

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2014 PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING



Planning and Zoning Board

Minutes

Held in the City of Mesa Upper Level Council Chambers

Date: April 16, 2014 Time: 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Randy Carter, Chair
Beth Coons, Vice-Chair
Michael Clement
Vince DiBella
Lisa Hudson
Suzanne Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brad Arnett

STAFF PRESENT:

John Wesley
Tom Ellsworth
Rebecca Gorton
Kim Steadman
Lesley Davis
Michael Gildenstern
Angelica Guevara
Wahid Alam
Gordon Sheffield
Julia Kerran
Margaret Robertson
Colin Valles

OTHERS PRESENT:

Richard Dyer
Corinne Nystrom
Bob McNichols
Danny Court

Chair Carter declared a quorum present and the meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Before adjournment at 5:06 p.m., action was taken on the following:

It was moved by Boardmember DiBella, seconded by Boardmember Coons that the minutes of the March 25 & 26, 2014 study sessions and regular meeting be approved as submitted. Vote 4-0-1 (Boardmembers Hudson abstained, absent Boardmember Arnett)

MAJOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS:

1. GPMajor-001-Longbow – Planning Director, John Wesley, presented the Major General Plan Amendment. Boardmember Beth Coons stated that we need to protect the Airport. Ms. Coons stated that she would prefer that the residential development not be on the southwest corner. Mr. Wesley asked Ms. Coons if she would prefer that the residential on the entire southwest corner parcel. Ms. Coons stated that she was not sure of a split designation. Boardmember

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Vince DiBella agreed with Boardmember Coons. Chair Carter verified the differences between the current General Plan and the proposed 2040 Draft. Mr. Carter stated that restriction of residential from the southwest corner would encompass follow through to ensure the housing development moves away from the corner. Boardmember Johnson asked what jobs would be created with this development. Ms. Johnson did not see how 500 houses would generate 5000 jobs, as proposed.

2. GPMajor-002-Mesa 38 – John Wesley gave a brief presentation on the Major General Plan Amendment for a 38 acre property, located at the northwest corner of US60 and Crismon Road. Boardmember Vince DiBella verified that the previously proposed zoning on this project was Planned Employment Park (PEP) with a BIZ overly on case Z07-008. Chair Randy Carter questioned if Hampton Avenue continued to the west from the proposed subdivision. Mr. Carter verified the latitude between uses in the adjacent area.

MESA 2040 GENERAL PLAN:

Planning Director, John Wesley, gave a presentation on the 2040 General Plan. Boardmember Coons provided insightful comments on Chapters 1 through 9 of the 2040 General Plan. Chair Carter verified that the statement regarding natural gas vehicles was part of a State Statute. Chair Carter stated that he would like to know the number of electric car recharging stations per building square footage. Boardmember Vince DiBella stated that the 2025 General Plan was too restrictive, whereas the proposed 2040 General Plan is a generalized document which balances community character and land use.

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Respectfully submitted,

John Wesley, Secretary
Planning Director

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