

Public Open House Meetings – Public Comments:

The following four questions were asked at each of the venues listed below. The public comments are listed as written down by the public.

8/12 (*Sunnyside Farmers Market*)

8/16 (*City Hall Farmers Market*)

8/26 (*Ft. Valley Plan Open House – Coconino County offices*)

8/29 (*Doney Park Picnic in the Park*)

9/12 (*Kachina Village Picnic in the Park*)

Water

Question: What is your vision for Flagstaff Water Resources?

- 1) Clean water! Lot's of it
 - 2) DON'T SELL OUR WATER!
 - 3) Don't sell to water bottlers
- Don't waste water to make fake snow at the Snowbowl
- 4) Maximize water reuse , especially for applications that create jobs that pay better than tourism-related business (e.g. papermill using forest thinning waste and reclaimed water.) NO SNOWMAKING.
 - 5) Clean water resources for people, wildlife, etc but not for selling
 - 6) Keeping gray water in town and NOT selling/giving it to SnowBowl
 - 7) No Snowbowl reclaimed water – keep it for ground water Restrict development to insure adequate water supply
 - 8) Use recycled water for City and resident use, not recreation. *amen
 - 9) Consider the loss of millions of gallons of water each day should Snowbowls artificial snow. Where does this water go? What would be a better use of these millions of gallons of water that Snowbowl would use each day?
 - 10) No sale to Nestle/Arrowhead of our water
 - 11) Encourage & subsidize rainbarrels for home use
 - 12) Rain barrels available for nominal price
 - 13) Gray water system for all new construction
 - 14) Rain harvesting set-up “ “
 - 15) Gray water for all toilets (govt. public, NAU)
 - 16) Encourage gray water use in homes.
 - 17) Encourage rainwater collection for residential use. Also rethink/rewrite grey policy water! Should be allowed / encouraged
 - 18) Mandatory stormwater collection for all buildings _> lagnee!
 - 19) Require gray water infrastructure to be built in all new construction. We will need it for flush toilets . (yes, yes)
 - 20) Don't cut off water to county water haulers—they are the most conservative water users.
 - 21) Encourage County to provide a water source for water haulers
 - 22) Water restrictions-enforce them
 - 23) Promote more native plants for yards, not gravel
 - 24) Lawn watering only w/ reclaimed or rainwater
 - 25) Curb cuts to divert rainwater to landscaping instead of sewers (a la Tucson)
 - 26) Urban level development should occur through annexation to city for water-sewer services-this is more efficient use of resources
 - 27) No ground water use for golf courses in City or County

- 28) Demand for water resources -> currently we are on a stringent monitoring system for watering grass, trees& shrubs in our yards! When the new developments applications come to the city for approval – landscaping requires Trees, shrubs, and other plantings that takes more water from our limited resource! Cut costs to the new homes, (or developments as in companies) by not requiring the beautification by tree heights, # of shrubs etc.
- 29) What are the real risks “arsenic” in our water.
- 30) Regional resource planning and cooperation
- 31) NO MORE GOLF BALL COURSES (disc golf’s OK!)
- 32) Required long-term water sustainability plan for new development
- 33) Green roofs+ permeable surfaces for stormwater collection
- 34) Assistance for home and neighborhood level water collection start-up.
- 35) Swales/landscaping to reduce runoff
- 36) To reconsider the use of reclaimed water and its possible detrimental effect on humans and other living organisms. A look at current and ongoing scientific research into effects of chemicals and pharmaceuticals on the public topically (children in park grass, children in reclaimed snow) and internally (gardens + fruit trees, children chewing on grass or snow).
- 37) To evaluate the possibility of releasing reclaimed water back into the ecosystem so life is now simply congregated in human use areas.
- 38) Re-evaluate snow melt chemicals that are killing trees along I-40.
- 39) Encourage + maybe offer incentives for residential gray water use.
- 40) Continue to encourage turf removal and turf alternatives (education,water/tax credits, etc.)
- 41) Encourage native plant use. Although it uses more H2o than gravel it creates cooler micro climate that attract appropriate native insects + other small species.
- 42) Expanded use of gray water and water easement systems
- 43) Perched aquifers in county subdivisions are drying up (Mt. Elden lookout road for example) These residents draw water from City standpipes. Future development within the region needs to take into consideration total water availability, (yes, yes) including City of Flagstaff water supply.
- 44) Encourage Clyrus- solar powered toilet construction (yes , yes)
- 45) Work with other counties to get the state legislature to give local jurisdiction more control
- 46) No new homes on property unless they have a well
- 47) Reclaimed h2o for landscaping
- 48) Get rid of restrictions on alternative
- 49) Have cornerstone as basis for policy ration than as an add-on
- 50) Work/w water companies / coop’s in the county to encourage conservation-doney park water gives no incentive for conservation technologies- toilets, washing machines...etc
- 51) Encourage people to use native plants for landscaping- discourage use of exotic grass lawns.

