

## Doney Park-Timberline-Fernwood Area Plan Update Committee

### Meeting Notes 1-9-20

Grand Canyon Room, 219 E Cherry Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86001

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

##### *Committee:*

Monica Julian - lives in Doney Park (DPTF) in District 2; she was part of the group that wrote the 2001 DPTF plan and has lived in DPTF for 31 years, in Flagstaff for 35

Bryan Bates – bought property in DPTF in 1977 and been living there for 37 or 38 years

Wayne Rutledge – has lived on Wupatki Trails for 17 years

Rob Wilson – has lived in the Timberline area for 12 years, in Flagstaff for 20; owns Timberline Firearms and Training

Saylor Caudill – lives in DPTF in District 4 since 2008; she works with the Red Cross and is a local artist

Rich Ferguson - been in Flagstaff since 1972, moved south of Coachfield Rd 20 years ago; retired from APS, communications engineer

Dave Browning – moved to Pioneer Valley in DPTF in 2006; retired from the Navy, then worked for Microsoft

John Ruggles – been in Arizona over 49 years, moved to Flagstaff 14 years ago; aerospace engineer; on Planning and Zoning Commission

Jim Clifford – lives in District 4, been in Flagstaff since 1986; retired from DPS as building maintenance technician, on Planning and Zoning Commission, and works for Gore

Bernice Carver – in Flagstaff 42 years, 40 of that in DPTF

Emily Stenman – Owns Buffalo Fence and has lived in Timberline her whole life (35 years)

Evelyn Wannie – lived in Timberline, District 2, 11 years

Liz Baldwin – Has lived in Arizona since 1980; bought property in DPTF in 1994 and lived in area for 25 years. Is a Nurse Practitioner.

##### *Supervisors and Staff:*

Jessica Simmons – Wildlife Planner for Coconino County

Jess McNeely – planner at Community Development; lived in Flagstaff for 3 years

Jay Christelman – director of Community Development; lives in District 1

Leland Jones – lives in District 4

Theresa Muñoz –born and raised in Flagstaff, her family came in 1926, lives in camp verde but lived in Sunnyside long time; is Elizabeth Archuleta's executive assistant

Melissa Shaw – long range planner for Community Development

Kaitlyn Olson - reporter with Arizona daily sun

Elizabeth Archuleta – Coconino County supervisor for District 2

Archuleta: This process may take 12-18 months (last time it took 3 years). Districts 2 and 4 will work together. It's important to have different perspectives in this process and keep in mind opinions that differ from your own. The committee's recommendations are a suggestion to Planning and Zoning and the Board of Supervisors, not necessarily set in stone.

## II. Planning in Coconino County

Shaw: Defined planning. ARS requires Coconino to have a comprehensive plan and to have zoning. Talked about comprehensive plan. Area and regional plans are amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

McNeely: Goal is to update 2001 DPTF plan to be consistent with 2015 Comprehensive Plan. Reflect local residents' vision of the future, contain goals and policies for development, provide guidance to decision makers. Land use document. An area plan is a guide that is used by Planning and Zoning and the Board of Supervisors when there's a zone change, conditional use permit application, etc. but it is not regulatory. Goals and policies in an area plan don't change or reduce existing entitlements. The zoning ordinance is regulatory.

### *Why update the area plan?*

McNeely: Plans are designated as 20-year plans but it's recommended that they're updated every 10 years, so the DPTF plan is overdue (2001). Provides guidance so development meets the plan's vision. DPTF was chosen to be the next area plan updated because it's old and because there's a lot of activity there. Talked about the role of this group/committee. Public meetings will be important.

## III. Committee Role & Operating principles

McNeely: Two co-chairs will be appointed, one from each district. Be courteous. Stay on agenda. A quorum is not necessary to make decisions. Use consensus to make decision (vote if needed), if there is disagreement. All meetings are open to the public, but non-committee members can't vote; however they can comment at the end. Meeting notes will be available to the public. Committee members are allowed to talk to each other outside of meetings.

Discussion about how comments from the public will work during meetings – how to balance those vs. sticking to the topics and timeline of an agenda. Decided that public can comment at the beginning and end of meetings, limited to 3 min each, and that comments can also be submitted online.

## V. Planning process & schedule

Shaw: Estimates the process go through March 2021. Laid out 5 phases to move through for the DPTF area plan, culminating with public hearings and final approvals.

## VI. Meeting Details & Logistics

Meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 5pm to 8pm, with an extra meeting in January 2020. The next meeting will be **January 23, from 5-8pm**, location TBA. The meeting after that will be February 13 at Fire Station 33 on Fire House Lane in Doney Park (future meetings will be there or at Summit Fire Station 32 on Koch Field Rd).

Committee members should think about who they want as co-chairs before the next meeting.

## VII. Focus Group – What is Doney Park, Timberline, Fernwood?

### What is DPTF to you?

- Place to raise kids
- Open
- Resistant to city
- Relaxed
- Place to retire
- Livestock
- Independent
- Friendly
- More affordable than other places near Flag
- Neighborly
- Little more conservative (not necessarily politically)
- Concern for environment/wildlife

### What's important to you?

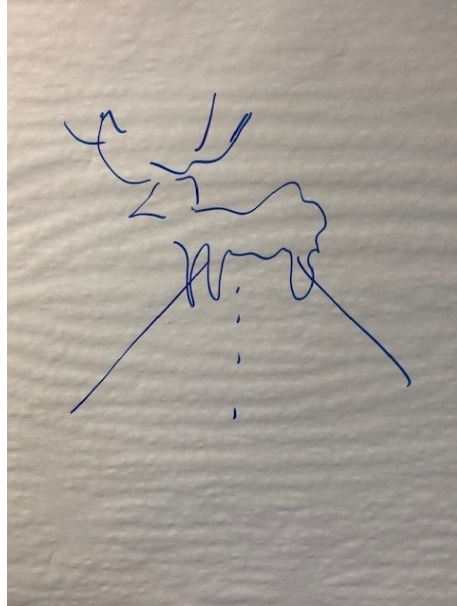
- Peace and quiet
- Access to public land/trails
- Dark skies
- Clean air and water
- Relaxed living environment
- Wide open spaces
- Rural community
- Quality of life

### Challenges and issues

- Damage to environment/health from outside interests such as governments/corporations
- State restrictions on what the county can and can't do
- Pressure to develop more on "empty" land – infill pressure
- Maintaining rural character
- Demand and pressure on the aquifer
- Carrying capacities of septic systems
- Public transportation. Mountain line runs only to Maverick on US 89 near the mall.
- Bike trails/connection to Flag on alternative modes such as a Flagstaff Urban Trail (FUTS)
- Road corridors and signage for emergency egress
- Fire and flooding
- Short-term/vacation rentals and the role of County regulations
- Speeding drivers on collector roads
- Road quality
- Crime and safety

Is there an image or view that symbolizes DPTF?

- Elk on the roadway at rutting time



#### VIII. Public Comment & Conclude

Closed with everyone giving comments on the meeting/process so far.

*For next time*

- Nominations for co-chairs
- Bring an image?
- Review 2001 area plan – is there a vision? Start thinking about a new vision
- Bring examples of “model” area plans for examples.
- Draft Powerpoint presentations will be emailed in advance of meetings
- Wifi may be provided at meetings