

**QUALITY OF LIFE AD HOC COMMITTEE MINUTES
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
Vistancia Mountain Vista Club**

MARCH 2, 2016

A Meeting of the Quality of Life Ad Hoc Committee of the City of Peoria, Arizona, convened at 29701 N. Sunrise Point, Peoria, AZ in open and public session at 6:07 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Former Mayor John Keegan; Vice Chair Kirk Haines; Secretary Eva Osuna; and Committee Members John Auckland, Ian Dowdy, Jack Fletcher, Robert Hall, Michael Higgins, MJ Johnson, Ken Krieger, Scott Lekan, Ron Lyzniak, Mark Mauer, Howard Openlander, Joe Pfeiff, Franklin Schiller, Kathy Senseman, Barry Spiegel and Christian Williams.

Members Absent: Dave Allsop, Dennis Grenier, Kim Price Olsen and Gene Sweeney.

Others Present: Jeff Tyne, Deputy City Manager; Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk; Andy Granger, Engineering Director; Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director; Roy Minter, Police Chief; Tammy Shreeve, Strategic Management Officer and John Sefton, Community Services Director.

Audience: There were 10 members of the public present.

Note: The order in which items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed in the meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Welcome**

Chairperson Keegan welcomed the Quality of Life Committee members and outlined the meeting agenda and scope of the Committee.

2. **Minutes**

Tammy Shreeve, Strategic Management Officer, informed that the minutes would need to be modified to remove the hyphen in Committee Member Kim Price Olsen's name.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Quality of Life Ad Hoc Committee meetings held on January 20, 2016 and February 3, 2016 with modifications as outlined made by Secretary Osuna, and seconded by Committee Member Kathy Senseman. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

3. **Development, Strategic Planning and Open Space Preservation**

Chris Jacques, Planning and Community Development Director, provided an overview of the City's development and strategic planning parameters including the General Plan and Sonoran Preservation Program. Information included:

- Planning and Community Development Department organization and key functions
- The development process
- History of population growth in Peoria
- Future growth expectations for Peoria
- Key developments in Peoria
- Residential permitting activity compared to neighboring cities
- Major land ownership in Peoria
- Lake Pleasant management and history
- Bureau of Land Management
- Recreation and Public Purpose Act
- Arizona State Land Department

Discussion ensued regarding:

- 160 acres of land accessible to the public
- Commercial and industrial growth in Peoria
- Privately-owned land in Peoria
- Farmland in Peoria
- Bureau of Land Management land location
- Development around Lake Pleasant
- Peoria's plan to accommodate growth
- 100-year water supply/sustainability
- Hospitals/medical facilities in Peoria
- Abandoned hospital on Happy Valley Road

6:45 Chairman Keegan recessed for a short break.

6:53 Quality of Life Committee meeting resumed.

Mr. Jacques continued presenting regarding:

- The Sonoran Preservation Program
 - Policy guidance
- Importance of Open Space
- Program Mission

- Relationship between the General Plan, Council Goals, Community Services Master Plan and the Sonoran Preservation Program
- Various resource areas within the City
- Focus areas of interest
- Adoption of the Sonoran Preservation Program which is not a regulatory document
- Traditional funding services
- Preservation efforts of other jurisdictions
- Open Space preservation through development review
- Preservation timeframes

Discussion ensued regarding revenue generation opportunities in other cities.

Mark Hackbarth, Archeologist, presented regarding:

- Cultural resources – what are they and why preserve them?
- Cultural history of Arizona and North Peoria
- National Register listed site – Palo Verde Ruin
- Largest village on the New River
- Palo Verde ruin – contribution to prehistory
- Calderwood Community archeological sites
- Casa de Piedras archeological site
- Mincheras
- Artifacts

Mr. Jacques presented regarding:

- Focus areas within the City of Peoria that are desired for preservation
 - Sunrise Mountain focus area
 - Calderwood focus area
 - Prince Mountain focus area
 - Preservation of trails and trailheads
 - Visitor/cultural center opportunities

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Sunrise Mountain
 - Building on the mountain
 - Ecological sensitivities on Sunrise Mountain
 - Cost of land
 - Commercial opportunities versus preservation
- Casa de Piedras
- Cost of Calderwood
- Collaboration among cities to showcase exhibits

- Future plans for commercial areas and semi industrial areas
- Dedications and historical preservation registry

4. **Meeting Schedule**

Tammy Shreeve, Strategic Management Officer, informed that the next meeting of the Quality of Life Committee will be held on March 30th at the Pinnacle Peak Police Station.

Call to the Public (Non-Agenda Items): None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Quality of Life Ad Hoc Committee, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Eva Osuna, Secretary

Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk

Date

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