

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL  
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016**



**CITY HALL KIVA  
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane called to order a General Plan Amendment Meeting of the Scottsdale City Council at 5:45 P.M. on Thursday, December 1, 2016, in the City Hall Kiva.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane; Vice Mayor Kathleen S. Littlefield; and Councilmembers Suzanne Klapp, Virginia Korte, Linda Milhaven, Guy Phillips, and David N. Smith

Also Present: Acting City Manager Brian Biesemeyer, City Attorney Bruce Washburn, City Treasurer Jeff Nichols, City Auditor Sharron Walker, and City Clerk Carolyn Jagger

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Troop 2326, Troop Leader Britt Kimball

**INVOCATION** – Pastor Josh Rairdan, Scottsdale Bible Church

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Lane announced that Scottsdale was named among the top 10 "Digital Cities" for the fourth consecutive year. Mayor Lane presented Chief Information Officer Brad Hartig with the award and congratulated the Information Technology Department on their accomplishments.

**PRESENTATION/INFORMATION UPDATES** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

NOTE: MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK STUDY SESSIONS ARE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES. THESE MINUTES ARE INTENDED TO BE AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF ACTION TAKEN AND DIRECTION GIVEN BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND ARE NOT VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS. DIGITAL RECORDINGS AND CLOSED CAPTION TRANSCRIPTS OF SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND ARE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 1. **Desert Mountain Parcel 19 General Plan Amendment, Rezoning, and Conditional Use Permit (5-GP-2016, 17-ZN-2016, and 6-UP-2016)**

#### **Requests:**

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 10647** approving a Major General Plan Amendment to the City of Scottsdale 2001 General Plan to change the land use designation from Employment (6.1± acres), Commercial (29.8± acres), Office (29.9± acres), Developed Open Space (18.8± acres), and Rural Neighborhoods (7.1± acres) to Suburban Neighborhoods (55.5± acres) and Developed Open Space (Golf Courses) (36.2± acres) on a 92±-acre site.
2. Adopt **Ordinance No. 4290** approving a zoning district map amendment to rezone the subject 92±-acre site from Open Space, Environmentally Sensitive Lands, Hillside District (O-S/ESL/HD), Single-Family Residential District, Environmentally Sensitive Lands, Hillside District (R1-7/ESL/HD), Single-Family Residential District, Environmentally Sensitive Lands, Hillside District (R1-35/ESL/HD), Industrial Park, Environmentally Sensitive Lands, Hillside District (I-1/ESL/HD), Central Business, Environmentally Sensitive Lands, Hillside District, Commercial Office, Environmentally Sensitive Lands, Hillside District (C-O/ESL/HD), and Central Business District, Environmentally Sensitive Lands, Hillside District (C-2/ESL/HD), to the 36± acres of Open Space, Environmentally Sensitive Lands (O-S/ESL) and 56± acres of Townhouse Residential, Environmentally Sensitive Lands (R-4/ESL) zoning district designations.
3. Adopt **Resolution No. 10648** approving a Conditional Use Permit for a Golf Course on 36± acres, of the subject 92±-acre site, with the proposed Open Space, Environmentally Sensitive Lands (O-S/ESL) zoning district designations based off of Rezoning Case No. 17-ZN-2016.

**Location:** North of the northeast corner of N. Pima Road and N. Cave Creek Road

**Presenter(s):** Jesus Murillo, Sr. Planner; and Taylor Reynolds, Sr. Planner

**Staff Contact(s):** Randy Grant, Planning and Development Services Director, 480-312-2664, [rgrant@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:rgrant@scottsdaleaz.gov)

Senior Planners Jesus Murillo and Taylor Reynolds gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the proposed Major General Plan amendment, rezoning, and conditional use permit requests. Applicant representative John Berry gave a presentation on the requests for a Major General Plan amendment, rezoning, and conditional use permit.

Mayor Lane opened public testimony.

The following spoke in support of the Major General Plan amendment, rezoning, and conditional use permit requests:

- David Kandall, Scottsdale resident
- Harold Eastridge, Scottsdale resident
- Bob Borsch, Scottsdale resident
- Bill Robinson, Scottsdale resident
- Keith Johnson, Scottsdale resident
- Steven Draizin, Scottsdale resident
- Ben Viglietta, Desert Mountain Club employee
- Robert Jones, Scottsdale resident
- Robert Ames, Desert Mountain Club employee

Mayor Lane closed public testimony.

**MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 1**

Councilwoman Milhaven made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 10647 approving a Major General Plan Amendment to the City of Scottsdale 2001 General Plan, Ordinance No. 4290 approving a zoning district map amendment to rezone the subject 92±-acre site, and Resolution No. 10648 approving a conditional use permit for a golf course on 36± acres. Councilwoman Klapp seconded the motion, which carried 7/0.

**2. Comprehensive Financial Policies and Governing Guidance**

**Request:** Adopt **Resolution No. 10583** relating to Comprehensive Financial Policies and Governing Guidance as the formal guidelines for the City of Scottsdale's FY 2017/18 financial planning and management.

**Presenter(s):** Jeff Nichols, City Treasurer

**Staff Contact(s):** Judy Doyle, Budget Director, 480-312-2603, [jdoyle@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:jdoyle@scottsdaleaz.gov)

City Treasurer Jeff Nichols gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the comprehensive financial policies and governing guidance.

**MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 2**

Councilmember Korte made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 10583. Vice Mayor Littlefield seconded the motion, which carried 7/0.

**3. Standard Practices and Processes for Gathering Public Feedback**

**Request:** Presentation, discussion, and possible direction to staff regarding standard practices and processes for gathering public feedback.

**Presenter(s):** Brian Biesemeyer, Acting City Manager

**Staff Contact(s):** Kelly Corsette, Communications and Public Affairs Director, 480-312-2336, [kcorsette@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:kcorsette@scottsdaleaz.gov)

Communications and Public Affairs Director Kelly Corsette gave a PowerPoint presentation on standard practices and processes for gathering public feedback.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS – None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council General Plan Amendment Meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

**SUBMITTED BY:**



**Carolyn Jagger  
City Clerk**

Officially approved by the City Council on


January 17, 2017

### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the General Plan Amendment Meeting of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2016.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

**DATED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

  
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Carolyn Jagger, City Clerk

Item 1

## 2016 Major General Plan Amendment

5-GP-2016: Desert Mountain Parcel 19

City Council  
Adoption Hearing  
December 1, 2016

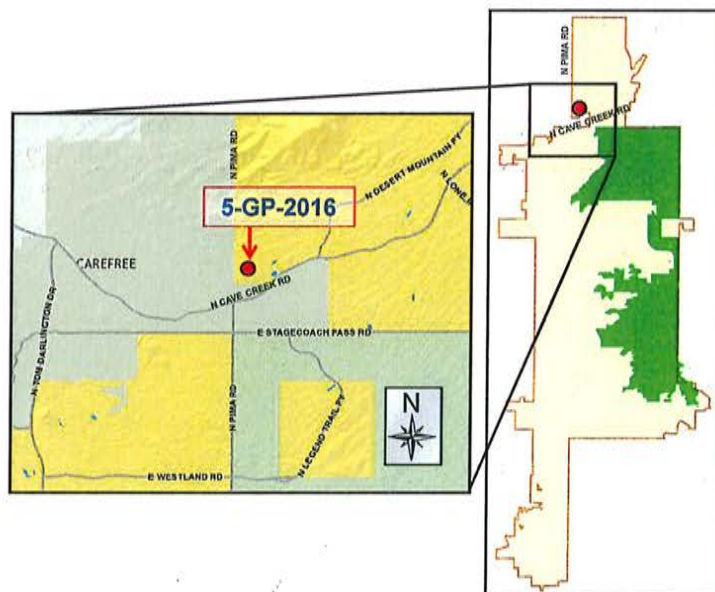
### Major Amendment Criteria

- An amendment to Scottsdale's General Plan is defined as a major amendment if it meets any one of the following criteria:
  1. Change in Land Use Category
  2. Area of Change
  3. Character Area Criteria
  4. Water/ Wastewater Infrastructure Criteria

## State Statute – Required Process

- Heard at a City Council same year as submitted
  - Submittal deadline: May 20, 2016
  - City Council hearing: December 1, 2016
- Requires additional, remote hearing of Planning Commission for public input – October 5, 2016
- Requires 2/3 majority vote of City Council

## 2016 Major General Plan Amendment - 1 Private Request



## 5-GP-2016 – Desert Mountain Parcel 19



CONTEXT AERIAL

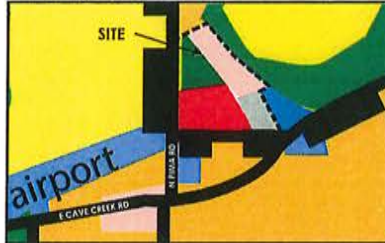
5-GP-2016

## 5-GP-2016 – Desert Mountain Parcel 19

- Request for a major General Plan amendment to change the land use designation from Employment, Office, Commercial, Developed Open Space, and Rural Neighborhoods to Suburban Neighborhoods and Developed Open Space (Golf Courses) on a 91.7 +/- acre site located north of the northeast corner of Pima and Cave Creek Roads.

# 5-GP-2016 – Desert Mountain Parcel 19

Existing Land Use



Proposed Land Use



	RURAL NEIGHBORHOODS
	SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOODS
	URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS
	MIXED-USE NEIGHBORHOODS
	RESORTS/TOURISM
	INTRA-CORRIDOR
	MAYO SUPPORT DISTRICT
	REGIONAL USE DISTRICT
	COMMERCIAL
	OFFICE
	EMPLOYMENT
	NATURAL OPEN SPACE
	DEVELOPED OPEN SPACE (PARKS)
	DEVELOPED OPEN SPACE (OUT-COURSED)
	CULTURAL/INSTITUTIONAL OR PUBLIC USE
	MCDOWELL-SOKORAH PRESERVE (AS OF 8/2003)
	RECOMMENDED STUDY BOUNDARY OF THE MCDOWELL-SOKORAH PRESERVE
	CITY BOUNDARY

