



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes

Special Joint Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
300 E Superstition Blvd
Apache Junction, AZ
85119

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Tuesday, January 8, 2019

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Nesser called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Nesser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present:

Planning and Zoning Commissioner Schroeder
Parks and Recreation Commissioner Moeller
Planning and Zoning Commission Vice Chair Heck
Parks and Recreation Commissioner Buzzin
Planning and Zoning Commissioner McGraw
Parks and Recreation Commissioner Schoenbeck
Parks and Recreation Commissioner Waldie
Planning and Zoning Commissioner Ooley
Parks and Recreation Chair Standage
Planning and Zoning Chair Nesser
Parks and Recreation Commissioner Borey
Planning and Zoning Commissioner Howard
Parks and Recreation Vice Chair Gage

Absent:

Planning and Zoning Commissioner Kridler

Staff Present:

City Attorney Stern
Development Services Director Kirch
Parks and Recreation Director Langenbach
Senior Planner Esquivias

4. PUBLIC HEARING

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Presentation, discussion, public hearing and consideration of the proposed Active Transportation Plan. Dean Chambers of J2 along city staff will present the final plan.

Dean Chambers of J2 gave a presentation on the final plan.

Planning and Zoning Chair Nesser called for questions from the commissions.

The commissions and Mr. Chambers discussed that the active transportation plan covers the gap between the mass transportation to a person's doorstep, that health factors and indicators are an important aspect of the plan, that the safe routes to schools maps routes but there are gaps that the plan tries to address, that the data used on the crash information was obtained from ADOT, that the bike lanes are six feet of rideable lane plus two feet of a striped buffer, that the speed limits are not part of the plan, that car lanes are planned for eleven feet, that years 1 - 5 of this plan is in the CIP, that Baseline improvements is part of the 5 - 10 year plan, that streets north of Highway 60 are higher priority areas, that the Legends Loop is still in the plan although it is unnamed, that there is a lot of unknown when dealing with emerging technologies that deal with door to door transportation services, that transit routes and stops were not defined in this plan, that there was coordination with Mesa, Maricopa and Pinal counties, and that the biggest challenge in 0 - 5 years would be acceptance and funding being the challenge for years 6 - 10.

Planning and Zoning Chair Nesser opened the public hearing portion of the item.

Bev Dougherty, 1740 N. Apache Drive, Apache Junction expressed concern over the speed limit in different areas of the city and having hitching posts at businesses horse riders would visit.

Darryl Cross, 1018 N. Acacia Road, Apache Junction expressed concern over the reduction in the number of lanes on Superstition Boulevard and support for the multi-use trails.

Darch Osborne, 2335 N. Valley Drive, Apache Junction expressed his concern for bicyclists on Brown Road and his support for the proposed trail system.

Rhonda Rhome, 4338 E. 6th Ave., Apache Junction expressed her concern about losing a travel lane on Superstition Boulevard.

Having no one else wishing to comment, Planning and Zoning Chair Nesser closed the public hearing portion of the item.

Planning and Zoning Chair Nesser opened the item for discussion among the commission members.

The commission members and Mr. Chambers discussed the changes on Superstition Boulevard and how the reallocation will be done through restriping only to test how it will be accepted. Director Kirch agreed that repainting is an inexpensive way to test changes. The commissioners and staff discussed the need for sidewalks in residential areas. The commission members expressed concern over the decrease in lanes on Superstition Boulevard and how it will affect traffic flow.

Planning and Zoning Chair Nesser reopened the public hearing portion of the item.

Ken Baker, 4338 E. 6th Ave., Apache Junction expressed concern over RVs traveling on the narrowed lanes and if the number of lanes are reduced on Apache Trail, more traffic will be on Superstition Boulevard.

Having no one else wishing to address the commissions, Planning and Zoning Chair Nesser closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

Planning and Zoning Commissioner McGraw moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Chair Standage, that the Planning and Zoning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the city council the approval of the city of Apache Junction Active Transportation Plan subject to the following conditions of approval: 1) the Active Transportation Plan be incorporated into the circulation element of the city's General Plan 2020, 2050 Legendary Landscapes and Lifestyles. Approved in a vote of 12 in favor and 1 opposed. (Heck, Gage, McGraw, Moeller, Ooley, Schoenbeck, Nesser, Waldie, Howard, Standage, Schroeder, Borey. No: Buzzin.)

5. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Theresa Nesser
Planning and Zoning Commission Chairperson