



**CITY OF COTTONWOOD  
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
RIVERFRONT COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1086 Riverfront Dr.  
Cottonwood, Arizona 86326

**SUMMARY MINUTES & ACTION REPORT  
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, February 26, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Masten called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m.

**A. Roll Call**

**Commission Members Present**

Commissioner DuVernay  
Commissioner Glascott, telephonic  
Commissioner Gehlert  
Chairwoman Masten

**Commission Members Absent**

Vice Chair Garrison

**Staff Members Present**

Scott Ellis, Community Development Director  
Gary Davis, Community Development, Senior Planner  
Clover Pinion, Community Development, Assistant Planner  
Charlotte Page, Recorder  
Michael Goodman, Legal Counsel  
Tricia Lewis, Tourism and Economic Development Director  
Ryan Bigelow, Interim Director of Strategic Initiatives

**B. Approval of Minutes:** January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting.

*Motion: I make a motion to approve the minutes.*

*Made by: Chairwoman Masten*

*Second: Commissioner DuVernay*

*Unanimously carried.*

## **II. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

Director Ellis said Tom Whitmer is the new Acting City Manager, and that Michael Goodman, Gust Rosenfeld PLC is attending the meeting as legal counsel for the City. In the past month, two final plats have been submitted and approved by Council, and a new trail has been developed in the Mesquite Hills Subdivision area.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. General Plan Annual Report**

Senior Planner Davis gave a presentation on the requirement to provide an annual report on the existing General Plan and the updates that are proposed for the annual report. Commissioners had no comments or questions on the report.

*Motion: I move to recommend the proposed updates for the annual report on General Plan 2025 be forwarded to the City Council.*

*Made by: Chairwoman Masten*

*Second: Commissioner Gehlert*

*Unanimously carried.*

## **V. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **1. Housing Policy**

Senior Planner Davis gave a presentation of objectives and staff ideas to forward the goals of the Housing Element in the proposed General Plan. Potential measures to increase availability and improve affordability were listed.

Changes in the Zoning Ordinance or incentives for development were identified as areas that may assist in increasing the availability and affordability of future housing.

Commissioners were generally supportive and specifics about financial incentives and concessions that may drive more affordable development were discussed.

Support for loosening up regulations and changes in the Zoning Ordinance were seen as areas that may have significant impact without the City investing funds directly.

## **VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: None**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT: 6:40 p.m.**

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