

Minutes

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

THURSDAY
JULY 27, 2027

HYBRID MEETING
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM
AND MICROSOFT TEAMS 211
WEST ASPEN AVENUE
4:30 P.M.

Vision: The City of Flagstaff is a culture and community that thrives in response to the Climate Crisis.

Mission: To advise Sustainability Division Staff on matters related to climate and sustainability, support community projects through Neighborhood Sustainability Grants, and provide feedback to the City Council on sustainability issues.

1. **Call to Order**

Chair White called the meeting of the Sustainability Commission held July 27th, 2023, to order at 4:33 pm.

2. **ROLL CALL**

NOTE: One or more Commissioners may be in attendance through other technological means.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair Kevin White | <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Mary Ellen Metzger |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Priscilla Boateng | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Dorcas Naa Aku Skika Quarshie |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Kristen Konkol | <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Amy Wolkowinsky |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Molly McCormick | |

Others Present: Briana Aurilio (Minutes), Nicole Antonopoulos (Staff), Tia Hatton (Staff), Jenna Ortega (Staff), Sara Dechter (Presenting), Jordan Hollinger (Presenting), Shelli Dea (Presenting)

- *Note that Commissioner Quarshie became disconnected and did not attend the entire meeting.

3. **Land Acknowledgment**

The Sustainability Commission humbly acknowledges the ancestral homelands of this area's Indigenous nations and original stewards. These lands, still inhabited by Native descendants, border mountains sacred to Indigenous peoples. We honor them, their legacies, their traditions, and their continued contributions. We celebrate their past, present, and future generations who will forever know this place as home.

4. **Public Comment**

At this time, any member of the public may address the Commission on any subject within their jurisdiction that is not scheduled before the Commission on that day. Due to Open Meeting Laws, the Commission cannot discuss or act on items presented during this portion of the agenda. To address the Commission on an item that is on the agenda, please use the Teams

Chat function: simply type in "public comment" to indicate to the Chair that you would like to comment. The Chair will then recognize you when it is time for public comment, and staff will unmute your microphone if needed.

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes from June 22, 2023 (5 minutes)

Moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Chair White to approve the June 22nd, 2023 minutes.

Vote: 3-0 Unanimously Passed

5. Business

- A. Welcome New Commissioner: Commission & Staff Introductions (25 minutes)**

Requested Action: Informational

Chair White welcomed the four new Commission members. Chair White expressed that the Commission should take this opportunity to introduce themselves. The Commission and staff members introduced themselves and described their background.

- B. Sustainability Division Updates (5 minutes)**

Jenna Ortega, Climate Engagement Analyst

Requested Action: Informational

Jenna Ortega gave a staff update.

- C. Regional Plan Update, Q&A, and Discussion (30 minutes)**

Sara Dechter & Jordan Hollinger, City of Flagstaff Planning Team

Requested Action: Informational and Discussion

Sara Dechter gave a presentation on the Flagstaff Regional Plan 2045 Update.

Commissioner Konkel asked what if the scenarios that have been picked for the regional plan are not what happens. Ms. Dechter answered that the idea was to get people into prioritization and choice making.

Commissioner Konkel asked if the city was meeting the objectives set in the last plan. Ms Dechter answered that the city has made almost no

progress and became stagnant or moved away from desired trends.

Commissioner McCormick asked if the desired trends are the same this decade as they were last decade. Ms. Dechter answered that the metrics are still very far out.

Nicole Antonopoulos asked how the regional plan will tackle risk and vulnerability with rapid changes from climate. Ms. Dechter responded that the regional plan will be amended to achieve their goals that will be changing rapidly.

Commissioner Konkel asked if there would have been different results if there was a cross section of months and if there was maybe a bias because of the time of year. Ms. Dechter answered that there was crosstabulation and they were pulling from each different phase of engagement so there would be a filter.

Chair White asked if there were any systematic things to reduce those biases or address them. Ms. Dechter answered that there was some regulation of bias by using social influences by playing as a group. Chair White asked if there are conflicts between the housing plan and the general regional plan will the city plan take precedence. Ms. Dechter answered the plans can be updated very easily with new information and there are frequent discussions between sectors.

Tia Hatton asked how the Sustainability Commission can further engage with the regional plan. Ms. Dechter answered that she can accept emails and invites the Commission to attend future events.

Slides will be available at the end of this document.