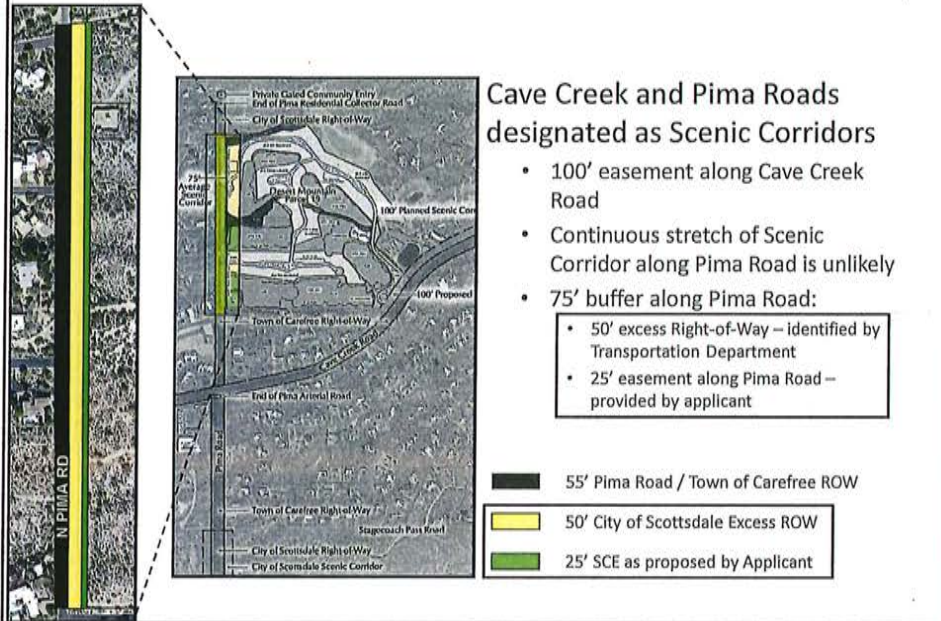
	To:	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E
From:	Land Use Plan Category					
Group A	Rural Neighborhoods		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Natural Open Space					
Group B	Suburban Neighborhoods			Yes	Yes	Yes
	Developed Open Space					
	Cultural/ Institutional or Public Use					
Group C	Urban Neighborhoods	Yes				Yes
	Resorts/Tourism					
Group D	Neighborhood Commercial	Yes	Yes			Yes
	Minor Office					
	Minor Employment					
Group E	Commercial	Yes	Yes			
	Office					
	Employment					
	Mixed Use					
	Regional Use Overlay					

1. Change in Land Use Category  
 – Qualifies this as a major amendment

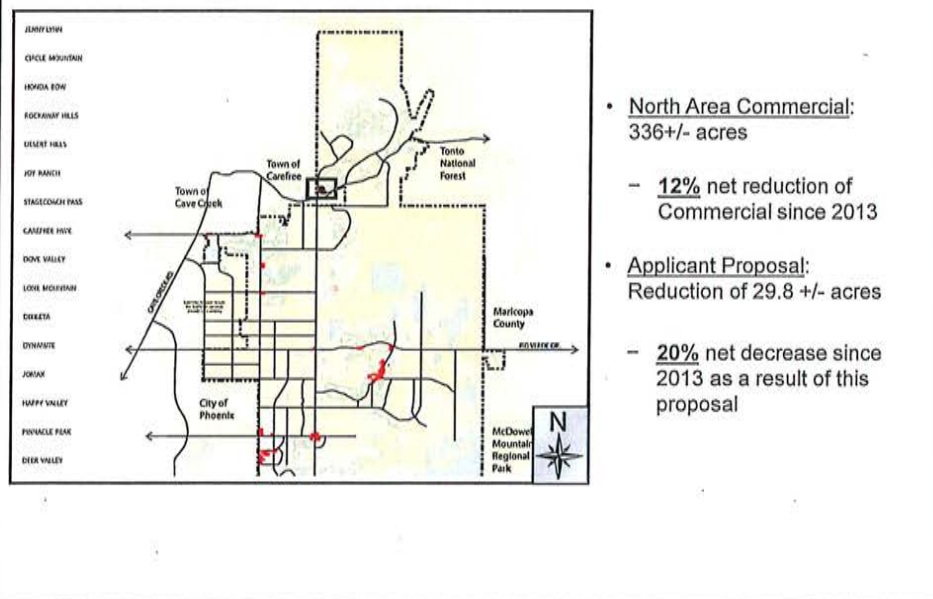




## Key Consideration: Scenic Corridor

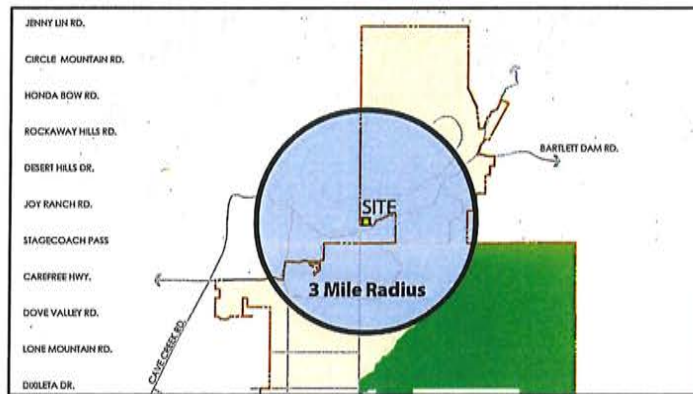


## Key Consideration: Commercial Land Use



## Key Consideration: Market Analysis (May 2016)

- Vacancy Rates and viability within 3 miles of subject site:
  - Retail 17.9% - not enough demand as a result of population in area
  - Office 23% - area currently houses appropriate amount / location is not appropriate for a corporate office park – low market demand
  - Industrial Market "non-existent" – lacking in location-criteria
- Unlikely to develop as a commercial use



## Community Involvement

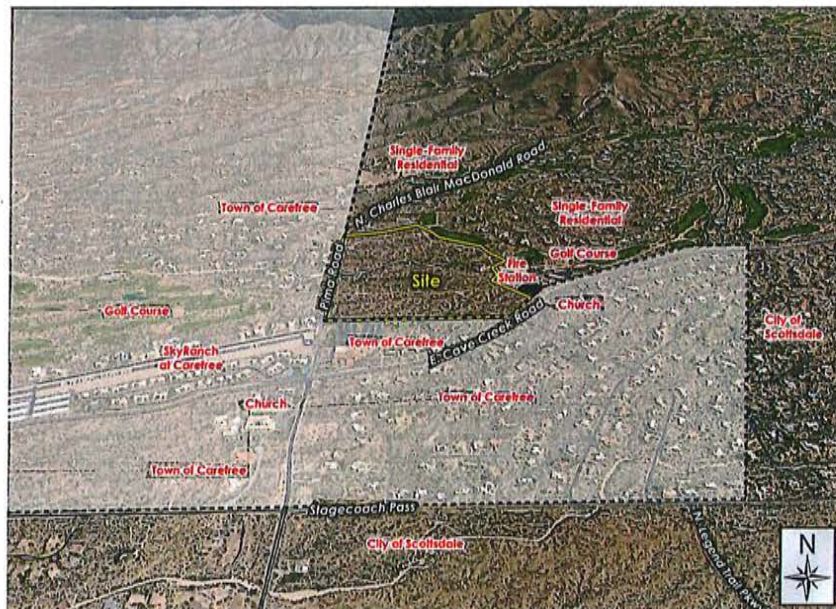
- Applicant's Outreach – Jan. 2016 – present
- City Sponsored Open House – Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>
- Planning Commission – Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>
- Planning Commission – Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Recommendation for approval, 5-0
- Town of Carefree Letter of support – Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>

# Desert Mountain Parcel 19

17-ZN-2016 and 6-UP-2016

Coordinator: Jesús Murillo

Date: December 1, 2016



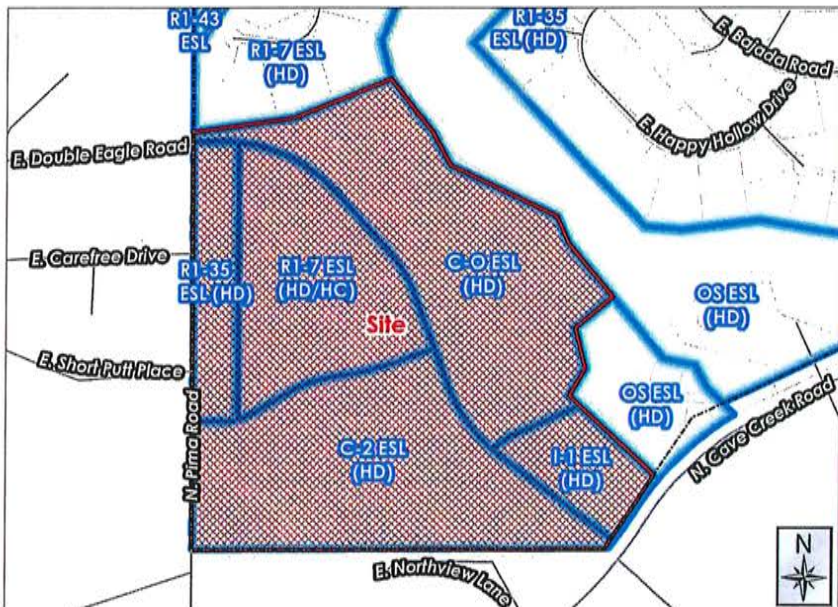
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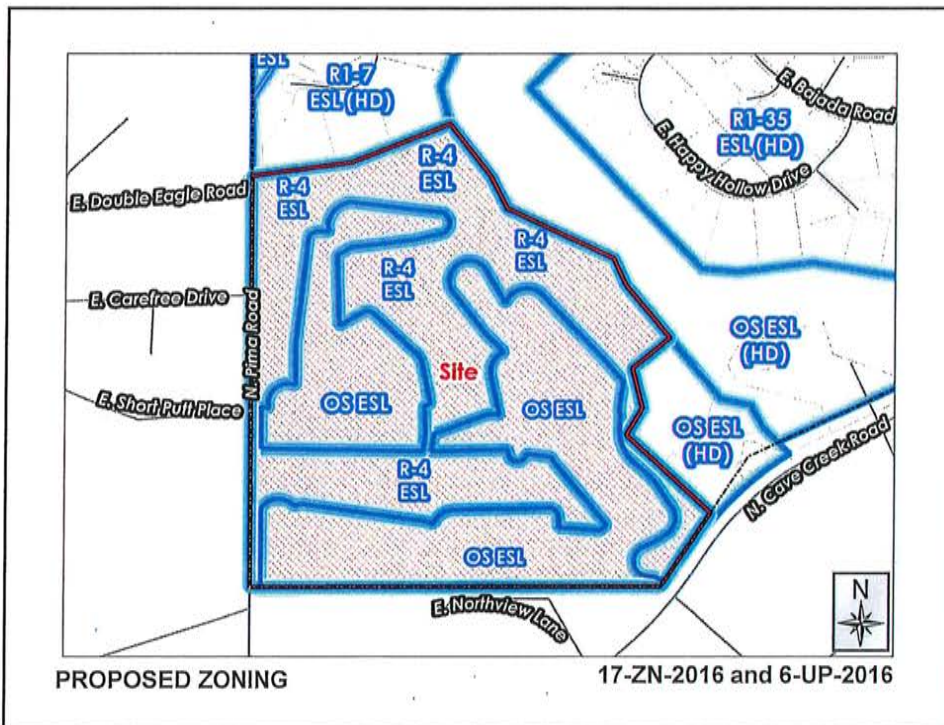
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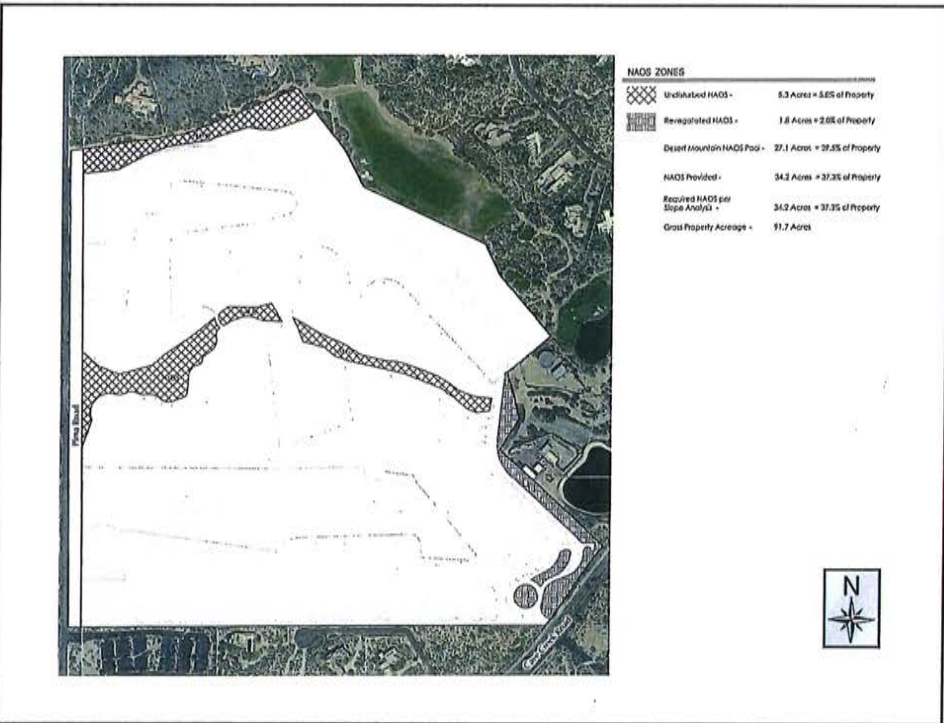
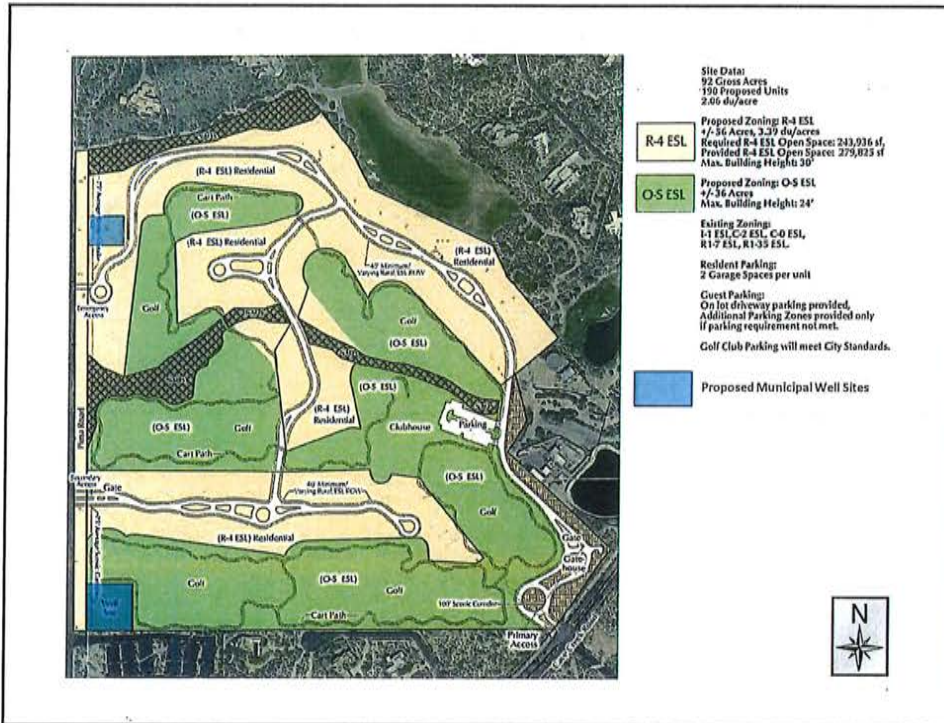


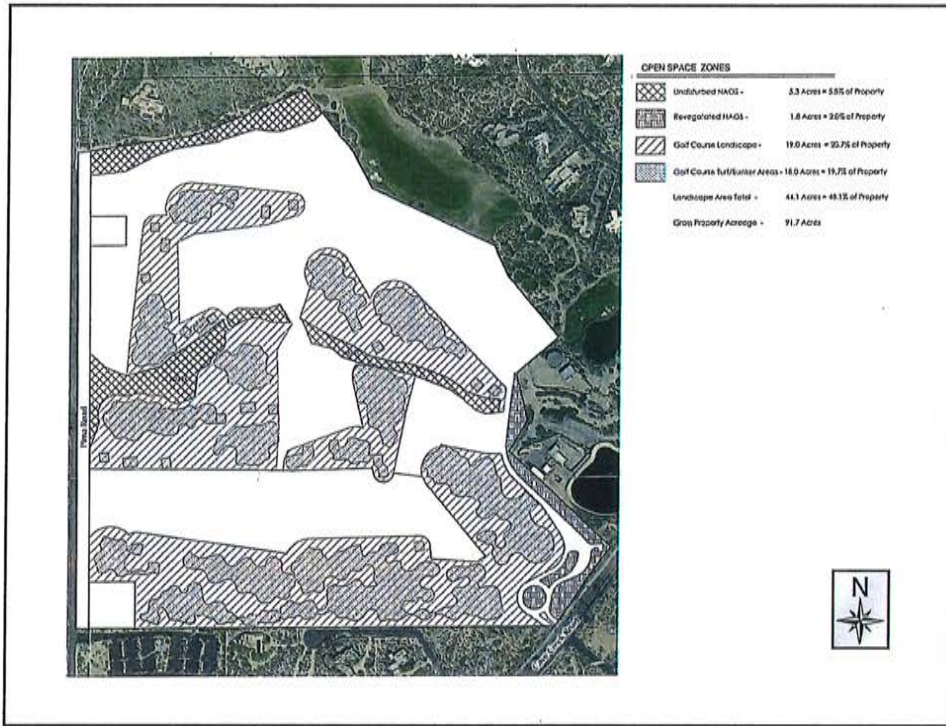
EXISTING ZONING

17-ZN-2016 and 6-UP-2016



Existing Use:	Primarily Vacant (with a water pump facility, an interim fire station, and municipal well sites)
Proposed Use:	190-Unit Subdivision and Golf Course
Parcel Size:	92+/- acres
Density Allowed:	R1-7 at 0.83 du/ac (18.80 ac.) and R1-35 at 1.04 du/ac (7.05 ac.)
Density Allowed:	8.31 du/ac (straight R-4 zoning district)
Density Proposed:	3.39 du/ac (56+/- acres of R-4 zoning) and 2.06 (92+/- acre site)







### CONCLUSION (Key Considerations)

- Proposed zoning map amendment (17-ZN-2016) and Conditional Use Permit (6-UP-2016) are consistent with the proposed General Plan land use designations requested
- Meets Conditional Use Permit Criteria for Golf Course
- Meets ESL NAOS requirements
- Consolidation and relocation of municipal well sites (two sites located along N. Pima Road)
- Letter of support received from the Town of Carefree



Site Data:  
 92 Gross Acres  
 190 Proposed Units  
 2.09 du/Acre

**R-4 ESL**  
 Proposed Zoning: R-4 ESL  
 +/- 56 Acres, 2.29 du/acre  
 Required R-4 ESL Open Space: 243,936 sf  
 Provided R-4 ESL Open Space: 279,825 sf  
 Max. Building Height: 30'

**O-5 ESL**  
 Proposed Zoning: O-5 ESL  
 +/- 36 Acres  
 Max. Building Height: 24'

Existing Zoning:  
 I-1 ESL, C-2 ESL, C-0 ESL,  
 R-17 ESL, R-103 ESL

Resident Parking:  
 2 Garage Spaces per unit

Guest Parking:  
 On lot driveway parking provided,  
 Additional Parking Zones provided only  
 if parking requirements not met.

Golf Club Parking will meet City Standards.



## SUPPLEMENTAL SLIDES

<b>Existing Use:</b>	Primarily Vacant (with a water pump facility, an interim fire station, and municipal well sites)
<b>Proposed Use:</b>	190-Unit Subdivision and Golf Course
<b>Buildings/Description:</b>	Desert Contemporary
<b>Parcel Size:</b>	92+/- acres
<b>Building Height Allowed:</b>	30 ft. (R-4/ESL/HD), 30 ft. (O-S/ESL/HD), and 52 ft. (I-1/ESL/HD)
<b>Building Height Proposed:</b>	30 ft. (R-4/ESL) and 24 ft. (O-S/ESL)
<b>NAOS Required:</b>	34.2 Acres
<b>NAOS Proposed:</b>	34.2 Acres (7.1 acres on-site and 27.1 in Desert Mtn. NAOS bank)
<b>Floor Area Allowed:</b>	0.6 (I-1, 6.06 ac.), 0.6 (C-O, 29.85 ac.), and 0.8 (C-2, 29.93 ac.)
<b>Floor Area Proposed:</b>	0.00
<b>Density Allowed:</b>	R1-7 at 0.83 du/ac (18.80 ac.) and R1-35 at 1.04 du/ac (7.05 ac.)
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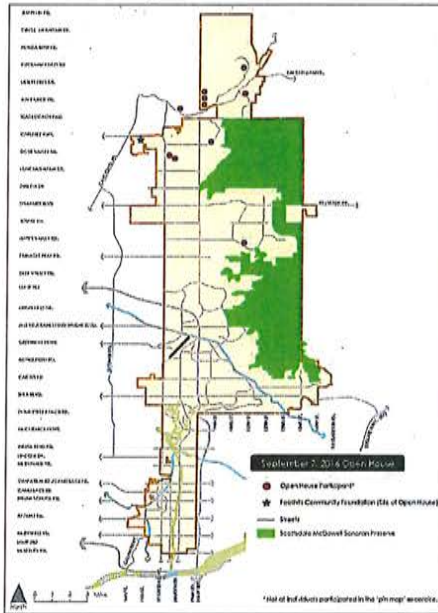
**Conditional Use Permit Criteria:**

- A. That the granting of such Conditional Use Permit will not be materially detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare. In reaching this conclusion, the Planning Commission and the City Council's consideration shall include, but not be limited to, the following factors:
1. Damage or nuisance arising from noise, smoke, odor, dust, vibration or illumination.
    - **The proposed golf course and golf club use will not damage or nuisance from noise, smoke, odor, dust, vibration, or illumination. In fact, the golf course, which is primarily open space and generally a quiet use, is and will be an extremely sensitive neighbor to the surrounding homes and will be an amenity to the adjacent development (existing and proposed). The clubhouse will be nestled within the 91.7+/- acre development buffered by the surrounding golf course holes and Natural Area Open Space (NAOS). The proposed grading for the course takes into account the existing terrain of the area and is compatible with its surrounding environment.**

2. Impact on surrounding areas resulting from an unusual volume or character of traffic.
  - **The golf course use has a much lower impact on the volume and character of traffic as compare to the current Industrial, Commercial, and Office entitlements (see traffic study). Daily vehicular trips will be reduced by 93% as compared to the currently approved zoning. Primary access to the site will be provided via N. Cave Creek Road with secondary access via N. Pima Road.**

- B. The characteristics of the proposed conditional use are reasonably compatible with the types of uses permitted in the surrounding areas.
- **The character of the existing golf course and clubhouse are extremely compatible with the surrounding low-density residential land use and established Desert Mountain community. NAOS will be provided in conformance to the City's requirement. NAOS together with the golf course will total approximately 48% open space on the property.**

## Open House Participants



## Suburban Neighborhoods Land Use Definition

and services essential to balanced residential areas. Special care should be taken to provide adequate transitions between uses that have different intensities of development.

In the past, many master-planned developments were approved and built in Scottsdale. Master-planned developments include a variety of residential densities or dwelling types, but the overall density is comparable on a gross acreage basis to the densities shown on the Land Use map. Individual lot sizes may vary in master-planned developments due to clustering of dwellings and the preservation of sensitive environmental features. In the future, development in newer parts of the city will tend to become less focused on master-planned communities, since most larger parcels will already be committed. Assembling of smaller properties to accommodate a larger master-planned community is still possible, however, infill development will become more significant, and redevelopment will become a major focus of activity in the community in the future.

**RURAL NEIGHBORHOODS:** This category includes areas of relatively large lot single-family neighborhoods. Densities in Rural Neighborhoods are usually one house per one acre (or more) of land. Native desert vegetation predominates in many areas and special care is required to preserve the area's open desert character and environmental features. Much of the terrain includes gentle to moderate slopes and rolling ground, intersected by several washes. Grading often requires extra care in areas with moderate slopes. Clustering is encouraged to preserve desert vegetation, washes, and natural features. Some of these areas were developed with one-acre lots under Maricopa County standards prior to annexation by Scottsdale. Equestrian uses and privileges may exist in the latter areas as many lots are large enough for horses and several existing developments permit horse corrals. South of the C.A.P. Canal, these neighborhoods take on a rural, equestrian character when compared to surrounding areas that have smaller, suburban lots.



**SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOODS:** This category includes medium to small lot single-family neighborhoods or subdivisions. Densities in Suburban Neighborhoods are usually more than one house per acre, but less than eight houses per acre. This category also includes some townhouses and can also be used for small lot single-family homes, such as patio homes. It can be incorporated into neighborhoods near the Downtown area and in or adjacent to other non-residential activity centers. These uses may be used as a transition between less intense residential areas and non-residential areas, such as offices or retail centers. The terrain should be relatively flat, or gently sloping, to accommodate this density. Preservation of environmental features (particularly in desert settings near the mountains) is a key consideration and in the past has often been accommodated through master-planned communities or clustering.

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## Developed Open Space Land Use Definition

**DEVELOPED OPEN SPACE:** Developed open space includes public or private recreation areas, such as golf courses and city parks. Some developed open space may also be used as drainage facilities for flood control. This designation applies to Indian Bend Wash, the Camelback Walk, and the TPC and Westworld facilities. Developed open spaces provide amenities for both residents and visitors. They may also provide links between neighborhoods. Their design should integrate with adjacent neighborhoods. Tourism and public uses are encouraged to locate next to developed open spaces.



**CULTURAL/INSTITUTIONAL OR PUBLIC USE:** This category includes a variety of public and private facilities including government buildings, schools, private and public utilities, and airports. Private facilities include Talbot West, the Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale Memorial and Scottsdale Memorial North hospitals. Some areas north of the C.A.P. Canal may include a mixture of recreation, tourism, destination attraction, equestrian facilities, hotels or resorts, and cultural uses serving a large area. Zoning for these opportunities should be based on a determination that the project can be successfully completed, has good transportation access, and is compatible with surrounding areas.

**Other Land Use Map Designations**

**STAR/CIRCLE:** A circle or star on the land use maps means that an exact location for the use has not yet been determined, but the need for that use has been identified in the general area.

**REGIONAL USE:** The regional use designation provides flexibility for land uses when it can be demonstrated that new land uses are viable in serving a regional market. Regional uses include, but are not limited to, corporate office, region serving retail, major medical, educational campus, community service facilities, tourism, and destination attraction uses. In determining whether proposed land uses are regional in nature, the city will consider whether the use has a regional draw, implements current economic development policies, enhances the employment base and the city's attractiveness to regional markets, benefits from good freeway access, and complements the established character for the area.

**SHEA CORRIDOR:** The Shea Corridor is delineated along Shea Boulevard. Within this corridor specific guidelines are in effect. Policies relating to the corridor include:

- Enhance and protect the existing residential areas while allowing flexibility in residential parcels having Shea frontage
- Allow employer offering uses, such as medically related services, corporate headquarters, or hotel accommodations
- Neighborhood level retail centers, which provide everyday goods and services, such as groceries, drug stores, dry cleaning, etc.

**Developed Open Space** Developed open space includes public or private recreation areas, such as golf courses and city parks. Some developed open space may also be used as drainage facilities for flood control. This designation applies to Indian Bend Wash, the Camelback Walk, and the TPC and Westworld facilities. Developed open spaces provide amenities for both residents and visitors. They may also provide links between neighborhoods. Their design should integrate with adjacent neighborhoods. Tourism and public uses are encouraged to locate next to developed open spaces

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## Town of Carefree – Letter & Request

- September 20, 2016 – Letter addressed to Mayor Lane
  - Support for request
  - Concerns over traffic/drainage
- October 26, 2016 – Letter addressed to City Staff
  - Agreement reached between Town of Carefree / Applicant

Item 2

# **Comprehensive Financial Policies**

*City Council  
December 1, 2016*

## **Financial Policies**

### ***Background***

- **First adopted in FY 1994/95**
- **Promote sound financial planning and management of public funds**
- **Assist in making fiscal strategy and policy decisions**
- **Contribute to AAA bond rating**

## **Financial Policies**

### ***Categories***

- **Operating Management**
- **Capital Management**
- **Debt Management**
- **Reserve Management**
- **Financial Reporting**

## **Financial Policies**

***Proposed  
Notable Changes  
for FY 2017/18***



## **Financial Policies**

### **Operating Management Policy #3:**

*Annual budgets shall include documentation that **programs departments** met intended objectives (“effectiveness criteria”) and provide value in terms of dollars allocated (“efficiency criteria”).*

## **Financial Policies**

### **Rationale:**

**Modified to more appropriately indicate at what level of the organization effectiveness and efficiency criteria documentation will be included in annual budgets.**

## Financial Policies

### Operating Management Policy #17:

*Any year-end General Fund operating surpluses not needed to restore contingency reserves or cover unforeseen shortfalls in the budget, but in no case less than: **1) twenty-five percent (25%) of construction privilege tax revenues; 2) one hundred percent (100%) of net interest income in excess of \$1.0 million; and 3) one and one tenths percent (1.1%) sales tax collected on food for home consumption (phased in over three years beginning in FY 2016/17)** will be transferred to the General Fund Capital Improvement Program in the following fiscal year unless otherwise directed by City Council.*

## Financial Policies

### Rationale:

**Modified to include the sales tax on food for home consumption will be transferred to the Capital Improvement Program using a phased in approach.**

## **Financial Policies**

### **Operating Management Policy #19:**

*Benefits and compensation will be administered in accordance with policy given by City Council. As part of a cost-containment strategy, total costs for health insurance premiums will be shared between the employer, employees and **public safety disabled** retirees. Total premiums will be evaluated on an annual basis to ensure they are reasonable and competitive and that total premiums are expected to provide adequate funding of anticipated claims and a reasonable level of loss reserves.*

## **Financial Policies**

### **Rationale:**

**Modified to clarify that 'retirees' refers to public safety disabled retirees.**

## Financial Policies

### New Operating Management Policy #20:

*An annual General Fund transfer will be made to the Benefits Healthcare Self-Insurance Fund to subsidize the cost of providing healthcare benefits to sworn public safety disabled retirees.*

## Financial Policies

### Rationale:

Added a policy to include City Council's direction to subsidize the cost of providing healthcare benefits to sworn public safety disabled retirees.

## **Financial Policies**

### **Operating Management Policy #21:**

Property tax will be levied to recover: (1) general obligation debt service and (2) revenues required for the General Fund equal to (a) the prior year's revenue **(b) plus new growth added to the tax roll and (b) (c)** the prior year's tort liability payments as approved by City Council. Council may also approve the legally allowable maximum over the previous year's primary levy.

## **Financial Policies**

### **Rationale:**

Modified to further clarify that the property tax that will be levied for the General Fund includes new growth added to the tax roll.

## **Financial Policies**

### **Operating Management Policy #23**

*For the purpose of preparing the annual operating budget, the City Manager will include funds sufficient to provide increases of up to five percent (5%) based on performance for each qualified sworn police officer, **firefighter, fire engineer and fire captain** up to the maximum salary of the pay range unless otherwise directed by City Council.*

## **Financial Policies**

### **Rationale:**

**Modified to include an up to 5 percent increase based on performance for firefighters, fire engineers and fire captains.**

## Financial Policies

### Delete Capital Management Policy #27:

~~Future operating and maintenance costs associated with new capital improvements will be forecast and included in the Operating Budget and five-year financial plan.~~

## Financial Policies

### Rationale:

Deleted policy to reduce redundancy and combined with Capital Management Policy #28.

## **Financial Policies**

### **Capital Management Policy #28:**

Future operating, maintenance, and capital costs associated with **new capital improvement** contractual obligations approved by Council will be forecasted and included in the Operating Budget, five-year financial plan and the Capital Improvement Plan.

## **Financial Policies**

### **Rationale:**

Modified to also include new capital improvement program projects when forecasting future costs (intent of deleted Capital Management Policy #27).



## **Financial Policies**

### **Debt Management Policy #38:**

*Debt Service Reserve will be funded with secondary property taxes, levied by City Council, sufficient to pay the bonded indebtedness for General Obligation bond principal and interest **(excluding Preserve General Obligation bonds)**. A debt service sinking fund will be maintained to account for these restricted revenues and debt payments, as well as any additional debt amounts deemed to be advisable and necessary for any public or municipal purposes.*

## **Financial Policies**

### **Rationale:**

**Modified to exclude preserve general obligation bonds when calculating the debt service reserve funded with secondary property taxes.**

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### ***Staff Recommendation***

**Adopt Resolution No. 10583, the Comprehensive Financial Policies and Governing Guidance which will serve as the formal guidelines for the City of Scottsdale's FY 2017/18 financial planning and management.**

**Standard practices and processes  
for gathering public feedback**

**Feedback**

Follow-up so customers can **rate the quality and contents** of particular programs or services.

How did we do?  
What could we do better?

**Public Comment**

The ability for members of the public to **express thoughts and ideas** on actual or proposed programs, projects and services delivered by the city.

What do you think?  
What would you like?

**Surveys/Polls**

**Measuring the opinions and/or satisfaction** of residents and customers using representative samples with high statistical validity.

How do people feel?  
What do people do?

**Feedback**

Use at department discretion.

**Public Comment**

Use at department discretion.

Public participation plan for larger projects.

**Surveys/Polls**

Use only with City Manager approval.

Conduct via qualified third-party.

**When collecting feedback online/electronically,  
use methods to protect against exploits  
and ensure authentic responses.**