



Smart Growth Focus Area
Urban Design Working Group

WORKING GROUP MEETING SUMMARY

Below is a summary of the Urban Design Policy Working Group meeting of October 6, 2011, 1:30 - 4:00 pm, Sentinel Building, 320 Commerce Park Loop, Tucson. The meeting was led by Plan Tucson staff from the City's Housing and Community Development Department, Planning and Community Development Division. The summary is based on the meeting agenda, and concludes with a list of handouts that were provided at the meeting and can be accessed, along with presentation material, on the Plan Tucson website at www.tucsonaz.gov/plantucson. Additionally, participants' responses to the exercise described in this summary will be posted on the website when available.

Part 1

Welcome and Introductions: 24 people participated in the meeting, representing a variety of interests including non-profit organizations, private sector firms and companies, neighborhood associations, and local government agencies.

Plan Tucson Process to Date: Plan Tucson staff began the meeting by reviewing Plan Tucson activities to date.

Policy Working Group Schedule: Plan Tucson staff presented the schedule for the Policy Working Group meetings, and explained that the Working Group meetings are organized under three focus areas (Socioeconomic Prosperity, Environmental Integrity, and Smart Growth) and cover 17 elements. Staff pointed out that the next Urban Design Working Group meeting will be Friday, October 28, 2011, and that prior to that date, participants will receive for review and comment a status report on the progress made in beginning to formulate urban design policies for Plan Tucson.

Urban Design Working Document Overview: Staff presented an overview of the Working Document for the Urban Design Element, sent to potential meeting participants in advance. This document contains background information, including definitions, agency/organization network, initiatives and tools, trends, and challenges.

2001 Tucson General Plan Policies Related to Urban Design. Staff presented a handout listing adopted policy related to urban design as shown in the current Tucson General Plan (adopted in 2001).

Part 2

Working Group Exercise: The majority of the meeting was dedicated to an interactive exercise in which participants shared preliminary ideas about what should be addressed in historic preservation policies for Plan Tucson. Participants began by breaking into four subgroups. Next the participants in each subgroup individually jotted down on an exercise sheet policy concepts/statements using the handouts as references. Then participants within each subgroup shared an idea, which group facilitators recorded along with highlights of ensuing discussion. This was repeated for as many rounds as could be accommodated in the allotted time. The exercise concluded with each subgroup reporting out to all meeting participants an overview of their



discussions. Transcription of ideas will be posted the Plan Tucson website as referenced in the introduction to this summary.

Meeting Handouts

Following is a list of materials provided to participants at the meeting, and are available at Plan Tucson's web site:

Meeting Agenda

Urban Design Working Document

2001 General Plan Policies that Relate to Urban Design

Exercise Sheet

Policy Preparation Guidance

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