

City of Prescott

General Plan Review Committee



December 11, 2024 | 2:00 PM
201 N. Montezuma Street
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor
Prescott, AZ 86301

AGENDA

The following Agenda will be considered by the **General Plan Review Committee** at their meeting to be held **December 11, 2024**. Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 38-431.02.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. Approval of the November 13, 2024 General Plan Committee Meeting Minutes.
Recommended Action: MOVE to approve the minutes as presented
 - B. Presentation, Review & Discussion Regarding Comments Received During 60-Day Public Comment Period.
Recommended Action: This is for discussion. No formal action will be taken.
 - C. Presentation, Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Moving the Revised General Plan Forward to Public Hearings.
Recommended Action: MOVE to approve the revised General Plan, with changes discussed and forward to public hearings
4. **UPDATES**
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a public majority vote of a quorum of the Board, the Board may hold an executive session, which will not be open to the public, regarding any item listed on the agenda but only for the following purposes:

- (1) Discussion or consideration of personnel matters (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1));
- (2) Discussion or consideration of records exempt by law (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2));
- (3) Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the city's attorneys (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3));
- (4) Discussion or consultation with the city's attorneys regarding the city's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation, or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid litigation (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4));
- (5) Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the city to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations

(A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(5));

(6) Discussion, consultation or consideration for negotiations by the city or its designated representatives with members of a tribal council, or its designated representatives, of an Indian reservation located within or adjacent to the city (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(6));

(7) Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the city to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7)).

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Prescott City Hall on 12/5/24 at 12:00 p.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Prescott City Council with the City Clerk.

Sarah M. Siep

Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: December 11 General Plan Committee
DATE: December 11, 2024
DEPT: Community Development
ITEM #: 3.A
SUBJECT: Approval of the November 13, 2024 General Plan Committee Meeting Minutes.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for the approval of the November 13, 2024 General Plan Committee meeting minutes. Staff recommends approval of the minutes as presented.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact regarding this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOVE to approve the minutes as presented

ATTACHMENTS

1. November 13, 2024 General Plan Minutes



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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sapio called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Terry Sapio, Chair
Don Michelman, Vice-Chair (Arrived at 2:08 p.m.)
Andre Carman, Member (Excused)
Thomas Davis, Member
Mary Frederickson, Member
J.D. Greenberg, Member
Ralph Hess, Member
Jim Huffman, Member
James McCarver, Member (Arrived at 2:10 p.m.)
Rod Moyer, Member
Tom Reilly, Member

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of the August 28, 2024 and October 30, 2024 General Plan Committee Meeting Minutes.

MOTION BY MEMBER REILLY TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 28, 2024 MINUTES; SECONDED BY MEMBER MOYER: PASSED (6 - 0 - 2) CHAIR SAPIO AND MEMBER HESS ABSTAINING

MOTION BY MEMBER REILLY TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 30, 2024 MINUTES; SECONDED BY MEMBER HESS: PASSED (8 - 0)

- B. Presentation & Discussion Regarding the Review of Comments Submitted to Date During the 60-Day Public Comment Period.

Tammy DeWitt, Community Planner, provided a review of recent comments received about the General Plan for review by the Committee.

Councilperson Rusing commented she was thrilled with the work done by the Committee. She then added that the anti-discrimination clause in the last sentence of the first paragraph under "Prescott's Vision" in the introduction is not appropriate for the plan and advised that she had sent a text to the City Attorney and he agreed. She also did not agree with the special use permit mentioned in the Community Connected chapter and said that cell towers do negatively affect property values. She would like to see wording included to co-locate towers and

use of stealth technology.

Chair Sapio asked if the Committee wanted to discuss Councilperson Rusing's comments.

Ms. DeWitt added that the Committee did go back and forth and came to an agreement with what is currently in the draft and consulted with outside groups to get to where they are today.

Member Moyer commented that the Council is going to listen to what the City Attorney has to say about the topic when the plan comes before them.

Chair Sapio added that his opinion is that the paragraph is not needed.

Chelsea Walton, Community Development Director, added that if the committee chooses, they can revisit the topic during the meeting. However, since consensus was previously reached and the document is set to go to City Council, it could proceed as is. The City Council, with input from the City Attorney, can address or amend it during their review.

Member Huffman commented that he was in favor of removing the paragraph in question.

Member Hess commented that he is opposed to removing the section, noting it has been thoroughly discussed. He clarified that the document, while primarily a land-use planning tool, includes background and cultural information to describe Prescott. The provision in question is in the introduction, not a planning section, and aligns with this broader context. Addressing concerns about the City Attorney's comments, Member Hess stated he sees no legal or liability issues and hasn't heard a definitive indication from the City Attorney that the provision would create problems.

Member McCarver suggested removing the section as he had previously voted against it.

Member Reilly agreed with Member Hess that it should remain. The Council can remove it if they want to.

Chair Sapio commented that he has been uncomfortable with the section since the beginning. He is worried that it could lead to a discrimination lawsuit.

Vice-Chair Michelman added that the Committee spent hours discussing this topic, and they came to a majority vote to make it the way it is today in the draft, should not go back at the last minute and change it.

Member Frederickson commented she is not going to change her prior vote, she was against it before and still is.

Member Moyer added that since the Committee already voted, they should not take it out, the Council has the option to get advice from the City Attorney and

change it if they decide to.

Member Greenberg commented that she is also uncomfortable with the section due to the list of those possibly discriminated against.

Member Davis added that he thought the wording was unusual for a General Plan, and he would be interested to hear feedback from the attorney.

Ms. DeWitt commented that the next step is for the plan to go before the Planning and Zoning Commission, then to the City Council for final approval.

Member Hess asked for clarification if the Planning and Zoning Commission could make changes.

Ms. DeWitt responded that they can amend the draft of the General Plan.

Member Davis added that he is glad that members of Council are hearing the discussions on this topic.

Member Hess requested the minutes reflect that, throughout the Committee's two-year work on the draft, a majority of Planning and Zoning Commission members have participated in the process. He clarified that, while there are currently three members from the Commission on the Committee, one short of a majority, at various times during the Committee's work, the majority of Commission members were involved.

Chair Sapio asked if the Committee wanted to discuss cell tower comments.

Ms. DeWitt commented that the topic of the cell towers is in the "Community Connected" section of the plan (page 61 of the new draft), which includes strategies for planning for new technology. This involves working with cell carriers and others to implement advancements suited to Prescott's unique terrain, which requires more infill compared to flat areas like Prescott Valley. She noted that the city faces capacity challenges and aims to stay updated with new technology to address them effectively.

Member Frederickson proposed revising the language of a specific paragraph highlighted by Councilmember Rusing. She suggested stating: Close proximity of cellular towers to residences may negatively impact property values, though the impact is debated, due to differing information on both sides. Also, cell tower ascetics and the impacts will likely change over time.

Member Greenberg recommended adding "may not" to the sentence in front of "negatively impact property values"

Ms. DeWitt stated that feedback is still being collected during the 60-day comment period, which ends next week. Afterward, all comments, including minor corrections and substantive issues, will be reviewed and addressed. She highlighted a specific comment regarding the section on climate change, which was seen as overly focused on electric vehicles (EVs). The commenter

suggested recognizing a diversity of fuel sources and addressing fuel cycle economics. Ms. DeWitt noted that much of the content came from the CLIMAS group's white papers and proposed revising the section to make it less specific to EVs. She suggested bringing back revised wording for Committee input.

Member Frederickson suggested summarizing EV charger information and raised concerns about outdated claims regarding electric vehicle adoption and job creation. She also recommended clarifying that references to the CLIMAS action plan are informational and not indicative of city endorsement.

Ms. DeWitt agreed to review and potentially soften the language to address these issues and check the wording used around the external links.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth suggested providing responses to public comments, particularly to clarify when suggestions are not feasible due to legal constraints. For instance, noting that certain actions are prohibited by state statutes could help commenters feel their input was acknowledged and addressed.

Member Hess inquired whether the updated spreadsheet, containing all comments from departments and other contributors, would be posted on the website once finalized.

Ms. DeWitt responded that once the 60-day public comment period ends, the virtual meeting room will be closed, as no further comments will be accepted. All received comments will be compiled into an updated spreadsheet, and department heads will be asked to address relevant ones. These comments and responses will be included in the next meeting's packet for public review. They will also be posted on the city's General Plan website, under the section for the 60-day comment period, with explanations for how the comments were addressed.

Member Reilly commented on the importance of managing existing businesses is a key asset for the city's fiscal health, as they contribute sales tax revenue. He suggested that the General Plan should include stronger language on supporting and promoting both existing and new businesses. This would help drive economic growth, particularly in light of recent funding initiatives like Prop 478, which supports first responders. He recommended incorporating this focus on business support throughout the plan where the need for business encouragement is mentioned.

