



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 18, 2019

To: Planning and Zoning Commission

From: Sara Dechter, AICP, CP3, Comprehensive Planning Manager

Subject: Southside Community Plan 60-day public review

Requested Action

The City of Flagstaff Comprehensive Planning program requests that the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission review and provide comments on the public review draft of the Southside Community Specific Plan collectively at the meeting on January 8, 2019 and individually by February 4, 2020.

Background

The draft Southside Community Specific Plan was prepared by the Comprehensive Planning program in coordination with the Southside Community Association, and staff and partners City-wide. The development of an area plan is a collaborative effort that starts with the community. Over the last 2 years, the team has built partnerships with local organizations, canvassed residents and business owners. An Open House in March 2019 reviewed a first draft of potential goals, policies and strategies with the public. That feedback was then evaluated through a stakeholder committee formed by the Southside Community Association over 13 public meetings during the summer and fall of 2019. The stakeholder committee reviewed and endorsed the draft plan in October 2019. The stakeholder committee members are:

- Mike Elson, Commercial and Residential Property Owner
- Deborah Ann Harris, Southside Community Association
- David Hayward, Chair of the Heritage Preservation Commission and Commercial Property Owner
- Khara House, Multifamily Property Manager
- Marie Jones, Residential Property Owner
- Rick Lopez, Realtor

- Shirley Sims, Community organizer and Commercial Property Owner
- Valeria Chase and Steve Verdal, NAU representatives

The first complete draft of the plan was made available for a 60-day public review starting Friday, December 6, 2019. During the 60 day public review, twelve other boards and commissions and the City Council will have work sessions related to the plan. There will also be a public workshop, coffee chats and two deep dive events into the topics of Parks and Community Spaces and Development and Preservation. An online public comment topic is posted to the Flagstaff community forum at www.flagstaff.az.gov/fcf. All comments on the 60-day public review draft are due to the City by February 4, 2020 (See *60-day Public Review 101* attachment for details).

In response to this public feedback the project team and stakeholders, draft goals, policies strategies, and conceptual illustrations were developed for the public review draft of the Southside Community Specific Plan. The full draft plan, supporting materials, and the schedule of public meetings can be found online at www.flagstaff.az.gov/southsideplan. If a member of the Commission would like a hard copy of the draft plan, please contact Comprehensive Planning.

Work Session Objectives

The objectives of this work session are to:

- update the commission on the process of the Southside Community Plan
- provide an overview of the plan content, including the proposed Regional Plan Amendment
- solicit comments on the framework of the document
- solicit feedback on the potential impacts of the goals and policies
- discuss which potential strategies should be given a high priority
- identify gaps and generate alternatives for the draft plan

Coincident to the 60 day review of the plan, the project team is also preparing an update to the historic context for the Southside National Register Historic District, and a Site and Area Analysis that further captures the conditions, attitudes and values described in Chapter 2 of the Plan.

Attachments:

1. Southside Community Plan 60-day Public Review 101
2. Flyer of public meeting dates
3. Draft Southside Community Plan
4. Public Participation Plan