



Goodyear 2025 General Plan Committee Meeting Summary

Meeting #4 – January 8, 2012

Tuesday's meeting for the Goodyear 2025 General Plan Committee was one of lively discussion and idea sharing, with the spotlight being on the subject of Land Use.

The meeting started with public comment from David Dube, a representative from the Division of Community Health for the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. He talked to the Committee about "Healthy Community Design," and applauded the Committee's efforts so far in making health considerations when developing the General Plan. His department is currently working with five other cities within Maricopa County and extended an offer to assist the City of Goodyear any way they can.

Next, Katie Wilken gave an update to the Committee on the status of the Existing Conditions Report. Revisions have been completed on the report and a rough copy of the finished report was brought to the meeting. Due to the bulk of the document, the report will be made available on the City's website. In lieu of hard copies for each member, reference maps were provided with some information about the city. Committee members were also given a Planning Terms and Concepts document that gives definitions of frequently used planning words. Finally, Katie thanked those that submitted ideas and signed up for topics for the Idea Championing.

Following this was an active group discussion and exercise for the City's Land Use Plan lead by Katie Wilken and Leslie Dornfield. The aim of the discussion was to understand the major influences to the future Land Use Plan of the General Plan and determine what types of development should occur near these influences. The ideas brought forth during the discussion and exercise will shape the draft future land use plan and that document will be discussed and reviewed at upcoming meetings.

The major land use influences were concluded to be: Light Rail/Transit and surrounding development, Transit (bus) on major streets, Development near natural resources, High density residential development, Employment corridors and centers, Undeveloped master planned communities, and Airport development. In addition, it was noted that ARS (Arizona Revised Statutes) states that there are certain requirements that every General Plan must meet. These are: Standards of population density, Standards of building intensity, Specific programs and policies for infill, Consideration of air quality and solar energy, A broad variety of land uses (diversity), Consideration of military airport (Luke AFB), and Aggregate mining. It was decided

that the focus would be on density, intensity, infill, and diversity when making land use considerations.

For the exercise, Committee members were asked to think of what they envision when they think of each land use influence; what kind of development is there and what does the area look like? These ideas were written on index cards and mapped on a large chart, with influences down the side and requirements running along the top. For each influence, photos submitted by Committee members were shared and explained by the submitter, and all members were asked to share their ideas for what types of development should be permitted in each area and for each different requirement.

Lastly, Katie briefly went over the schedule for upcoming meetings. The next General Plan Committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 12th and the topic will be Transportation and Parks. Also, there will be a series of Open Houses at the end of February on the 26th, 27th, and 28th.