

**SUMMARY REPORT
OF COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN AT THE OCTOBER 22, 2009, JOINT WORK SESSION**

This summary is a statement of discussions engaged in by the Cottonwood City Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission of the City of Cottonwood at a joint work session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(D), and is being provided as required by A.R.S. § 38-431.01(D).

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Joens called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Council Members Present

Diane Joens, Mayor
Karen Pfeifer, Vice Mayor
Tim Elinski, Council Member
Darold Smith, Council Member

Council Members Absent

Duane Kirby, Council Member
Linda Norman, Council Member
Terence Pratt, Council Member

Staff Members Present

Doug Bartosh, City Manager
George Gehlert, Community Development Director
Richard Faust, Parks & Recreation Director

Steve Horton, City Attorney
Dan Lueder, Utilities Director
Richard Smith, Deputy Clerk

Planning & Zoning Commission Members Present

Pat Dixon Jake Gonzalez Richard Kevin
Ed Kiyler, Chair Diane Lovett, V.C. Raymond Cox

Commission Members Absent

Judd Wasden

ANNUAL REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF OPEN SPACE/RECREATION ELEMENT

Mr. Gehlert discussed the City's concerns that the key open spaces surrounding the City were the face of Mingus Mountain, the Verde River and its tributaries, Black Canyon Wash, and nearby State Trust Lands. These were areas of regional concern which would require regional planning and cooperation.

Within the City, construction continues on the Recreation Center. The ball fields and Dog Park have been completed at Riverfront Park. A bike plan has been adopted. Final agreements are near completion to permit the initial work that will result in the removal of the slag pile. An action plan has been developed for a primary loop trail as the core of a greater City trail system.

The City continues to balance passive and active forms of activity, indoor and outdoor, develop standards, and inventory facilities for needed improvements. Funding remains a crucial element for the further development of these services.

ANNUAL REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING ELEMENT

Mr. Gehlert stated environmental planning, like recreational planning, required regional cooperation. The City participated in nearly every regional group formed addressing environmental issues, including those on sustainability, economics, water, trails, traffic, transit, and housing. The Planned Area Development (PAD) Code specifically addresses environmental issues for large developments. The City has purchased local water utilities, conducted water studies, mandated grey water utilization in new construction, and the use of effluent for irrigation and dust control. Plans for the removal of slag pile were going forward.

GENERAL UPDATES AND DISCUSSION REGARDING ON-GOING PLANNING PROGRESS

Mr. Gehlert discussed how priority was now being given to recycling (including hazardous waste disposal) and an integrated water management plan, as well as electrical generation. In addition, new landscape and noise ordinances would contribute beneficially to environmental quality. The City's Bicycle Plan had recently been adopted by the Council and the new landscaping Code was likely to be as well. A slope ordinance was being devised. The Council was consulting with citizens regarding the advisability of creating a historic preservation plan. Planning was to be further enhanced by the new Design Review Manual, Special Area Planning, and a calendar for General Plan Amendments.

DISCUSSION OF SESSION DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Gehlert stated the next joint meeting would be held In January 2010.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from any members of the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The joint meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.