



**MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE PLANNING COMMISSION WORK MEETING  
ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2020 AT 5:00PM  
AT THE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER, 126 LION BLVD., SPRINGDALE, UTAH.**

**Meeting convened at 5:08PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Jack Burns, Barbara Bruno, Ric Rioux, Tyler Young, Dawn McComb, Tom Kenaston, and J. Treacy Stone participated electronically.

**EXCUSED:** Mike Marriott

**ALSO PRESENT:** Director of Community Development Tom Dansie, Deputy Clerk Katy Brown, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording. See attached sheet for attendees signed into the meeting.

**Approval of the Agenda: Motion made by Barbara Bruno to approve the agenda. Seconded by Tyler Young.**

**McComb: Aye**

**Rioux: Aye**

**Young: Aye**

**Bruno: Aye**

**Burns: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Commission discussion and announcements:** Ms. Brown announced the new tablets at each Commissioners seat would act as a camera for the Zoom meeting broadcast.

- Mr. Burns noted some remote participants were having difficulty hearing the meeting audio. He reminded Commissioners to speak clearly and directly into the microphones. This was especially important when masks were worn.
- Mr. Dansie acknowledged Ms. Brown, Ms. Carlson and Town Manager Rick Wixom for their work in developing an effective way to broadcast public meetings. The new technology equipment and meeting setup allowed people to easily participate remotely.

Ms. Carlson invited everyone to attend the Community Clean-up event to help pick up trash along the roadway. Volunteers would meet tomorrow at 5:00pm at the River Park. A number of local organizations were also participating including the Zion Canyon Lions Club and Rotary Club.

The Town had purchased Springdale-branded face masks. All public officials would be provided one.

Mr. Dansie said the Town was switching to Google hosted email. With this, email addresses would change from springdaletown.com to springdale.utah.gov. Commissioners would be issued new email addresses in the coming weeks.

**A. Information/Discussion/Non-Action Item**

**1. General Plan update: Vision Statement and General Goals:** The packet material included a draft Vision Statement document built off the ideas, concepts and feedback from the Planning Commission and the public. The Vision Statement served as an introduction to the General Plan. All other components of the Plan would tie back to this statement.

Also provided to Commissioners were suggestions for General Plan Elements. These were key themes and issues the public had indicated were important. Each Element would ultimately have a general goal, sub goals, objectives and action steps.

The intent of tonight's work meeting was to evaluate the document, refine it, and ensure it was consistent with public input and Commission discussions. The Vision Statement was displayed on the screen so Commissioners could comment and make live edits.

Mr. Dansie reminded the Commission this step in the update process still focused on the 'big picture' and did not yet identify details. The Vision Statement document should be compelling and specific to Springdale, and it must be comprehensive enough to give direction to the remainder of the Plan. The Vision Statement was intended to be content in the General Plan itself; however, a shorter version could be written and distributed throughout the community.

Mr. Young said the content of the Vision Statement was well done and he commended Mr. Dansie for providing the Commission a great platform to work from.

Mr. Burns felt good about the direction this took the Town. He said the content was consistent with what was heard and discussed.

The Commission discussed each paragraph and section of the Vision Statement. A number of changes were suggested to provide more appropriate descriptions. Mr. Dansie included these edits into an updated document.

The Commission considered each of the General Plan Elements and General Goals. A chart in the staff report compared the list of existing Elements to the list of proposed Elements.

- Commissioners discussed the concept of sustainability. They determined it would be important to clearly define what this was and include applications of it in each Element section.

Suggested changes and edits to each Element were noted and integrated into a revised draft (Attachment #1). Before the next work meeting, Commissioners would propose and forward sub goals for each Element.

The Planning Commission wanted the Town Council to weigh in on the Vision Statement and General Plan Elements before they moved ahead developing strategies and objectives.

## **B. Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:01 pm made by Dawn McComb. Seconded by Tyler Young.**

**McComb: Aye**

**Rioux: Aye**

**Young: Aye**

**Bruno: Aye**

**Burns: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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Darci Carlson, Town Clerk

APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**A recording of the public meeting is available by contacting the Town Clerk's Office. Please call 435-772-3434 or via email at [springdale@infowest.com](mailto:springdale@infowest.com) for more information.**



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## ATTENDANCE RECORD

Please print your name below

Meeting Planning Commission Date 10/7/20

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Name (please print)

*None*

## ***Town of Springdale General Plan Vision Document***

### ***Vision Statement***

Surrounded by the towering cliffs of Zion Canyon, and with the scenic Virgin River at its heart, Springdale is a stunningly beautiful, walkable, friendly, clean, and safe place to live and visit. Small-scale development through out the Town's residential, agricultural, and commercial areas reflects the Town's history, is compatible with the natural surroundings, and preserves views of the natural landscape. Natural resources (dark night skies, clean air and water, verdant and vibrant Virgin River riparian corridor, healthy wildlife populations, native vegetation, dramatic scenic vistas, etc.) are prized and protected. The Springdale community (comprised of residents, business owners, employees, and visitors) is diverse, welcoming, caring, and committed to preserving Springdale's unique character and village atmosphere.

### ***Community***

Springdale is strengthened by solid relationships among community members. Community members come from diverse backgrounds, care for and support each other, respect and protect the natural environment, and work toward preserving the health of the community. The Springdale community is a place where everyone is welcome, all perspectives are valued, and people gather frequently to build community bonds. Adequate living accommodations are available for all members of the diverse community.

### ***Amenities and Services***

Springdale will have public and commercial services and amenities that serve the residents and support visitors to the Greater Zion area. The Town will have public spaces for residents and visitors to gather, interact, enjoy views of Zion Canyon. Thoughtfully designed and well-maintained streetscape and public art will add interest and beauty to the Town. Recreational facilities will include parks, trails, open spaces, social and cultural activities. Essential services such as robust medical facilities and state of the art communication infrastructure will be available to all residents and visitors. Convenience services such as hardware stores, banking, barber/beauty salons, and movie theaters will allow residents and visitors to fulfill daily needs in Springdale. Commercial businesses are community minded, unique to Springdale, and respectful of the residential character and feel of the Town. The Town has a wide assortment of independent restaurants, boutique lodging establishments, art galleries, and is a mecca of world-class food and arts.

### ***Transportation***

Springdale is a place where it is safe, convenient, and enjoyable to get from place to place by walking, biking, or free public transit. Wide sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails make walking and cycling accessible for people of all ages and abilities. Designated pedestrian corridors with no motor vehicles allow residents and visitors to enjoy the Town's assortment of unique shops and outdoor public spaces. Public rural transit between Springdale and other parts of Washington county will allow people to get to Town without the need for a private automobile. The Town will plan for and accommodate emerging transportation technology such as electric vehicles, autonomous vehicles, and plan for future transportation innovations.

### *Adaptation*

Using the resources in the community, the Town is forward looking to identify coming challenges. The Town provides leadership, information, and communication to community members to adapt to changing conditions. The Town and its community members do everything possible to reduce the effects of unforeseen challenges (such as climate change), and proactively plan to mitigate the damaging consequences of human and natural caused challenges.

### **SUMMARY**

Springdale will remain the distinctive small town residents and visitors cherish. It is and will continue to be one of the most desirable places in the State of Utah to live and visit. The Town is committed to maintaining its unique character and village atmosphere, and will actively guard against becoming a generic gateway community. This vision recognizes that new growth and development will occur, and emphasizes the need to guide such development to keep Springdale the unique place it is today and prevent it from becoming “anywhere USA.”

## **General Plan Elements and General Goals**

### 1. Land Use and Town Appearance

*General Goal: The Town will manage the type, size, scale, intensity (e.g. density), and appearance of new growth and development to enhance the unique character of Springdale's built environment, preserve views of the natural landscape, reduce impacts on existing residents and businesses, and protect natural resources.*

Sub Goals:

A:

B:

C:

### 2. Transportation

*General Goal: It will be convenient, safe, and enjoyable to get from place to place in Springdale through a variety of different transportation modes (including: walking, biking, transit, and private automobile). Traffic and parking congestion from vehicles of all types will be minimal. The Town will plan for and accommodate emerging transportation technology such as electric vehicles, autonomous vehicles, and plan for future transportation innovations.*

Sub Goals:

A:

B:

C:

### 3. Housing

*General Goal: **Wait for results of housing study.***

### 4. Economic Development

*General Goal: Small, independent, local businesses will continue to serve residential needs and power the Town's tourism-based economy. The Town will diversify economic drivers by encouraging businesses that serve resident needs, promoting tele-work and remote commerce, and supporting businesses that are not dependent on the tourism industry (such as agriculture). The Town will partner with other regional entities to disperse the impacts of tourism through efforts such as Greater Zion.*

Sub Goals:

A:

B:

C:

5. Municipal and Public Services (Public Works, Police, EMS, Utilities)

*General Goal: The Town will provide excellent culinary water, irrigation water, and wastewater treatment services to the community. Either directly or through partnerships, the Town will ensure excellence in other utility services such as power and telecommunication. The Town will ensure excellence in general government services such as fiscal management and budgeting, town administration, clerk services, development services, and general customer service. Public safety officers and emergency responders will continue to serve the community with dedication, and will have the full support and backing of the Town.*

Sub Goals:

A:

B:

C:

6. Parks, Recreation, and the Arts

*General Goal: Residents and visitors will have access to a wide diversity of recreational, social, and cultural activities that are compatible with the Town's unique natural setting, and promote community diversity and cohesiveness.*

Sub Goals:

A:

B:

C:

7. Public Health

*General Goal: Springdale will promote community health and the wellness of its residents by facilitating first-class medical facilities and providers, promoting a healthy and clean environment, and encouraging healthy lifestyles.*

Sub Goals:

A:

B:

C:

8. Natural Resources

*General Goal: The natural resources in and around Springdale (dark night skies, clean air and water, verdant and vibrant Virgin River riparian corridor, healthy wildlife populations, native vegetation, dramatic scenic vistas, etc.) will be protected and conserved, healthy, and enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors.*

Sub Goals:

A:

B:

C: