC consists of 19 Members + 3 alternates who are engaged in multiple disciplines and some are expected to be experts in a particular discipline. This group will develop the framework of public questions, review survey analysis and public comments from all sources, and help develop the draft document of each element. The CAC is a long-term commitment from citizens, namely meeting monthly for 24-30 months (*January 2009 – Spring 2011*). The CAC was appointed by City Council (for City residents) and County Board of Supervisors (for County residents) in February 2009; appointments are made based upon volunteer qualifications and commitment to the time involved.

Job Description: To work with the Core Planning Team (City and County Planning Staff); review and finalize public participation plan and master schedule to ensure adequate outreach; attend most Focus Group and Town Hall meetings to understand public input; develop the framework of public questions, review survey analysis and public comments from all sources; help develop the draft document of each element; approval of draft plan for consideration by Planning & Zoning Commissions, Council and Board of Supervisors.

5. Core Planning Team

This team consists of professional planners from both City of Flagstaff and Coconino County who work together to manage the Regional Plan update process, schedule, budget, public participation and documentation. This team manages the process, not the content. The Core Planning Team will meet bi-weekly for 30+ months.

<u>Core Planning Team</u>	
City of Flagstaff	Coconino County
Jim Cronk, Planning Director	Bill Towler, Community Dev. Director
Bob Caravona, Comprehensive Planning Mgr.	Sue Pratt, Asst. Community Dev. Director
Kimberly Sharp, Neighborhood Planner	John Aber, Principal Planner
Roger Eastman, Zoning Code Administrator	Tiffany Antol, Senior Planner
Erika Mazza, Housing Planning Mgr.	
David Wessel, FMPO Director	

6. Boards & Commissions

The relevant Board or Commission will be presented with element chapters that pertain to their functional area with an accompanying ‘gap analysis’, analyzing various current planning documents. In the outline stage, the particular Board or Commission will be encouraged to launch initial discussion on respective Regional Plan elements and at the end of the draft, have an opportunity to review that particular element for final comments. The Planning and Zoning Commissions respective City and County jurisdictions will receive regular updates and invitations to comment. At the conclusion of the process, the CAC will vote to recommend the Regional Plan to the respective City and County Planning Commissions. In turn, the respective P&Z Commissions will review the Regional Plan, host public hearings and vote to recommend approval to the City Council and Board of Supervisors.

- Planning & Zoning Commission, COF and County
- Traffic Commission, COF
- Airport Commission, COF
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Bicycle Advisory Committee, COF and FMPO
- Stormwater Advisory Committee, COF
- Water Commission, COF
- Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council, County
- Sustainability Commission
- Open Space Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission, COF and County
- Library Board, COF and County
- Beautification and Public Art Commission, COF
- Historic Preservation Commission, COF
- Diversity Awareness Commission, COF
- Tourism Commission; Airport Commission, COF
- Youth Commission, COF
- Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization Board (FMPO)
- Coconino County Board of Health
- Flagstaff Unified School District Board (FUSD)
- Northern Arizona Economic Development Advisory Committee (NAEDAC)
- Flagstaff Housing Authority, COF
- Land Trust Committee, COF
- Inter-Tribal Advisory Council, County
- Hispanic Advisory Council, County
- African-American Advisory Council, County
- Sustainable Economic Development Initiative, County

7. Public Open Houses

Initial discussions for groups of elements will begin with a public open house, where the general community is invited to participate in reviewing existing documents, maps and data as well as share opinions as to future goals and strategies for the preservation and growth of the region. The purpose of open houses is for the Citizen Advisory Committee and Core Planning Team to gain awareness of broad public opinion, encourage citizens to be more involved in the process, and find citizens to participate at Focus Groups. “Kick-off Open Houses” will be held to initiate the public awareness of the process, and subsequent open houses will concentrate upon specific plan elements and precede the Focus Groups according to the schedule below.

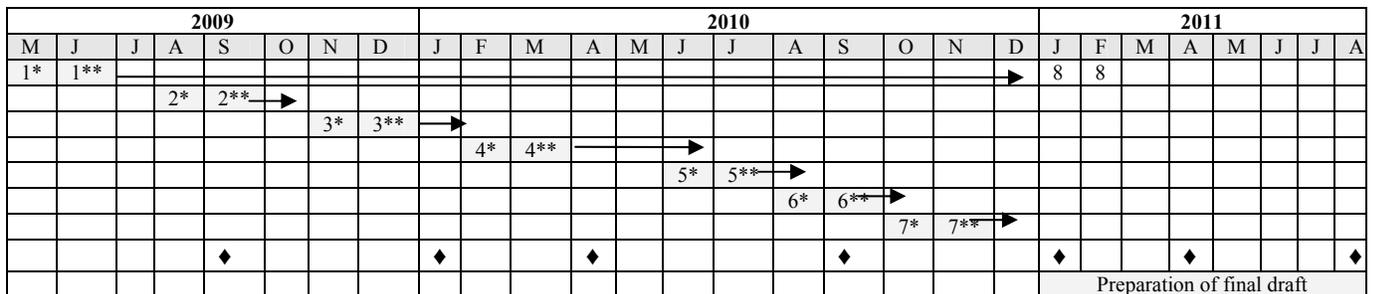
The basic format of Open Houses will be:

- Publicized in Arizona Daily Sun at least twice; announced on local radio (103.7, KNAU and KAFF) at least once the day before and the day of the meeting; advertise on the City and County’s web pages for the week before and week of the meeting; e-mail ‘blast’ message to Regional Plan e-mail contact list (364 addresses as of 4/27/09 and will be continually updated); notices posted at set list of locations (*see communication strategies*).
- Open House hours will be advertised and invite the public to attend and participate within specific hours.
- The 2001 Regional Plan goals and policies will be displayed in LARGE print for public viewing and commenting.
- Information will be provided to the public through maps, demographic data, photos, etc., to help the public formulate opinions and recommendations
- Display tables stationed with Professional Planners (CAC members and alternates if available) will be available to engage the public in meaningful dialogue and record their opinions through notes, maps and other means.

8. Focus Groups

There will be a series of Focus Groups in which specific individuals will be invited to participate. These focus groups are open to the public and are of unlimited, multiple discipline membership. The purpose is to garner a more detailed analysis and develop goals and strategies of core issues identified through the public open house, inter-department review process, and identifying other communities’ “best practices” which seem applicable to Flagstaff. Field experts will be encouraged to contribute to these short-term, intense sessions. Proposed groupings of elements are:

Group No.	Plan Elements	Open House *	Focus Group**
1	Land Use, Growth, Circulation & Bicycles	5/28 & 29/09	6/11/09
2	Water, Conservation, Energy & Environment	8/19/09	9/2009
3	Open Space, Recreation, Public Buildings & Facilities	10/2009	11/2009
4	Community Character, Urban Design, Historic Preservation, Neighborhood Preservation, Conservation and Redevelopment	2/2010	3/2010
5	Housing	6/2010	7/2010
6	Economic Development, Tourism & Cost of Dev.	8/2010	9/2010
7	Social & Safety	10/2010	11/2010
8	Land Use & Circulation	1/2011	2/2011



* Open House **Focus Group ◆ Town Hall

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

The basic format of Focus Groups will be:

- Invitations distributed to specific individuals as well as community members who signed-up at the public open houses.
- Meeting time and place prominently displayed on City and County’s web pages for the week before and week of the meeting; e-mail ‘blast’ message to Regional Plan e-mail contact list (364 addresses as of 4/27/09) of Focus Group time and place.
- Specific window of time for work to be completed stated – 3-4 hours.
- Large displays of the 2001 Regional Plan goals, policies and amendments. Public comments from the Open Houses are to be compiled, displayed and available for review.
- Staff will create relevant working maps.
- Glossary of ‘planning’ words to be available on the website and at the focus group meeting.
- Agenda will be as follows:
 1. Introductions
 2. Ground Rules
 3. Overview of existing policies, information, studies, maps, etc. of relevant information. Gather from as many sources as possible.
 4. SWOT (Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) exercise
 5. Planning and mapping of relevant issues with recommendations
 6. Draft outline of background information, existing policies to remain, new or edited policies, strategies, and recommendations. Possibly break out into groups for this.
 7. Review & consensus



The CAC will review policy statements and finding proposed by the Focus Group. The CAC will consider these statements and public hearings and may incorporate them into the draft Regional Plan.

9. City and County Inter-Departments

The various City and County departments will review and provide information, such as existing masterplans, existing conditions reports, for each element which pertains to that particular department. To assist the CAC, the various departments will assist in drafting and reviewing elements.

