

Regular Meeting

August 8, 2012

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CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Coolidge was held in the Council Chambers, 911 S. Arizona Boulevard, Coolidge Arizona. Interim Chairman Jesse Cañez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Interim-Chairman Jesse Cañez, Nitza Verdugo-London, Brent Kempton, Don Williams, Norma Jean Polee-Muhammad, William Pertzborn and Billie Jo Garcia Also present was Growth Management Director Alton Bruce.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Cañez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes were not ready and tabled until the next meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers – Commissioner Cañez nominated Commissioner Pertzborn for Chairman, Commissioner Williams seconded. No other nominations, motion closed. Motion to elect Pertzborn to Chairman made by Commissioner Kempton, seconded by Commissioner Williams, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Williams nominated Commissioner Cañez for Vice Chair, Commissioner Kempton seconded. Commissioner Cañez declined the nomination, nominated Commissioner London for Vice Chair, Commissioner Kempton seconded, nominations closed. Chairman Pertzborn nominated to elect Commissioner London to Vice Chair, Commissioner Williams seconded, passed unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM THE
CHAIRMAN/GROWTH
MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

General Plan Update - Mr. Bruce spoke about the good quality of the 2003 General Plan Document, noted that demographics and uses needed to be updated, spoke to general process involved in an update. Mr. Bruce believes the goals and strategies identified in 2003 are still valid. Commissioner Kempton asked if the Commission or Council approves the General Plan, Mr. Bruce stated that due to a population threshold we've crossed, the voters now approve the General Plan. Commissioner Williams asked if once adopted, any changes to the General Plan had to be approved by voters. Mr. Bruce stated the adopted plan was good for 10 years and that part of the new plan was a process by which it can be amended, and briefly discussed current process. Mr. Bruce discussed ways he envisioned the city could improve its General Plan, making it more flexible. Vice Chair London asked what the timeframe for update was, Mr. Bruce responded with 1 year+, said he would like to go to voters in October 2013. Mr. Bruce discussed the difference between the RFP and RFQ process and stated Council had approved moving forward with the RFQ process. Vice Chair London asked if Mr. Bruce would be facilitating the General Plan Meeting, Mr. Bruce said he intended to be involved in all the meetings along with a consultant. Mr. Bruce noted that a General Plan update would probably cause a need to update our Zoning Code. Mr. Bruce discussed shortcomings of the current Zoning Code. Mr. Bruce discussed the need to consolidate transportation studies as well as a Recreation and Open Space element for the General Plan.

Chairman Pretzborn thanked Commissioner Cañez for being interim Chairman, thanked the commission for electing him chairman, and congratulated Commissioner London on her appointment to Vice Chair.

Mr. Bruce brought up the Monday night meeting for the proposed prison and the other interested parties, and stated that the hearing went very well with a large turnout. Department of Corrections said a decision will be made by the end of July. The Hendrix land swap is looking good. Mr. Bruce stated he has spoken to several people about businesses they would like to open in Coolidge. Mr. Bruce spoke about several land investors and their acquisitions around Coolidge. Medical Marijuana lottery was held and an applicant has been selected for the Coolidge CHA.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kempton to adjourn the meeting. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cañez. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned 8:01 pm.