Energy

Question: What is your vision of Energy production, consumption and conservation in Flagstaff?

- 1) Use as much wind and solar as possible!
- 2) Variety in energy sources- seasonal considerations. / Uniform system/grid. Change building codes to allow and support alternative energy (use varying sources)
- 3) Rooftop residential solar financing via property taxes (I concur)
- 4) Moving here in 1996 from the land of grey skys (East Coast) I am still incredulous that solar power is so insignificant in the total energy picture. APS has solar partners to which I contributed for 10 years. I failed to see any real rewards to the community.
- 5) WIND! Allow higher wind turbines (in the county) new homes must have certain % of solar /wind energy as part of the design . Esp solar H2O heaters . Solar- County/State grants for new solar panels
- 6) Design developments to take advantage of passive solar
- 7) I like the concept of small-scale / residential wind+solar-but in terms of large scale impact- we need commercial scale projects
- 8) Free home energy audits-come to someones' house , ID energy waste, show them how quickly they'll make back the money they spend to fix it.
- 9) Make existing homes and businesses more energy efficient, is the fastest and best way to make a real dent in energy use. It's not just the low- hanging fruit- energy use. It's ripe and lying on the ground! Come on Flagstaff, pick it up.\
- 10) Expand Doney Park APS project to Kachina (APS Solar panels on rooftops tied to grid) build wind and solar plants along exiting powerlines
- 11) Harvest wind in Doney Park! Individual wind turbine for homes
- 12) A2=sun=solar! Duh Nuclear Energy!!!
- 13) How about a better community bike path system between Kachina & Town- widen shoulders along 89A between Old Munds and Ft. Tuthill. AMEN! Please.
- 14) Get a transit bus system out to Kachina / Mountainare . Save Gas.

Conservation

Question: What does Conservation in Flagstaff mean to you?

- 1) Promoting and saving our natural resources e.g. water , critters, energy
- 2) Not developing any new land outside the existing Urban Growth Boundary
- 3) Not Building Roads or other things in and around and over the Rio de Flag our only real natural water system in Flagstaff.
- 4) Restore natural flow to Walnut Creek in Walnut Canyon
- 5) Do not WASTE water (even used water) making snow on the peaks
- 6) Maintaining our open + recreational areas!
- 7) Acquire picture Canyon
- 8) Keep green + open spaces within city limits. Especially downtown! Keep it beautiful.
- 9) Protection of our natural landscape and resources
- 10) Create a conservation lands system as apart of the revised regional plan.
- 11) Preserve green spaces-trails, forests, wildlife habitat
- 12) Keep open spaces within city limits. Do not over develop.
- 13) Conserving our natural beauty + resources for our children and grandchildren
- 14) Keep the county land behind Sechrist school/ 180 corridor as open space.
- 15) Consider alternative fuels for City of Flagstaff vehicles
- 16) A truly LOCAL food system would/will conserve vast amounts of energy
- 17) Rio de Flag, Rio de Flag, Rio de Flag.
- 18) Improve traffic light timing to reduce wasted fuel/excess carbon.

- 19) Encourage & promote greater use public transportation & bikeways
- 20) Less gas- more alternative modes of travel
- 21) Holistic Approach – Business, home, schools, environment, industry- all systems
- 22) Finish the Rio de Flag project w/ lots of landscaping trails & ways to collect stormwater for community gardens
- 23) Build capacity for local sustainability in essential materials/services – food, water,energy,medicine,building.
- 24) Require newer developments to build denser communities, Greenfield , brownfield+ infill communities as well as incentives to developers for doing so.
- 25) Ensure sufficient reclaimed water in stream channels for birds and wildlife
- 26) Forest health + restoring fire adapted ecosystems. Address safety / smoke balances
- 27) Don't take out more then you can put back in. (sustainability)
- 28) Taking only what you need , replacing what you use.
- 29) Stronger influence / incentives for individuals(companies) to limit their impact “the invisible present”
- 30) City+ County coordinate on study of how much growth is sustainable consider water/energy equation, not just the land available.
- 31) Begin a coordinated City/County campaign to control invasive weeds-something with some \$ behind it. The problem can be controlled now, but it's getting worse every year. Once invasives take over a landscape it's very difficult to fix. City residents are carrying invasive seeds out into the rural areas, so it is not just a county problem.
- 32) Removal of toxic/invasive weeds from new construction areas , roadways + disturbed areas.
- 33) Having the concept of stewardship as the foundation of land-use decision making.
- 34) Remember that development does not equate with progress

Environment

Question: How can Development and the Environment co-exist in Flagstaff?