D. Neighborhood Sustainability Grant (FY22-23): Townsite Urban Farms Revision Request (5 minutes)

Tia Hatton and Shelli Dea (Co-Director Townsite Urban Farms)
Requested Action: Vote

Shelli Dea requested to reallocate the \$2,000 funds from the Townsite Urban Farms Neighborhood Sustainability Grant for a larger water tank.

Moved by Commissioner Konkel, seconded by Commissioner Boateng to approve the changes to the grant requested by Townsite Urban Farms.

Vote: 4-0 Unanimously Passed

E. Neighborhood Sustainability Grants Overview, Asks, & Timeline (25 minutes)

Chair Kevin White and Tia Hatton

Requested Action: Informational & Discussion

Commissioner Konkel requested for this agenda item to be moved to next month. Commission members agreed with Commissioner Konkel.

Ms. Hatton gave a description of the grant timeline for the Commission to consider.

The Commission and staff discussed coordinating time and date for the grant workshops and the potential of adding grant "office hours."

Ms. Hatton discussed the NSG outreach plan. Ms. Antonopoulos commented that the Commission can ask other staff liaisons of other commissions to push for distribution. Commissioner Konkel commented that other grant awardees could advertise on their social media accounts about the grant.

The Commission and staff discussed outreach on various social media.

Commissioner Konkel suggested that the new Commissioners read the Neighborhood Sustainability Grant guidelines and application before next month's meeting.

F. Vice Chair Position Announcement (5 minutes)

Chair Kevin White

Requested Action: Informational

Chair White commented that the Commission will need to elect a Vice Chair. Chair White described the function of the Vice Chair.

Chair White mentioned that his term on the Commission will end in October 2023. Chair White intends to remain as Chair until replaced by City Council.

Ms. Antonopoulos commented that the policy is that the commissioner can stay in the active seat as chair until that seat has been appointed with another individual. Ms. Antonopoulos added that there will be a total of three seats that will be up in October in 2023.

Commissioner Konkel asked if the people who are in a three month term can reapply and stay. Ms. Antonopoulos answered that yes, and also there will be more information.

Commissioner Konkel asked if the Commission should not elect a person with a three month term to Vice Chair. Ms. Antonopoulos confirmed.

Commissioner Konkel asked if all terms start in October. Ms. Antonopoulos confirmed.

Commissioner Konkell asked if the Commission does not elect a Vice Chair. Ms. Antonopoulos replied that there are ways to remedy that situation.

Chair White expressed that whoever is elected as Vice Chair will more than likely be the next Chair. Chair White commented that he will prepare for his departure and will stay until he is replaced.

Chair White expressed his gratitude to former Vice Chair Beier and former Commissioner Steiger for their service to the Commission.

G. Future Division Updates: Format Discussion (5 minutes)

Tia Hatton and Nicole Antonopoulos

Requested Action: Informational & Discussion

Ms. Hatton asked the Commission their opinions on the format of future division updates.

The Commission gave their feedback to Ms. Hatton.

H. (Possible) Council Commission Communications (10 minutes)

Chair White and Tia Hatton

Requested Action: Informational

Tabled for a later date.

6. To and from (5 minutes) - All

Ms. Antonopoulos announced that Flagstaff along with other jurisdictions in Arizona was awarded a Department of Energy grant to accelerate building codes.

Ms. Antonopoulos announced the submission of two EPA grants one on resilience hubs and the other large scale commercial composting.

7. Future Agenda Item Requests

Chair White gave a description of the function of Future Agenda Item Requests.

Commissioner Konkell suggested that the Commission organize occasional visits to sites that was awarded a Neighborhood Sustainability Grant.

8. Adjournment

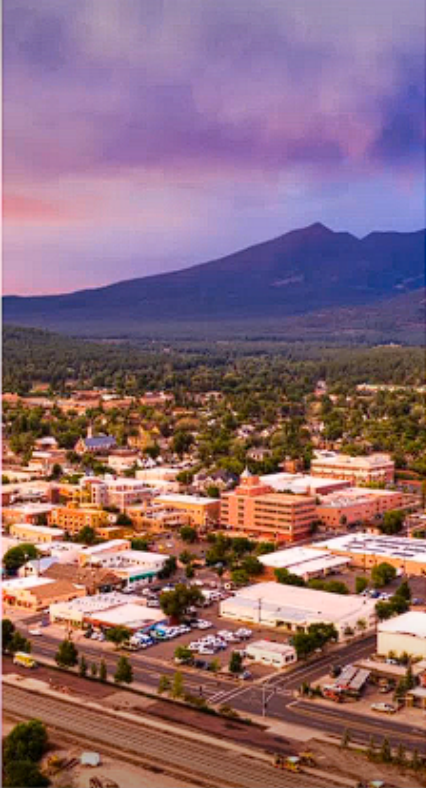
The meeting of the Sustainability Commission on July 27th, 2023, adjourned at 6:35 pm by Chair White.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Flagstaff City Hall on been posted on the City's website and can be downloaded at www.flagstaff.az.gov. _____, at _____ has _____ a.m./p.m. This notice

