

**CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE ON
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
Pine Conference Room
January 4, 2012**

A meeting of the City **Council Subcommittee on Sustainable Development** for the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened by Chairperson Carlat in open and public session at 8401 West Monroe, Peoria, Arizona, on January 04, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Cathy Carlat, Councilmember Dave Pearson, and Councilmember Tony Rivero.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan J. Daluddung, Deputy City Manager; Steve Burg, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Chris Jacques, Planning & Development Director; Tami Overton, Executive Assistant; and Briana Decker, Council Assistant.

Audience: Approximately seven members of the public were present.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed with “C” are considered to be routine or have been previously reviewed by the City Council Subcommittee on Sustainable Development and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Council Subcommittee member so requests; in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business, and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

CONSENT – New Business:

1C MINUTES:

Motion was made by Councilmember Rivero, seconded by Councilmember Pearson, to approve the Subcommittee minutes from the December 7, 2011 meeting. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 3 to 0.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS:

2R Old Town Entertainment District Designation

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed designation of an undefined area around Old Town as an Entertainment District pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes.

Hank Fields addressed the City Council Subcommittee regarding the continued focus of retail within the area, restrictions of the type and number of approved liquor licenses, criteria for new businesses, restrictions of a church implementing a future day care facility, and the existing renovation plans for downtown Peoria. Mr. Fields' personal beliefs do not coincide with an establishment centered on the distribution of liquor, but understands the business perspectives to do so. Mr. Fields would like to ensure that limitations are set to help control an abundance of liquor businesses coming to the area.

Thomas Gyder addressed the City Council Subcommittee regarding the integration of liquor establishments within the downtown area. Mr. Gyder understands that a mix of uses has been discussed for some time within the area, and encourages the establishment of an entertainment district as a means to enable the City to maintain local control of the licenses.

Gary Bovin addressed the City Council Subcommittee regarding the integration of liquor establishments within the downtown area. Mr. Bovin's personal beliefs do not coincide with an establishment centered on the distribution of liquor; but is looking at this proposition from a neutral standpoint.

Eva Osuna addressed the City Council Subcommittee regarding the integration of liquor establishments within the downtown area. Ms. Osuna sees the clientele in the areas as primarily families and believes that family services should remain as the key focus of the area. Ms. Osuna suggested the distribution of food at the sites to ensure that they appeal to all ages.

The Council Subcommittee on Sustainable Development advised staff to include criteria that addresses an appropriate balance of services and uses in the area. Chairman Carlat and Councilmember Rivero agreed with the staff proposed recommendation. However, Councilmember Pearson wished to withhold judgment on the staff recommendation at this time pending the presentation and consideration of criteria addressing the concerns noted at the meeting regarding protections against an overconcentration of liquor establishments in the area. Decision of the Council Subcommittee on Sustainable Development was to forward the Old Town Entertainment District Designation to the January 17, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting, without recommendation, for consideration.

Reports from Staff Report:

None

Reports from Council Subcommittee:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council Subcommittee, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Cathy Carlat, Chairperson

Briana Decker, Council Assistant