



City of Apache Junction

Economic Development Department

DATE: February 21, 2018

TO: Planning and Zoning Commission

THROUGH: Bryant Powell, City Manager
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SUBJECT: Old West Highway Redevelopment Area Plan

BACKGROUND

In 1996, the City designated the Crossroads Redevelopment Area ("CRA") and adopted a redevelopment area plan via Resolutions 96-16 & 96-31 and was last re-affirmed by city council via Resolution 13-35. By creating this area the city has been eligible to invest Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funds for a variety of project including sidewalks, curb & gutter, street improvements and lighting. The Arizona Department of Housing, grantor of the city's CDBG funds, requires that redevelopment areas be reviewed and re-affirmed every five years. As such, re-affirmation of the CRA is required this year.

In addition, to enable full access to redevelopment tools and resources, any Single Central Business District ("SCBD") boundaries need to lie entirely within a redevelopment area ("RDA") with an adopted redevelopment plan. A portion of the current SCBD lies outside existing RDA boundaries. As, such there is need to redraw the SCBD boundaries to appropriately align with an adopted RDA.

DISCUSSION

Since the CRA is coming up for reaffirmation and there is need to redraw the existing SCBD boundaries to be entirely within an RDA, we have determined it to be of greater economic benefit to the city to abandon the CRA and establish the Old West Highway Redevelopment Area ("OWH-RA").

Attached you will find a redevelopment plan for your review. The goal of this plan is promote the removal of blight and slum through investment and development and thus improve the quality of life for local residents.

ACTION REQUIRED

Staff is seeking written recommendations as to the conformity of the OWH-RA redevelopment plan with the general plan for the development of the municipality as a whole.