

Open House Statement 2-21-13

The vision for Scottsdale didn't begin or end with this visioning process, and addressing the difficult issue of how Scottsdale will change in the future is essential to creating an effective vision for the future. It is important to have a vision statement to avoid being prisoners of the present. In creating that statement, we should take the opportunity to acknowledge and embrace meaningful and valuable change while recognizing that we should not change merely for change's sake.

In terms of changes to be made to the statement, the statements should be edited to be more concise, and it should also eliminate redundancies and vagueness. Making the document more specific is essential. The community values should be prioritized and edited to be more defined and to address potential dichotomies of interest in the statements. The values articulated should act as a filter that allows us to direct the future of our City. It is important not only to articulate our values, but to put a meaning to them, always keeping a focus on the public's input to ensure that the people have a direct impact on the decisions that will affect them.

NOTES:

Dichotomy of interest

Changing heights/gradual infill

No draconian regulations

Change for the sake of change is not good

Change is an important theme --

What is your response?

What changes should be considered?

More directed to proper function of a city?

Consider a plan with minimum legislatively mandated changes? Process should be different

Should not delegate changes to the preserve to council,; created by the people and control of it should stay with the people

McDowell Sonoran Preserve – being pushed in with green belt and infrastructure development