10. Town Halls

The Town Halls will be widely advertised open house meetings held after a number of elements have been reviewed and processed through Focus Groups, inter-department reviews and the CAC. The Core Planning Team will present a draft of the elements for public review and comment. There will be opportunities for verbal and written comments. ‘Electronic’ Town Halls will be used, in which the public meeting is also available via live-feed on the internet; public comments and questions may be obtained via instant messaging during the presentation. A number of Town Halls will need to be held outside of Flagstaff city limits.

11. Public Hearings

The mandatory requirements for the Regional Plan 2012 to be adopted by City Council and Coconino County Board of Supervisors is as follows: Sixty day prior to Planning & Zoning (P&Z) hearing full public participation (as outlined above); Two P&Z Hearings at two different locations; One City Council public hearing, must have 2/3 approval by City Council for adoption; public vote by next election or special election at least 120 days after City Council adoption. The plan is effective for ten years.

Communication Strategies

The Core Planning Team anticipates using the following to GET THE WORD OUT and consistently communicates with the public:

- **E-mail** – extensive Regional Plan e-mail list; will receive meeting notices and ‘Element Draft now available’ notices to review on-line
- **Website** – City & County websites will be updated on a regular basis, most likely weekly, with meeting schedule, summary of comments, element updates and other information. One page will be dedicated to this effort: www.flagstaff.az.us/regionalplan
- **BLOG** - for public input, live video web cast of public meetings, polling capabilities, and Spanish translations. This blog directs the public to internet web technology social circles – Twitter and Facebook – which provide more opportunity for keeping the public informed and allowing free public comment. www.flagregionalplan2012.wordpress.com
- **Citiscap**e – the quarterly newspaper local government insert will contain an update of the process, meeting schedule, summary of comments and other information.
- **Quarterly Town Hall meetings** – will be announced by Regional Plan e-mail list, Website publication, AZ Daily Sun advertisements and radio announcements
- **AZ Daily Sun** – Advertise public meetings, at least twice the week preceding the meeting, request for quarterly ‘press releases’ to update public (off-month of *Citiscap*e publication) and one full-page fold out insert prior to public hearing process.
- **Eagle 103.7; NAU NPR Radio; KAFF Radio** – send press releases for announcements, asks City’s PR to announce upcoming public meetings and process.
- **Public Survey** – Public opinion surveys assess widespread public opinion. The Regional Plan 2012 team may administer a survey to a sample group of people via a written questionnaire or through interview in person, by phone, or by electronic media. The limited sample of people is considered representative of a larger group. Surveys portray community perceptions and preferences; they can accurately report on what people know or want to know; they can test whether a plan or plan element is acceptable to the public as it is being developed; or identify concerns before a public vote is scheduled. The Core Planning Team recommends the following series of surveys:
 - ◊ **Initial public survey** via www.surveymonkey.com to gauge the public’s current concerns with existing development trends, Flagstaff’s community values, and the best way to communicate with the general public. The survey can be developed by the Core Planning Team, reviewed and edited by NAU’s School of Planning faculty and the CAC; Postcard mailed to every resident in FMPO area notifying them of survey; advertised in AZ Daily Sun. Hard copies of surveys available at City and County Community Development counters, public libraries, and possibly handed out by volunteers in front of particular stores. Summer/Fall 2009
 - ◊ **One in-depth survey about particular planning elements:** development, administration and analysis by NAU’s School of Sociology. Spring/Summer 2010
 - ◊ **One final survey to test final draft of whole plan:** similar in development as initial survey; include satisfaction of process questions. Summer 2011

Posted Notices of Public Open Houses – posted:

- ▶ City Hall, County Buildings – Cherry and Fort Valley
- ▶ Public Libraries- main and east
- ▶ Post Offices – downtown, Postal Boulevard
- ▶ PD Block watch postings & meetings
- ▶ Water bills
- ▶ Chamber of Commerce newsletter
- ▶ HOA newsletters
- ▶ Fire District’s newsletters
- ▶ Coffee shops – downtown, NAU campus, FMC, Southside, 4th St. and Route 66
- ▶ NAU Buildings –
- ▶ CCC Buildings –
- ▶ FUSD newsletter if acceptable to district
- ▶ Other institutions to approach for interest:
 - ‘Green Lecture Series’
 - Commissions
 - High Schools – host middle school & high school ‘charrettes’ – ask Civics course instructors
 - Stakeholder Groups – service and civic clubs (Rotary, Elks, Soroptomists, etc.)

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VII.C. Public Open House Comments & Focus Group Preparation

Summary: The following represents the comments given at the 5/28 [Aquaplex, 22 attendees]; and 5/29 [City Hall; 28 attendees] Public Open Houses, focusing on Land Use, Growth Areas, Circulation and Bicycles:

Question posed:

What areas of Flagstaff should be protected? Are there designated land uses that you think should be changed?

- Fourth Street Economic Development
- Walnut Canyon Study Area (as defined by Congressional legislation)
- Protect Mars Hill from development
- Protect more open space surrounding airport
- Protect historic neighborhoods
- Substantially reduce current light industrial planning near airport; conserve open spaces / flight safety zones / wildlife corridors in that area
- Protect land just north of airport to High Country (between new Powell and High Country)
- Preserve open space north of the airport adjacent to Ponderosa Trails / North Slopes neighborhood.
- Protect open space just north of airport – preserve trails at end of High Country / North Slopes
- Protect Section 30
- Preserve wildlife linkages wherever they are
- Protect water ways throughout city and county; preserve water in times of drought. Develop integrated plan for conservation of water. Water limit for development established.
- Preserve quiet sound – as trees are cut, sound affected; development of highways – increase noise in city (trucks). Consider noise ordinance.
- Protect Picture Canyon
- Protect entire Rio de Flag greenway!
- Conserve wildlife corridors with emphasis on the Rio de Flag, Woody Ridge, and Peaks foothills.
- Conserve floodplains, steep slopes, and other environmentally sensitive lands.
- Work with local wildlife agencies and natural resource experts to identify crucial habitats & corridors for protection
- Boulder Pointe needs a park
- Protect: remaining open space on McMillan Mesa; riparian areas throughout the city; riparian areas are crucial to wildlife; I am dismayed by the destruction of the riparian ecosystem in Switzer Canyon & the soon-to-be destroyed drainage on south McMillan Mesa near the Enterprise / Route 66 intersection; Many cities are now restoring their riparian zones. Why is Flagstaff destroying ours? (The Rio de Flag plan comes to mind as another example of riparian destruction)
- Protect and preserve Picture Canyon: a community wide asset – protect!
- (from a Doney Park resident) Protection of the Rio de Flag watershed (e.g. from increased salt and activity along Townsend-Winona) is of great concern. I'd like to see explicit attention to protection/enhancement of ecosystem services in the county
- Special natural areas that "define" Flagstaff (parts of McMillan Mesa, etc.)
- Walnut Canyon study area designated with federal \$ (long term effort by city)
- Protect watersheds
- Continue investment in trails, bike lanes and infrastructure
- Protect Turkey Hill
- Save lands with compact development; sprawl is inefficient and makes land seem more plentiful than it is.
- Protect Park areas
- Change truck routes east of mall

- Protect open space buffers between development and forest service lands where possible.
- Protect Picture Canyon

Question posed:

Where should Flagstaff Direct Growth?
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- Infill existing land within the city as opposed to extending the city's boundaries
- Infill – growth should only be based on water availability, not just volume but consider all growth and demand for water in the region (i.e. Tribal growth, etc.) We should stop water mining. Red Gap Ranch is water mining.
- Infill with incentives for older areas, e.g. sewer tap, water, infrastructure. Tax credits attached to preserve historical values.
- In areas that encourage / support non-vehicular modes of transportation. Infill vs. edge of town – Infill!!
- Fourth Street Economic Development
- Powell to I-40
- Redevelop run-down areas within existing developed areas.
- Redevelop and infill – leave outer areas as open as possible.
- Development should be directed away from the congressionally designated Walnut Canyon study area.
- Infill should be the entire focus; no new expansion of growth boundaries.
- Save some space for urban green areas so we don't have to get in our cars to enjoy the outdoors. Buffalo Park; Thorpe Park and other city parks were saved in the past. Good foresight! Let's continue to help keep parks a part of urban planning and create higher density buildings.
- Need this type of green space between Ponderosa Trails neighborhood and airport
- Green buffer space between whole Ponderosa Trails, North Slopes area and new Powell Road
- 4th Street (shopping, restaurants, apartments)
- Infill projects – no sprawl!
- No growth in the forest areas around Mt. Elden
- Brownfield Infill – Avoid forested areas and riparian eco systems
- Will the diesel smell around Butler be discussed? Is the environmental aspect of industry close to downtown/ high density a priority?
- (from Doney Park resident) Would be great to see some encouragement for modest increase in commerce, services, potential for cottage / micro-industry in county; but restricted to the current rural growth boundaries!
- Infill and Brownfields
- Infill must be done in a way that maintains the established neighborhood character. This will vary from one neighborhood to another. An example is in the Townsite Overlay Districts where space must be left for yards (possible veggie gardens), secondary structures area small than main structures. New construction should be in scale with established structures. This preserves the established character and protects property values. Infill if forever and must be done thoughtfully.
- Toward really marketing (and protecting) our unique natural areas...realizing that their long-term value is far greater (for everyone's overall health) than \$ (revenue from development which ignores / compromises this). The City could really grow in a way that is in tandem with this and that takes promotion of our "lifestyles" (outdoor, active, artistic, etc.) to the next level.
- Infill (former car dealerships, for example) before clear cutting new areas (airport, Lone Tree, South 4th Street).
- Please consider the City of Boni Ventura (Ventura, CA); sustainability Plan as a source of planning concepts.
- Support green space buffers between city and forest service lands to mitigate impacts of encroachment; infill to prevent sprawl and need to drive everywhere.
- We need to reduce development on remaining open lands. I would prefer no more development (potential for real drought, sustainability); but realistically, the City should create

