



**SCOTTSDALE PLANNING COMMISSION
KIVA-CITY HALL
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SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

PRESENT: Michael D'Andrea, Commissioner
Steven Steinke, Commissioner
Erik Filsinger, Commissioner
Ed Grant, Commissioner
Kevin O'Neill, Commissioner
Jason Ottman, Commissioner
Michael Schmitt, Commissioner (arrived 4:09 p.m.)

STAFF: Lusia Galav
David Richert
Joe Padilla
Connie Padian
Kira Wauwie
Mary Troyan
Ross Cromarty
Greg Williams

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Filsinger called the study session of the Scottsdale Planning Commission to order at 4:03 p.m.

A formal roll call was conducted confirming members present as stated above.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Ms. Galav welcomed the new Planning Commission members.

4. Staff presentation and discussion of the Southern Scottsdale and Greater Airpark Community Area Plans

Mr. Cromarty provided an overview of the General Plan and the timeline for the General Plan update. He reviewed the five phases of the community area planning process, noting that the process provides an opportunity to review specific geographical areas of the community. Presenting a map of the Southern Scottsdale area, Mr. Cromarty reviewed the five priorities in the community area plan as well as the vision statement, draft values, and goals.

Ms. Troyan reviewed the five priorities that the existing conditions analysis and community outreach identified for the Greater Airpark as well as the vision statement, draft values, goals, and the tentative next steps planned for the Airpark area.

In response to a question by Commissioner Grant, Ms. Troyan noted that the Airpark Commission is currently working on a strategic business plan. The Airpark Commission will be involved as the Community Area Plan is developed and will likely forward a recommendation to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Steinke asked how the other community area plans would be incorporated into the General Plan when they are not expected to be complete until 2012. Ms. Galav explained that the 2011 General Plan work program included adoption of the Downtown Plan as well as the Southern Scottsdale and Greater Airpark community area plans. It is expected that the Shea Corridor will be addressed in the 2011 General Plan update, but the community area plan will be completed after the General Plan adoption. The approved work program includes evaluation of the other two community areas during the update process to determine if they need their own specific plan and whether community areas need to be redefined. Commissioner Steinke commented that the experience of developing the Downtown Plan will be a good source for guidance in development of the other Community Area Plans. He noted that stressing the importance of the Airport itself in the development of the Greater Airpark Community Plan is vital.

Commissioner Steinke thanked staff for providing a comprehensive presentation that was especially beneficial for the new Commissioners.

Mr. Richert noted that as part of the City reorganization plan, a neighborhood group will become part of the long range planning department. His goal is to utilize that group in expeditiously moving forward with the community planning efforts.

In response to a request by Commissioner O'Neill, Ms. Galav noted that staff will make it a point to be more consistent in notifying Commission members of community outreach and open houses so that those who are interested can attend.

Commissioner Schmitt inquired about the method that will be used to adopt community area plans completed after the General Plan adoption. Ms. Galav

explained that the plans will be adopted into the General Plan individually as they are completed. Ms. Padian further explained that the General Plan currently has 26 character areas and the ultimate goal is to consolidate these area plans into six community area plans; the three remaining plans will be implemented as they are completed following the General Plan update.

Commissioner Schmitt recalled that during development of the Downtown Plan, the Planning Commission conducted workshops where they were able to focus specifically on that plan. He encouraged staff to incorporate similar workshops into the work program for each of the other individual community area plans.

Commissioner D'Andrea agreed that it would be beneficial to hold Planning Commission workshops for each community area plan. He stressed the importance of creating a cohesive, linear plan as each area plan moves forward and involving many stakeholders, including the Planning Commission, community members, and members of the development community.

In response to a question by Commissioner D'Andrea, Mr. Cromarty noted that ideas are being considered regarding the status of the Motor Mile area in South Scottsdale. Information that came out of the Mayor's Summit is being considered and Gruen & Gruen is looking at alternate possibilities.

In response to a question by Commissioner Schmitt, Mr. Richert noted that meetings have been set up regarding the Discovery Triangle and ways in which two communities can work together.

Commissioner Schmitt commented that harnessing opportunities with neighboring communities would be an advantage to Scottsdale.

4. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the study session of the Planning Commission adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.