- 1) Do not compromise development (\$ dollars) at expense of environment.
- 2) Stay within the existing Urban Growth Boundary
- 3) Keep development towards City Center
- 4) Don't keep all development on West side. Year long full time residents are on eastside!
- 5) Stop grafitti+keep easements clean
- 6) Curbside pick-up for business (cardboard, glass)
- 7) Start composting (less waste)
- 8) Open Linda Vista to go through Rt 66/89
- 9) Protect picture canyon
- 10) Sustainable development
- 11) Don't build roads on exiting or planned trail systems
- 12) Water could have a better quality (has too much chlorine, arsenic, metals, etc)
- 13) Growth should be up not out. (taller buildings smaller footprints)
- 14) Infill needs to be increased
- 15) Ensure that citizens voices carry equal weight as businesses
- 16) Build up not out.
- 17) Develop & implement regional wide composting or yard/garden waste. AGREE – multiple people.
- 18) Stick to infill plan. Do not expand growth limit boundary. Work cooperatively with Coconino County to preserve rural nature outside growth boundary.
- 19) Evaluate state lands future. Address checker board south of I-40 west of I-17 Make 30 year plan for infrastructure.
- 20) Transportation system study/planning needed
- 21) Improve and take care of infrastructure before adding anything new.

- 22) Preserve green spaces in/around developments.
- 23) Prevent the developers from building over 140 houses in Kachina- we are already impacted by the road planned to [*STAFF NOTE: NOT LEGIBLE*] endangers children the water is already limited, and the elk are already squeezed out up there!
- 24) Building everything underground- especially parking
- 25) More housing/business structures- no more huge malls LESS SPRAWL
- 26) More opportunities to recycle batteries w/o needing to be there (during working hours only @ a place you have to drive to is not environmentally conscience).
- 27) Public transport to outskirts
- 28) Smaller houses/lot sizes, more infill , mixed use- 7 more affordable homes
- 29) Infill+ strong protection of urban open spaces.
- 30) Use winter time reclaimed wastewater in hating plant poliers and not for snowmaking on the peaks.
- 31) Absolutely limit development to what can be locally sustained. This may require subsiding low-income housing. Growth is not necessary. (unless you stop population growth-it is.)
- 32) Silence the trains! Visitors shorten their stay because of the noise.
- 33) Another opinion. I live 2 blocks from the trains. They are as much a part of the music of Flagstaff as the thunder and the wind through the pondas.
- 34) Enforce easements
- 35) I like the train noise, but decrease the plane noise.
- 36) Creating community & strengthening community= keep & grown farmers market
- 37) Resource sharing→ example: consortium or understanding of all the non-profits, what they do, what they need. Intersections & overlap-share do not duplicate efforts.
- 38) List of resources for all citizen on how to be a better citizen-incentives to do the right thing.
- 39) Change traditional ideas of infrastructure (grey water, rain collection, trails/multi-modal transport).
- 40) Develop jobs with living wages
- 41) All new buildings are good passive solar (at a min.)
- 42) Developments should be designed so that buildings can be oriented to take advantage of passive solar design. This should be on planning staff's list of basic requirements. Once the developer has paid for engineering a project without passive solar in mind, it is hard to correct.
- 43) No 180 bypass
- 44) Pedestrian overpass at Sechrist
- 45) BIG DIG- double stack 180
- 46) Build only zero. Net energy buildings- all buildings produce most of their own energy
- 47) Rule of __% land can be consumed per year to encourage re-use, redevelopment and infill
- 48) Encourage co-housing to reduce footprint
- 49) Traffic light at Fremont /Schulz Pass / 180
- 50) Community garden
- 51) Dog park
- 52) Regulatory scheme to minimize/ reduce environmental impact from existing buildings/ residences
- 53) Encourage mixed use, higher density areas.
- 54) Give developers incentives to preserve open space
- 55) Please keep our existing zoning! We do not to change the character of our rural community.
- 56) Need bike paths, we need a bike path to fort valley from town.
- 57) Every built project has mandatory solar power/water collection with \$ incentives

- 58) With the seemingly inevitable snow making at Snowbowl, address the traffic issues such as entering 180 from Snowbowl Road, slowing down the daredevil skier/snowboarder as the sun sets and roads become icy. Maybe widen 180 by one lane.
- 59) Develop snow play area south of Flagstaff, part of the proposed snowbowl expansion will put parking for hundreds of snowplayers on the mountain. Bad for the mountain and the traffic will be even more miserable.
- 60) Public transportation to / from snowbowl! YES YES!!
- 61) Expand Mountain Line to Fort Valley . YES!
- 62) Development + environment have always been present ed in opposition to each other- so that a mentality has emerged that is adverse rather than cooperative- the planning process can take the edge off at this conflict- by describing goals that benefit _ encourage both.
- 63) What should we consider? Scale water rates- the more water you use, the more you pay per gallon.
- 64) Mountain greenspace+ limit pavement
- 65) Connect areas (housing, businesses) w/ trail system +or transit options
- 66) When paving use porous paving materials
- 67) Have a plant , tree, and fossil rescue program for construction sties to encourage use of native plants and save people money