green space and use infill for development. Also, I would hope 1) City can separate industrial and residential better; 2) more bikes, less cars; 3) find incentives for residents to drive less, reduce carbon footprint, garden more, be energy efficient, be sustainable.

- Open space should be made a HUGE consideration in all planning
- Reduce parking requirements for homes and industrial
- Conserve more open space – carbon calculator on new developments, similar to LEED standards.

Question posed:

How can we get you to where you want to go – BETTER?

- Increase dedicated bike lanes and thruways
- Education on driving around bikers when completing driver's ed
- Discounts throughout town for people commuting on bicycles
- Milton – please redesign to be safer for pedestrians / bicycles
- Expand bike ability & transit commuter options – especially outer areas – Mountaineer, Kachina Village, Doney Park, Belmont, etc.
- A “Bicycle Friendly” community should at least have bicycle lanes near where the “Bicycle Friendly” signs are posted (take a look at the lanes near Ft. Tuthill at the city limits).
- Bike lanes through downtown
- Urban trails – keep developing!!
- Better bike lane markings @ intersections and transitions. Example: in country club area coming east from Soliere, there is a bike lane that ends and you need to move to partitioned sidewalk – without knowing this, you end up on the highway with no way to get to Rt. 66 trail. When planning trails, ride the trails and lanes, etc. and see if someone would know where to go the first time.
- Connect Oldtown to Plaza Vieja under tracks.
- Make where I want to go closer – i.e.
- Cheshire FUTS – bridge over Rio & Saturn
- Oak Street RR underpass
- RR overpass (pedestrians & bikes) near Flag Mesa development
- FUTS extend from tunnel springs on north side of tracks
- Emphasize FUTS connections
- Safer bicycle commute access along Beulah Rd. near Walmart – more “flow” / fewer bike vs. car crossings between bike trails and roadways.
- Ped/bike overpass needed between Bow and Arrow subdivision (just off I-40) and southern edge of NAU – I-40 overpass
- Equestrian routes need to be included in trail access routes from equestrian residential areas to wooded areas and forest service areas.
- The trail crossing at Woodlands Village, N-S, is very unsafe; provide a safety island in middle or something. It is dangerous to cross here.
- Horse-zoned communities should have dedicated access to Forest Service lands in both clearly defined LDC and new revised Regional Plan
- Equestrian Estates should have easement that is horse friendly to Ft. Tuthill
- How can the crossing at Cedar/Ft. Tuthill be improved?
- We need more clearly indicated crossings at Ft. Valley Road / Coconino Estates – ADOT road is very dangerous for pedestrians crossing (to school!)
- The cost of new intersection / exchange on I-17 that would connect to Powell just south of Ponderosa Trails / North Slopes is horrible just to save a short 2 miles of travel. Millions of dollars for this is ridiculous. Pulliam / Powell will already give this pathway.
- Complete FUTS connection from Pulliam to Ft. Tuthill.
- A road built on the Mt. Elden pipeline would be a TOTAL disaster; it would create more access for motorized vehicles in the forest. It would also violate the environmental study area directly south of Mt. Elden. Presently the pipeline is used by bicycles / hikers / cross country skiers,

etc. A built road for other than servicing the pipeline would spoil some recreational opportunities.

