



MINUTES - **Approved**

City of Flagstaff
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
5:00 PM– Wednesday, September 4, 2013
Mount Elden Middle School

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Steve Jackson; Paul Moore; Jim McCarthy ; Tina Pfeiffer; Justin Ramsey
ABSENT: David Carpenter, Chairman; Stephen Dorsett, Vice Chairman

CITY STAFF:

Mark Sawyers, Staff Liaison
Kimberly Sharp, Comprehensive Planning Manager
Becky Cardiff, Recording Secretary

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Special meeting of August 21, 2013.

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 21, 2013, with an amendment to spell out 'CAC' submitted by Commissioner McCarthy. **Action:** Approve with amendment. **Moved by:** Commissioner McCarthy **Seconded by:** Commissioner Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Public Hearing

Draft Flagstaff Regional Plan 2030

City Staff: Kim Sharp, Comprehensive Planning Manager, Community Development

Ms. Sharp gave an overview of the Flagstaff Regional Plan 2030. At the request of a member of the public Ms. Sharp gave a brief description of the difference between the 2001 plan and the new Regional Plan and briefly answered general questions from the public. Ms. Sharp gave a PowerPoint presentation covering policy analysis. Ms. Sharp answered questions from Commissioner Moore and then continued her presentation with the maps within the Regional Plan. Ms. Sharp briefly answered questions from the Commissioners about the maps.

Motion: Motion to open the public hearing **Moved by:** Commissioner McCarthy
Seconded by: Commissioner Pfeiffer. Motion carried unanimously.

Public comment was made as follows:

Jan Kerata, resident, commented that there is no policy on solid waste and she asked the question "what happens when the landfill is full" and "where will the waste go"? She suggested reducing waste, providing incentives for less waste and education.

Sandy Burns, resident, commented that the timeframe for review and adoption of the document seems rushed. She also stated she believes that meeting times are inconvenient for citizens that need to be heard and would like the Commission to change the schedule. She would like to have study material available at a reduced cost for editing purposes to the public.

Bill McCullough, resident, expressed appreciation to Kim for her work. He expressed his concerns about the document being referred to as a policy to be implemented but that it should reflect guideline only. He referenced the preferred scenario and suggested that the word "will" needs to be changed and suggested the section on Prairie dogs also be revised with less restrictive words. He would like it to be re-evaluated and believes it is too big to be implemented.

Donald Weaver, resident, commented on issues with the difference between policy and guideline and the words shall and may. He doesn't believe the public outreach worked very well due to the lack of citizen participation at public hearings. Mr. Weaver stated if there are problems in administration and language he doesn't believe the document can stay on schedule to be adopted on the timeline presented and would like better access to the document.

Marilyn Weissman, Friends of Flagstaff's Future, attended all meetings in the last year and believes that the information that was sent out was good public outreach. She believes the document is a compromise between Citizen Advisory Committee members and thinks it's unfortunate that the document is being nit-picked by words and believes the document needs to be reviewed as a policy document. Citizens are given the opportunity to participate in development because of the Regional Plan document. She supports this as a policy document. She expressed concerns that the maps are very vague and the public will be left out of what is happening in Flagstaff because the maps are not specific enough. Friends of Flagstaff Future supports revitalization rather than outward Expansion of the town

Terry O'Neal, Coconino County resident, agrees with the suggestion to change from policy to guideline. He asked why County residents do not get to vote on the Regional Plan. Commissioner McCarthy stated that it was a State Law and he should suggest the change with his County Supervisor. Mr. O'Neal asked if a wildlife corridor would impact development on private property. Tiffany Antol, City of Flagstaff Current Planner, based her answer on her previous experience with Coconino County, stated that it does not prevent development but that the County works with developers to mitigate any issues. Mr. O'Neal asked if steep slope would prevent someone from building on the Highway 180 corridor and Mr. Sawyers stated that the City code does protect slopes but does not know about the County.

Tish Bogan-Ozmun, resident, has been involved with attending CAC meetings and there have been policies about Prairie dogs but believes they have moved to strategies and believes they need to be more considered. She read the definition of Policy that is within the document. She believes that anyone that would like a copy of the document should get one for free or at a reduced cost.

Joy Staveley, resident, the plan is complex, detailed and needs a lot of notes and feels the plan has too many rules and regulations. This plan tends to cluster and put people in a small area and leaves a lot of area outside. She stated she believes there are a number of undocumented comments made in the document i.e. climate change and pollution. When government gets involved they make a one-size fits all situation instead of individual situations. She doesn't feel it is right that the County residents don't get a vote on the document. She believes that the words in the plan are very important and can affect people in a negative way and a recommendation or suggestion could be interpreted differently. She asked the Commission to please respect personal property rights.

A public comment was made about using microphones and Commissioner McCarthy let the public know that there was a miscommunication with the venue and that microphones were requested but were not provided.

Motion: Motion to close the public hearing **Moved by:** Commissioner McCarthy
Seconded by: Commissioner Ramsey. Motion carried unanimously

Mr. McCarthy suggested scheduling another meeting to discuss the draft with the public and discussion was held about the overall schedule of the adoption of the plan. A separate meeting will be potentially held on September 25.

Mr. McCarthy commented on the work the Citizen Advisory Committee has done on the plan and that the Commission has to keep in mind both sides of public recommendations.

Ms. Sharp discussed the County meeting schedule.

III. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS TO/FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

None given

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