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Tia Hatton, Sustainability
Coordinator

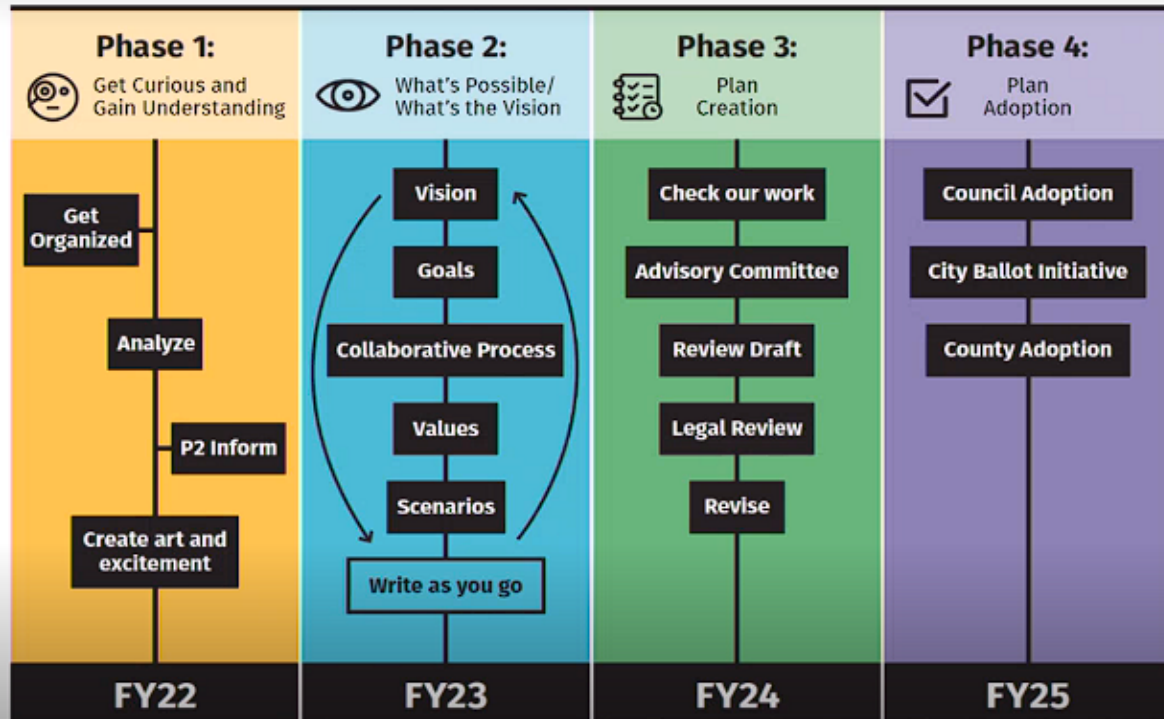


Flagstaff Regional Plan 2045 Update Boards and Commissions Summer Update

Summer 2023



Regional Plan 2045 Update Process



Phase 2: Visioning Workshops – Fall 2023

Visioning

Focal Question: Think about where and how you live, work, and play in the Flagstaff Region...How can we build a community together that allows all community members of the region to thrive through 2045 and beyond?

- **11** Workshops at 11 different locations throughout the community.
- **150+** Workshop Participants
- **126** Visioning Survey Responses



Visioning Insights

What We Heard:

Natural Environment, Open Space, Sustainability

A future where our natural environment and precious open spaces are intact and healthy. A future where Flagstaff uses its resources wisely and is resilient to the impacts of climate change.

Multi-Modal Transportation

A future where biking, walking, and transit are viable and competitive options to get around town.

Housing Options

A future where residents have a range of housing options that are affordable and meet their needs.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

A future where all residents have their broad range of needs met and where underrepresented populations are genuinely engaged and included in government decision making.

Character and Heritage Preservation

A future where Flagstaff retains its unique feel, character, and preserves important historic resources.

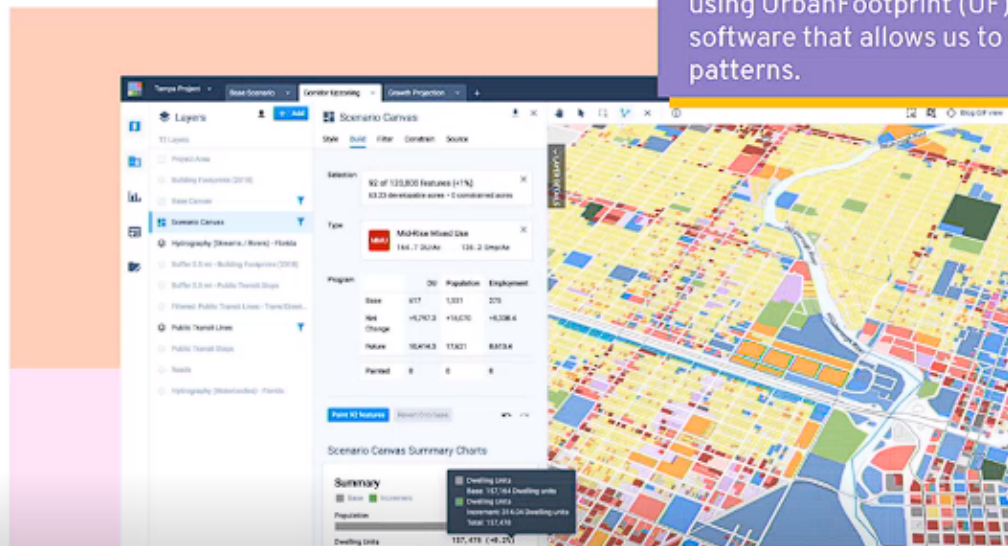
Local Government Accountability

A future where the Flagstaff and Coconino County are responsive to the needs of the community.

Phase 2: Scenario Planning

Scenario Modeling Work

Cascadia Partners is developing a set of growth scenarios for the 2045 Flagstaff Regional Plan using UrbanFootprint (UF), a scenario planning software that allows us to model different growth patterns.



Project Updates: Scenario Planning Project Timeline



Technical Advisors

Technical Advisory Group Purpose and Approach

The Technical Advisory Group's purpose is to advise City and County staff and the consulting team on the assumptions, data, and methods appropriate to engaging the community through scenario planning to ensure for a resilient and equitable future in the Flagstaff Region.

The public can watch and comment on meetings **asynchronously**. After the introductions, the meeting recording will start and it will be posted to the City website by the end of the week, usually with a feedback form.

TAG Members

Dorothy Denetsosie Gishie
 Michele James
 Devonna McLaughlin
 Mikhael Star
 Steven Gehrke
 Tyler Denham
 David Hayward
 Stephanie Bauer
 Paul Moore
 Kim Robinson
 David Carpenter
 Chris Barrett
 Pat McGervey
 Julie Leid
 Ben Ruddell
 Tim Dodt
 Roxana Cardiel de Niz
 Terry Medeska

What We Heard:

Growth

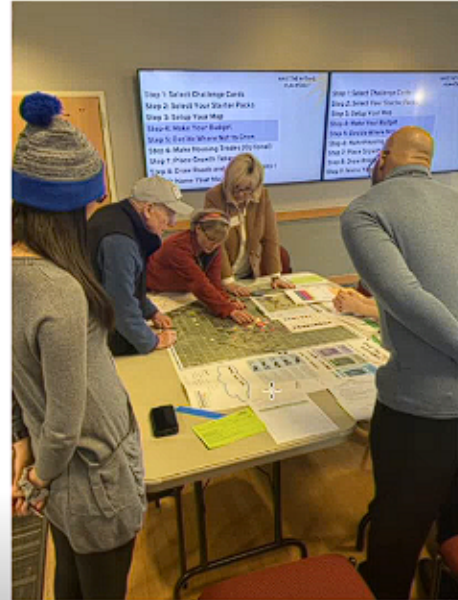
General support for mixed use development. Develop more amenities + services across neighborhoods and activity centers. Manage density.

Transportation

General support/desire for more transit connections and roads across Flagstaff.

Land Protection

State/federal forest area and open space is a coveted resource and what makes Flagstaff attractive



Getting to Scenario Themes

Visioning and Face-the-Future Workshops



ONLINE SURVEY

Growth Idea

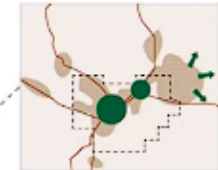
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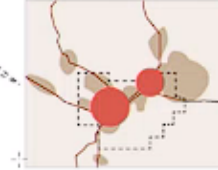
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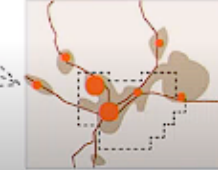
Scenario Theme A



Scenario Theme B



Scenario Theme C



The scenarios will be used for the regional plan to test various approaches to managing the region's growth. The Business As Usual (BAU) scenario is the first scenario that is developed, and it is considered the baseline scenario. It explores how the region might look in 2045 if all of our policies, priorities, and levels of investment look similar to the way they are today.

Business As Usual (BAU)
What happens if past trends continue and our policies do not change?

- Location of growth follows recent trends
- Region grows a "medium" amount - between the highest and lowest growth estimates projected by the State of Arizona.

Alternative Scenario A
What happens when we do things differently?

Alternative Scenario B
What happens when we do things differently?

Alternative Scenario C
What happens if we do things differently?

Project Updates: Upcoming Events

- **MAY 12th - JUNE 2nd** - Public survey
- **JUNE 12th** - TAG Meeting 4
- **JUNE 15th at 1pm**- Webinar
- **June 26th at 6pm**- Open House, Flagstaff City Hall
- **JULY/AUG 2023** - TAG Meeting 5
- **SEPT/OCT 2023** - Scenario Choosing

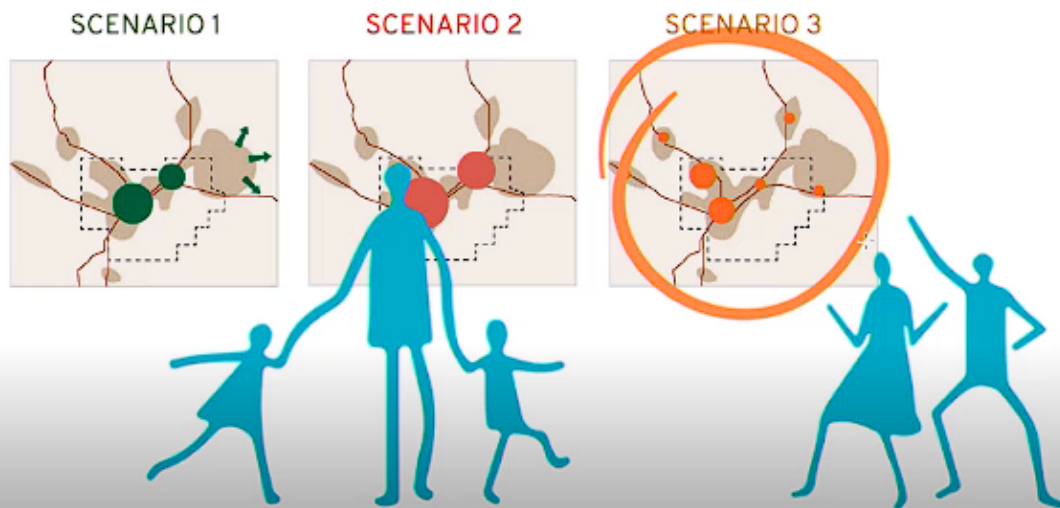
Moving into Phase III

The Regional Plan Committee and Plan Creation

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Scenario Choosing

In the fall, after the alternative scenarios have been developed, the public will get to evaluate and compare the scenarios and ultimately chose which scenario is the best fit with the goals and priorities of the region.



Regional Plan Committee

Manager-appointed Committee

- Each Council and Board member provide nominations to the Clerk
- Staff is creating a report on the nominations for the City and County Manager
- City and County Manager review and invite approximately 20 members to the Committee.

Check our work

Advisory Committee

Review Draft

Legal Review

Revise

Regional Plan Committee

Committee Process

- First meeting in August/September 2023
- Will meet 1-2 times per month
- Not a formal Committee but will set up rules and procedures to ensure meetings are advertised, posted and available to the public.
- There will be opportunities for public comment at meetings.

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How will we create a Plan?

