



Town of Paradise Valley

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Minutes - Final

Planning Commission

Chairman James Rose
Commissioner Thomas G. Campbell
Commissioner Charles Covington
Commissioner Pamela Georgelos
Commissioner Karen Liepmann
Commissioner Kristina Locke
Commissioner William Nassikas

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Town Attorney Andrew McGuire
Community Development Lisa Collins
Planning Manager Paul Michaud
Special projects Planner Loras Rauch

2. ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Commissioner Thomas G. Campbell
Commissioner Charles Covington
Commissioner Pamela Georgelos
Commissioner Karen Liepmann
Commissioner Kristina Locke
Commissioner William Nassikas
Commissioner James Rose

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

4. STUDY SESSION ITEMS

- A.** [21-285](#) Discussion on the 2022 General Plan Implementation Element.

Lisa Collins, Community Development Director, provided a brief overview of the general plan update which she indicated was required by the state statute. She

pointed out two upcoming work sessions with Council that would take place on September 9th and September 23rd.

Matthew Klyszeiko, consultant with Michael Baker International, listed the benefits of having an implementation plan including tracking key goals and policies and identifying specific efforts to achieve goals. He pointed out that the general plan process should help the town to streamline action efforts for the communities' priorities over the next 10 years. He explained that much of the consultant team efforts have gone into making the action efforts more succinct and to clarify how an effort will be undertaken regarding both the timeline and responsible parties. He noted that the implementation could change as the community matures.

Mr. Klyszeiko pointed out the first cut of action removals were a removal of actions that were a direct copy of the policy statement. He indicated this was done to avoid unnecessary repetition. He pointed out that other items deleted were removed because these lacked support based on the community outreach. He noted that the first cut reduced the action items from 110 to 73. He explained the second cut was a consolidation effort which got the list down to 32 actions.

Mr. Klyszeiko presented an overview of the remaining actions included in the implementation element of the plan.

Ms. Collins reiterated that the implementation element will be helpful to the town, noting that the Council and Commission can bring new things up at any time.

Commissioner Covington remarked that he appreciated the flexibility built into the process.

Mr. Klyszeiko continued reviewing the actions.

Commissioner Covington inquired why dark sky is not in the implementation element.

Mr. Klyszeiko explained that the term the intent is to protect the town's night sky, but it is not the goal or policy to be a Dark Sky approved community.

Mr. Klyszeiko reviewed actions 11-15 followed by items 16-20. There were no comments.

Commissioner Georgelos remarked that these actions highlight issues to keep track of, and liked that the document would not be limited just to the issues included in it right now.

Mr. Klyszeiko started his overview of actions 21-24.

Commissioner Campbell commented that the Commission is working on amending the walls and fences ordinance and noted they were dealing with landscape to maintain open space in the community. He noted that it may be worth including landscaping on public right of ways in one of the landscaping

action efforts.

Mr. Klyszeiko replied that the landscaping topic could be touched on in an action, but it would not get into the specifics of what that might be. He indicated he would revisit adding landscape design along public right of ways and associated open space to action 21 or 22 with staff.

Mr. Klyszeiko presented actions 25-32.

Commissioner Georgelos remarked that she did not see anything address the work they have done on building pad heights. She shared that short term rentals were also an ongoing issue that is not mentioned.

Commissioner Georgelos stated, regarding action 9, that she wants the community to balance having the best access to broadband service without overwhelming the town with cell towers.

Mr. Klyszeiko stated there are policies addressing building pad height and short-term rentals and asked if there was a specific effort, she felt the Town should initiate beyond continuing to evaluate building pad heights or short-term rentals.

Commissioner Georgelos indicated she liked the idea specifying that they continue to work with the legislature and enforcing the current ordinances. She clarified that she still believed the Town has work to do in terms of building pads and seeing what is happening in the community.

Commissioner Locke expressed that she was happy to see the smart city technology addressed in action 26, but was unsure if the specific term and related solutions had been discussed.

Mr. Klyszeiko replied that there are policies regarding using smart city technology, but it does not get into the specifics of what those efforts might look like.

Commissioner Locke noted the smart city term was very specific and she could not recall it being mentioned in any previous sections.

Commissioner Georgelos suggested deleting the specific term smart city.

Mr. Klyszeiko remarked that there were policies that mentioned smart city and would revisit them again to see if there were specific implementation efforts or if the term should be removed. He clarified that there was a broad realm of options within the smart city term.

Commissioner Nassikas asked if the term annual should be replaced with weekly in action 30.

Mr. Klyszeiko responded that he would look at that effort again with staff to see if they should update that information.

Mr. Klyszeiko concluded that the project team will take the Commissions feedback and put together a final working draft that will then go to Council to get any final comments before creating the public review draft. He shared that the public review draft would have a 60-day review period, after which the Commission would have another work session followed by the final adoption process.

No Reportable Action

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. ACTION ITEMS

None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

None

8. STAFF REPORTS

Paul Michaud, Planning Manager, announced that Friday at 9:00 a.m. the Commission will have its training along with the Hillside Building Committee and Board of Adjustment.

9. PUBLIC BODY REPORTS

Commissioner Campbell reported that he attended the last Board of Adjustment meeting where an issue about visible solar panels on hillside property was being discussed. He shared that the Board made a unanimous motion to deny that variance.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Michaud remarked that their next meeting was on September 21 and agenda items included the General Plan and a continuation hearing for walls and fences.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Covington at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Georgelos, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Covington, Commissioner Georgelos, Commissioner Liepmann, Commissioner Locke, Commissioner Nassikas and Commissioner Rose

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By: _____
Paul Michaud, Secretary