



**MINUTES
WORK STUDY SESSION
QUEEN CREEK PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
QUEEN CREEK COMMUNITY CHAMBERS
20727 E. CIVIC PARKWAY
MAY 9, 2018
6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

2. Roll Call (one or more members of the Commission may participate by telephone)

Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Arrington, Vice-Chairman Alleman, Commissioner Sossaman, Commissioner Young, and Commissioner Spall (Commissioner Matheson and Commissioner Ehmke were absent).

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

These items are for Commission discussion only and no action will be taken. In general, no public comment will be taken.

3. Better Roads Ahead – Roadway Improvements (Troy White, Public Works Director)

Troy White, Public Works Director, provided a brief presentation on the Annual Transportation Program. Mr. White identified roadway projects planned for the 2018 – 2022 years. Mr. White summarized roadway plans for roadway connections running north and south which are located outside of the Town's municipal boundaries including Ellsworth Road, Signal Butte Road, and Meridian Road. Mr. White summarized the impact San Tan Valley has had on traffic in Queen Creek and identified roadway constraints which exacerbate traffic problems. Mr. White identified the current traffic volumes for Ellsworth and Ironwood roads, which exceed roadway capacities. Mr. White provided scenarios on how roadway connections to the future SR-24 extension would balance traffic volumes across the arterial street system. Mr. White noted that this presentation is being presented at ADOT, MAG, neighboring cities and other valley municipal organizations to assist with strategies to provide roadway connections to SR-24.

Commissioner Sossaman inquired: when will SR-24 connect to Ironwood Road? Mr. White responded, stating that construction is intended to begin in 2019 and completion is envisioned in 2020, but it could be 2021.

Chairman Arrington inquired: how are the proposed roadway connections to SR-24 being received by the City of Mesa? Mr. White responded, stating that it was slow at first, but the City of Mesa is warming up to the idea that something needs to be done.

Commissioner Spall inquired: would an exit be added at Signal Butte road after SR-24 when the SR-24 is built? Mr. White noted that the exits will be built at Signal Butte with the construction of SR-24.

4. General Plan Go Vote Update (Sarah Clark, Planner II)

Sarah Clark, Planner II, noted that as a reminder May 9th was the last day voters could mail in their ballot. There are ballot drop off locations at the Queen Creek Library where the deadline to drop-off ballots is Tuesday May 15th at 7:00PM and the Municipal Services Building where the deadline to drop-off ballots is May 15th at 6:00PM. The results of the election will be available a few days following the May 15th election.

5. National Planning Conference Summary (Commissioner Young and Brett Burningham, Planning Administrator)

Brett Burningham, Planning Administrator, provided an introduction to the 2018 National Planning Conference and thanked management for allowing Staff and Commission members to attend. Mr. Burningham provided a list of courses attended. Commissioner Young provided a summary of his experience at the conference. Commissioner Young referenced particular course topics including, public engagement, resilient communities, parks, and infrastructure. Mr. Burningham stated that other interesting courses included effects of e-commerce and autonomous vehicles, and rideshare programs and their impact on communities including parking. Other presentations included updates on sign code and web-based plans. Mr. Burningham summarized upcoming conferences and training opportunities.

Chairman Arrington noted that Chandler is reviewing their code to encourage autonomous vehicles and asked if the Town would be taking this approach. Mr. Burningham stated that Staff has a list of items to update in the Zoning Ordinance and this item is included.

Commissioner Sossaman noted that tours provided at the national conferences provide excellent opportunities to observe new and creative ideas implemented in other communities.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

6. Recent activity update.

Mr. Burningham noted that Staff has not received a full report from the Homebuilder's Association, but 103 new homes were permitted in the month of April. Mr. Burningham summarized recent activity at the May 2nd Council Meeting where the Zoning Ordinance text amendment was approved on the Consent Agenda, the Fulton Homes at Barney Farms PAD Amendment was approved unanimously, the Queen Creek Crossing Rezone and Site Plan was approved unanimously, and the West Park Rezone was approved with a vote of 5-2.

7. Summary of Events from members of the Commission and staff. The Commission may not deliberate or take action on any matter in the "summary" unless the specific matter is properly noticed on the Regular Session agenda.

Chairman Arrington announced his resignation from the Planning Commission.

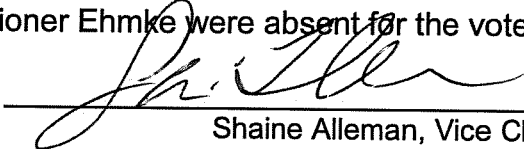
8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:35PM.

1st: Sossaman

2nd: Young

Vote: 5-0 (Commissioner Matheson and Commissioner Ehmke were absent for the vote).

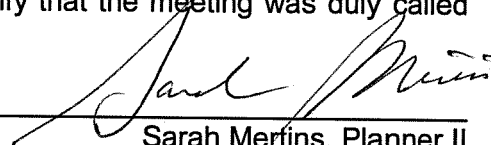


Shaine Alleman, Vice Chair

ATTEST: 

Sarah Mertins, Planner II

I, Sarah Mertins, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the forgoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the May 9, 2018 Work Study Session of the Queen Creek Planning and Zoning Commission. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.



Sarah Mertins, Planner II

Passed and approved on June 13, 2018.