- Bicyclists need a safe and legal way to go from the Santa Fe Trail at San Francisco Street to Beaver in Southside.
- Bicyclists and pedestrians must be accommodated during construction projects if “you” expect people to use the modes regularly.
- Badly needed- some sort of park-and-ride from 89N and/or Townsend/Winona, to connect to NAIPTA – would be great! I’m also interested in bike trail connections to town from the east.
- A connection from Mountainaire to the FUTS in town
- Bust stop in Mountainaire!
- Connect neighborhoods
- Clear roads / bike lanes from glass and debris especially before Bike to Work week.
- Thank you for the Lake Mary Road new bike lanes.
- Better connections Rt. 66 – West to East and 4th Street North – no good way to connect on bike.
- Develop ride-share program in the city. NAU faculty, county, school district, city employees, etc. Can/should be ‘motivated’ (economically or otherwise) to car pool, ride the bus, ride their bikes, etc. By setting a positive example, hopefully other citizens will follow....
- More trails that are safer – farther from main arterials but still direct routes. Bike lanes are still dangerous.
- We do not need the Eastern portion of the proposed new I-17 interchange (Woody Mountain extension).
- We DO need sound wall barriers around the I-17 / I-40 interchange (please, please please)
- Bike lanes on Cosnino – need some safety for bikers and pedestrians from the cars – most speed down the road.
- Butler / Milton interchange – open NAU? Route traffic west on Clay? Widen Butler East of Little America for bikes; extend bus route into Continental; extend bus routes to Silver Saddle on Hwy. 89.
- Incorporated wildlife passage structures into new and existing transportation routes.
- Avoid wildlife corridors
- Bring a bus route to Mountainaire / Kachina Village
- Continue work to integrate City/NAU buses
- Encourage alternative modes of transportation in general – more FUTS routes; more bus routes to outlying areas.
- Consider Parks & Rides; example – Lake Mary Road near I-17
- Fix bike route on Rt. 66 between San Francisco and Beaver Streets. Unsafe there...
- Move bike parking at City Hall
- Reward residents – make Bike to Work week all year long



June 11, 2009 Focus Group Preparation
Land Use, Growth Areas, Circulation & Bicycles

Focus Group

**Thursday 6/11 – Aquaplex, Meeting Rooms A, B & party room –
 1 to 4 p.m. (working group); 4 to 5 p.m. (Core planning team summarization)**

Staffed by:

- Core Planning Team + GIS (County & City)
- FMPO with Charlier and PSA (Jacob and Curt Dunham – invited speakers?)
- NAIPTA – Ron Knights & Jeff Meilbeck (Invited Speaker?)
- CAC members?

Idea of Agenda:

- A. Welcome and Opening Remarks – why is this important? (30 minutes)
- B. Three Break-out Groups: (90 minutes)

Break-out Group	Information / Maps	Last 10 Years...	Staffed by:
1. Land Use	<i>Existing Policies & Gap Analysis</i>	Development patterns – jobs, shopping & homes	
	Latest Federal & State land policies	County Communities development and plans	
Purpose:			
2. Growth Areas	<i>Existing Policies & Gap Analysis</i>	Downtown highlights	
	Area & Neighborhood Plans	Economic Diversity Index	
		Housing supply & demand	
Purpose:			
3. Circulation & bikes	<i>Existing Policies & Gap Analysis</i>	Neighborhoods/suburbs/schools/ Open space/parks – connections?	
		ROAD – FUTS – Bike Lanes - Bus Routes - Sidewalks	
Purpose:			

- C. Bring highlights back to whole group – big points (45 minutes)
- D. Break from 4 – 5 p.m. The Core Team – bringing big ideas together; highlighting conflicts; understanding that land use will be on-going throughout whole process of Regional Plan re-write; Summary for web-publication

Focus Group Invite List

THIS LIST NEEDS TO BE EDITED AND DISCUSSED:

- NAU –
- CCC -
- FUSD – Bob Kuhn, Don McCoy (transportation)
- Jack Welch
- Coconino County Safe Routes – Heather Taylor, Kim Austin
- Forest Service
- State Land
- ADOT – John Harper, Kent Link
- Large Businesses?
- Small businesses?
- FMC -
- Chamber of Commerce –
- Utilities – Unisource:
- APS:
- Property Owners:

Committees to invite (try to get one from each):

- Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Traffic Commission
- Planning & Zoning - City of Flagstaff
- Planning & Zoning – County
- Downtown Business Alliance
- Neighborhood Groups: Southside, Sunnyside & Plaza Vieja Neighborhood Associations
- Fourth Street Business Group

Internal Departments needing representation: