Regular Meeting Minutes
City of Scottsdale
2035 General Plan Update
Citizen Review Committee 2020
5:00 P.M., Monday, June 1, 2020

Meeting Participants


Present City Staff Members: Erin Perreault, AICP, Long Range Planning Director – Adam Yaron, Project Coordination Liaison – Taylor Reynolds, Project Coordination Liaison

Absent Committee Member: Steve Dodd

Until further notice, General Plan Citizen Review Committee (CRC) meetings will be held electronically. While physical facilities are not open to the public, CRC meetings are televised on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed online at ScottsdaleAZ.gov (search “live stream”) to allow the public to listen/view the meeting in progress.

Only written comments submitted electronically at least one hour prior to the meeting are being accepted. A written Public Comment may be submitted electronically by clicking on the “click here to submit a comment on an item” link located at the top of each page of the agenda.

The Monday, June 1, 2020 Regular Meeting of the General Plan Citizen Review Committee was held electronically and remotely.

Call to Order - Adam Yaron called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Roll Call - Members of the Committee will be attending the Meeting by telephone, video, or Internet conferencing, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431(4).

1. Approve Meeting Minutes
   a. Regular Meeting of May 18, 2020

      Commission Action: Action Item

      Committee Member Bernosky made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Citizen Review Committee that occurred on May 18, 2020. Committee Member Cromarty seconded the motion, which carried 11-0; with all Committee Members in attendance voting in the affirmative.
2. **Draft General Plan 2035 – Section 2 – Environment Chapter Introduction and Open Space Element**
   The Citizen Review Committee will review and discuss Section 2 – Environment Chapter Introduction and the Open Space Element of the draft 2035 General Plan (Pages 90 – 103).

**Commission Action:** Information/Discussion/Possible Action Item

Committee Member Jones joined the meeting at 5:12 PM.

**Consent by Committee to incorporate the following:**
- Rename Chapter as “Sustainability and Environment Chapter”. Staff to adjust the “Conserve and Preserve the Environment” Community Value to include Sustainability as a means to ensure consistency between Community Values and the Chapters that align with them.

- Page 91, amend second paragraph, first sentence to state “Scottsdale recognizes that economic growth, environmental stewardship, the provision of open space, and fiscal responsibility are interrelated and WILL BE FOCUSED ON mutually achievable goals”.

- Page 92, agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet. Adjust goal summaries to begin with action verbs. Staff to review such in each Chapter of the plan for consistency.

- Page 94, amend OS 1.1 to state “Provide an integrated PUBLIC desert open space system....”. Agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for OS 1.4.

- Page 95, agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for OS 2.5.

- Page 96, amend OS 3.3 to state “As development and redevelopment occurs along transportation corridors, ENSURE the preservation of...”. Agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for OS 3.4.

- Page 99, agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for OS 6.4.

- Page 100, amend OS 7.1 to read “Promote the dedication of new useable or visually significant open space.” Amend OS 7.4 to include “donations” as a means to acquire natural or developed open space.

- Pages 101 through 103, agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in the Open Space, Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve, and Visually Significant Roadways maps. Staff to ensure the Shea Scenic Corridor is accurately depicted on the Visually Significant Roadways map.

Committee Member Eng made a motion to approve city staff drafting, for final review by the CRC, all agreed upon CRC Member and city staff edits for those sections of the plan reviewed and approved by the CRC within this agenda item, with final review and approval of all plan content and suggested changes, to be made by the CRC in a public meeting, date to be determined. Committee Member Scarbrough seconded the motion, which carried 11-1; with Members Bernosky, Cromarty, Eng, Iacovo, Johnson, Newman, Reyman, Scarbrough, Schweiger, Scutari, Shimokubo voting in the affirmative and Committee Member Jones dissenting.
3. Draft General Plan 2035 – Section 2 – Environment Chapter, Environmental Planning Element
   The Citizen Review Committee will review and discuss Section 2 – Environment Chapter, Environmental Planning Element of the draft 2035 General Plan (Pages 105 - 111).
   **Commission Action:** Information/Discussion/Possible Action Item

   **Consent by Committee to incorporate the following:**
   Page 105, amend the third paragraph, first sentence to read “Without careful planning and stewardship, our healthy natural systems may be negatively impacted by regional population growth, urban development, CLIMATE CHANGE, and everyday life”. Staff to incorporate the topic of “Climate Change” into the Environmental Planning Element for future review by the Citizen Review Committee.

   Page 107, amend EP 2.2 to state “Support and encourage citizens, groups, community partnerships, AND LOCAL BUSINESSES to maintain and enhance…”. Amend EP 2.4 to state “Regularly update and enhance Scottsdale’s Green Building Program to maintain REGIONAL AND NATIONAL leadership in green and low-impact development”.

   Page 108, agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for EP 3.1. Amend EP 3.1 to state “Reduce automobile emissions through traffic management; transportation improvements; promotion of alternative modes, such as ridesharing and bicycling; TRAVEL DEMAND REDUCTION STRATEGIES; and, use of electric and alternative fuel vehicles”. Amend EP 3.6 to state “PROMOTE the use of electric and clean alternative fuels…”.

   Page 109, staff to draft new goals or policies related to a Zero Waste/Waste Diversion goal for city operation, and, Zero Waste Events in the City (such as the Waste Management Open event). Amend EP 4.4 to state “ENSURE the recycling and/or reuse…”. Fix misspelling of “recycled” in EP 4.6. Amend 4.8 to state “Promote composting programs, SUCH AS FOOD AND GREEN YARD COMPOSTING, that reduce the amount of biodegradable waste going to the landfill”.

   Page 110, agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for EP 6.4. Amend EP 6.4 to state “Partner with public agencies, WATER PROVIDERS and water industry associations to…”.

   Page 111, amend EP 7.1 to state “Identify areas most impacted by the heat island effect, and create a reduction strategies program, INCLUDING HUMAN IMPACTS, for these areas”. Amend EP 7.5 to state “Promote the long-term management and maintenance of urban-area vegetation AND OPEN AREAS to reduce the heat island effect”.

   Committee Member Shimokubo made a motion to approve city staff drafting, for final review by the CRC, all agreed upon CRC Member and city staff edits for those sections of the plan reviewed and approved by the CRC within this agenda item, with final review and approval of all plan content and suggested changes, to be made by the CRC in a public meeting, date to be determined. Committee Member Cromarty seconded the motion, which carried 11-1; with Members Bernosky, Cromarty, Eng, Iacovo, Johnson, Newman, Reyman, Scarbrough, Schweiger, Scutari, Shimokubo voting in the affirmative and Committee Member Jones dissenting.
In observance of Governor Doug Ducey’s issued statewide Declaration of Emergency on May 31, 2020 that includes an 8:00 P.M. curfew, staff suggested that the remainder of the agenda (Items 4, 5, and 6) be continued to the next meeting of the Citizen Review Committee: 5:00 P.M., Monday June 15, 2020.

4. Draft General Plan 2035 – Section 2 – Environment Chapter, Conservation Element
The Citizen Review Committee will review and discuss Section 2 – Environment Chapter, Conservation Element of the draft 2035 General Plan (Pages 113 - 118).
Commission Action: Information/Discussion/Possible Action Item

Item #4 continued to the next meeting of the Citizen Review Committee: 5:00 P.M., Monday June 15, 2020.

5. Draft General Plan 2035 – Section 2 – Environment Chapter, Water Resources Element
The Citizen Review Committee will review and discuss Section 2 – Environment Chapter, Water Resources Element of the draft 2035 General Plan (Pages 119 - 122).
Commission Action: Information/Discussion/Possible Action Item

Item #5 continued to the next meeting of the Citizen Review Committee: 5:00 P.M., Monday June 15, 2020.

The Citizen Review Committee will review and discuss Section 2 – Environment Chapter, Energy Element of the draft 2035 General Plan (Pages 123 - 127).
Commission Action: Information/Discussion/Possible Action Item

Item #6 continued to the next meeting of the Citizen Review Committee: 5:00 P.M., Monday June 15, 2020.

7. Staff Updates (A.R.S. 38 - 431.02(K))
Staff will present a brief summary of current events and activities pertaining to the General Plan update process.
Commission Action: Information Only

Staff mentioned the inclusion of recent General Plan related media articles in the CRC packet that have been published Since May 18, 2020 - for CRC information only.

Staff informed the Committee that the next Regular Meeting of the Citizen Review Committee would be held at 5:00 P.M., Monday June 15, 2020.

Adjournment

Committee Member Bernosky made a motion to adjourn at 6:59 PM. Committee Member Reyman seconded the motion.

Governor Doug Ducey issued a statewide Declaration of Emergency on Sunday May 29, 2020, including putting in place a curfew starting 8:00PM on May 31, 2020. This curfew is in effect from 8:00PM until 5:00AM through Monday, June 8, 2020. Consequently, the meeting of June 1, 2020 of the General Plan Citizen Review Committee will end at 7:00PM to comply the Governors Order.