

Goodyear 2025 General Plan Committee Meeting Summary

Meeting #2 - November 13, 2012

This was the second meeting of the General Plan Committee. This meeting built upon what was discussed at the kick-off meeting by going into depth the idea of a vision for the future of the City of Goodyear.

Up first on the agenda was the open call to the public where it was stated that discussion of the Transportation and Parks Master Plans are to be tabled until the next General Plan Committee Meeting since the hired consultants have not been brought fully on board yet.

Secondly there was a brief summation of meeting procedures, in particular Robert's Rules of Order. An informational packet was distributed at the meeting and discusses these rules. Additionally, it includes a City of Goodyear Documents Guide with helpful definitions of various city planning documents and a list if current plans that are available for review.

Next, there was a call for consensus to allow a member from the Planning & Zoning Commission and a representative from the Youth Commission to be present at committee meetings and be allowed to participate in meeting discussions and exercises, but hold no voting power. All members were in favor of the measure.



The meeting then shifted focused to the organization of the general plan document and the vision that the community has for the future of Goodyear. A list of required plan elements was presented and members were asked if they thought any elements were missing. Members mentioned several new elements and these will be considered and added under the different chapters of the General Plan. The table of contents and chapter titles will serve as a reflection of what Goodyear is about and what is important to its residents, with an ultimate goal of making the plan more digestible and meaningful.

Then a summary of the GAIN and Visioning Workshop events was given. Furthermore, there are three upcoming open houses starting in January that residents are encouraged to attend.



The committee members then participated in a vision statement exercise. The committee was asked to review the vision statements created at the previous Visioning Workshop, and working in groups, come up with one cohesive and comprehensive vision statement. The vision statement will be posted for public comment at the open houses.

Moving on from the topic of visioning was a mention of the City of Goodyear's General Plan 2025 website: www.goodyearaz.gov/goodyear2025. On the site all three plans will be posted (General Plan 2025, Transportation Master Plan, Parks and Recreation Master Plan) and content such as Visioning Workshop documents, meeting summaries and agendas, and handouts will be made available. There is also a public participation tool called "Community Voice" where residents and business owners can share ideas and participate in the General Plan 2025 process in a public online forum format.

The area of ideas and brainstorming was then discussed, and will become a regular topic at future committee meetings.

In closing, a mention was made to the City of Goodyear's website and how it is a valuable resource for staying up to speed on the latest developments in the community. Such recent developments include the expansion of the library at Venida Business Park, Franklin Peirce University moving in to the business park as well, and a modern 911 call center to be completed by end of 2013.

Vision Statement

Create a highly desirable place for all to live, work, visit, and play by fostering a sustainable community with diverse destinations connected throughout the city; encouraging growth by offering opportunities for cultural, educational, and economic development, while recognizing our assets, history, and open spaces; and maximizing partnerships and collaboration.