Ms. Walton added that the meeting today is a mid-check-in on public comments, as the public comment period has not yet closed. The document is still being worked on, and a more thorough review will occur once the period ends. The goal is to identify any significant issues or "red flags" early on. Department heads will need time to review and address the comments, with staff responses expected to be ready for the December 11 meeting. At this point, the focus is on identifying key areas for attention and getting preliminary feedback on any major concerns.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth acknowledged differing opinions in public comments but noted a common theme related to concerns about developers cutting corners and

taxpayers eventually bearing the costs. She asked staff to research whether other cities or towns in Arizona have explored the possibility of obtaining warranties for construction or development projects to avoid these issues, and wanted to know if this is a viable option or something that has been tried elsewhere.

Member Reilly responded that in Arizona, contractors, whether working for the city or other entities, are required by state statute to provide a mandatory two-year warranty after the completion of a project, such as roadwork or building construction. This warranty period begins once the contract ends and the project is conveyed.

Member Davis added that in addition to the mandatory state warranty requirements, other states may allow performance bonds to be negotiated for large projects such as infrastructure projects. These bonds can be collected if necessary and help ensure that the project is completed on time and meets the required standards during construction.

Ms. Walton explained that the City of Prescott requires financial assurances for new construction, typically covering a percentage of the public infrastructure. These assurances are managed by the Public Works Department. While the financial assurance usually involves a specific duration of time, it only applies to specific parts of the project, not the entire scope. Various forms of financial assurance are accepted, including cash, checks, letters of credit, etc.

Member Frederickson commented that it would be helpful to prompt department heads to clarify whether there are any legal reasons preventing certain actions that are suggested in the public comments.

Member McCarver referenced a public comment regarding a noise ordinance and asked if the city already has one in place.

Member Reilly responded that the city does have a noise ordinance.

Ms. Walton added that the noise ordinance is enforced by the Police Department and they can speak to those items.

Tony Hamer, member of the public, commented that the vision in the city's General Plan ("Charming, welcoming, and sustainable community") differs from the vision in the city's strategy ("Premier Community in the Southwest"). He suggested aligning the two for consistency and clarity in the city's overall direction.

Ms. DeWitt responded that the Public Outreach Department clarified the distinction between the city's Strategic Plan, which is updated annually and covers a 2-5 year period, and the General Plan, which provides a broader, 10-year vision. Information on the differences between the two plans was made available on the city's social media to address public confusion.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth added that during the meeting for the Strategic Plan,

the Council spent two days discussing key aspects, but when the plan was published in June, a vision statement appeared that had not been discussed. This was an oversight and the Council plans to review and potentially update the vision statement during their next planning session. The comments from the community and vision feedback will be considered in this process, with the goal of refining and renewing the plan, particularly the introductory elements.

Councilperson Rusing commented that she has participated in five strategic plan cycles and consistently raised concerns about the vision statement "to be the Premier Community in the Southwest," finding it outdated and not reflective of the community's character. Despite raising this issue each year, the statement still appears in the latest version. She thanked the group for acknowledging this and expressed plans to work on a more cohesive vision that aligns better with the General Plan.

Ms. DeWitt reviewed the next steps: The team will finalize compiling public comments once the comment period closes. They will work with department heads to address comments, ensure accurate references to state statutes, and propose necessary plan changes. These changes will be presented at the next meeting for consensus and approval from the Committee. Afterward, the updated draft will move to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Member Frederickson asked if they will have a finished spreadsheet before the next meeting of all the public comments and input from department heads.

Ms. DeWitt confirmed.

Councilwoman Fruhwirth addressed a public comment that brought up understanding the population, noting its relevance in recent efforts such as Prop 478 and impact fee discussions. She highlighted that while tourism data is useful, it should be integrated with broader population insights to reflect the full scope of city dynamics, including the daily doubling of the population due to visitors. She suggested aligning data with other city initiatives to maintain consistency and cohesiveness across various efforts.

Member Hess asked for clarification if there would be any changes to the online draft of the General Plan before the next meeting, would like to make sure everyone is looking at the same thing.

Ms. DeWitt said the current draft online will not be changed before the next meeting as that's the version the public is commenting on. They observed that some comments clearly stemmed from specific sections of the draft, indicating that reviewers focused on certain areas. The spreadsheet is being used to guide people by pointing out where their concerns might already be addressed, even if it's in a different section of the document.

Ms. Walton added that everyone is working with the same draft online to ensure consistency. The goal is to collect all suggested changes, then make a single round of edits to the document. Simple updates, like grammatical corrections or minor word adjustments noted in the spreadsheet, will be addressed before the

document is reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

This item was for discussion only, no formal action was taken.

4. UPDATES

None.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sapio adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Terry Sapio, Chair

ATTEST:

Torey Dawson, Deputy City Clerk



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: December 11 General Plan Committee
DATE: December 11, 2024
DEPT: Community Development
ITEM #: 3.B
SUBJECT: Presentation, Review & Discussion Regarding
Comments Received During 60-Day Public
Comment Period.

ITEM SUMMARY

The 60-day public comment period for the revised General Plan started on September 23, 2024, and ended on November 21, 2024. Comments provided by the public and input from City Departments will be reviewed by the General Plan Committee to see if there are any items that need to be addressed or updated.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This is for discussion. No formal action will be taken.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Comments Received During 60 day Comment Period
2. Non-Discrimination Paragraph Comments

Introduction

1	Prescott Vision: Include a thriving and forward looking community with a strong fiscal responsibility in the management of its assets.	Planning to ask GPC for any comments
2	INTRODUCTION: It would be helpful to estimate how many people come into Prescott each day, by the day of week so we recognize that the census numbers do not represent the total situation. This is particularly true for the transportation issues.	Planning: Will reach out to tourism for up to date numbers of daily population to add in to intro under existing trends and conditions
3	I want stable services and Low density.	Nothing to update
4	AARP commends Prescott for recognizing the need to look beyond its borders when it comes to workforce development. The draft 2025 plan appropriately notes the high retirement-age population in Prescott and the demand it creates for service-level workers who may be commuting from surrounding areas.	Nothing to update
5	AARP believes that livable and sustainable communities are safe and healthy, offering residents choices in where to live and how to get around. To AARP, livable and sustainable communities equitably serve residents of all ages, ability levels, incomes, races, ethnicities, and other backgrounds. Housing, transportation, land use and zoning, and the environment all contribute to livability.	Nothing to update
6	AARP appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft 2025 Prescott General Plan. The AARP Livable Communities initiative supports the efforts of neighborhoods, towns, cities, counties and entire states to become more livable and age-friendly for all ages. A livable community is safe and secure, contains housing that's affordable and appropriate, features transportation options, access to needed services, and opportunities for residents to engage and participate in community life.	Nothing to update
7	Thank you for commenting. You have expressed ideas that I share completely but you just conveyed them better than I could have. Thanks for representing my views so consistently and so well.	Nothing to update
8	Page 4: For this Venn diagram, the "does not exist" section should be changed. This area is supposed to represent the commonality among the three large circles, or sets. In this case it would represent an acceptable compromise between services, taxes, and density. It is the City's job to find this sweet spot, NOT to give up and deny that an acceptable compromise exists	See page 101 for explanation of diagram
9	Quality of life: P. 12 mentions as a theme "A love for Prescott's "small town feel," historic downtown area, and natural environment. In my 11 years of living here, I have sensed a diminishment of that "small town feel" as the city has grown. Even with 1.5% annual compound growth the population will double in less than 47 years. This growth leads to greater pollution, roadways becoming more crowded and people becoming less friendly.	Nothing to update

10	<p>I have read the statements by the Citizens Water Advocacy Group and I concur with them. I also ask that the city prioritize in-fill development as mentioned in goal 1 on p. 17 "Promote a balanced community with a diversity of residential types and prices by encouraging in-fill development of higher density development single-family and multifamily homes." Please emphasize in-fill rather than tearing up remaining natural areas for new developments.</p>	<p>Nothing to update. Addressed under Chapter 3 Great Places and Neighborhoods</p>
11	<p>Page 16 – AGING POPULATION - “an increase in older populations is a national trend, as is an overall reduction in birth rates. Prescott follows this Trend.” While reading this section, I felt that our Aging Population as described in this Prescott General Plan draft is very one sided and presents the older Prescott residents as a problem to be solved, rather than as the foundation of Prescott, residents who have built Prescott into the stable low crime welcoming city that it currently is. Prescott is a retirement community, an aspect I believe is a positive rather than the Plan negative: “All of these demographic trends, if unchanged, will further alter the community balance in terms of age groups, family types, household sizes, and ratios of retirees to working residents.” This trend is a national trend, not local to Prescott. I find no General Plan strategy to address the aging population “problem” in Prescott as described in the Plan.</p>	<p>Discussed under Workforce Housing Pgs. 103-114</p>
16	<p>Chpt. 1 Resiliency and Sustainability</p>	
17	<p>The Prescott Active Management Area has been the worst performing AMA in the whole state. Prescott AMA has been in significant overdraft since the Management Area was formed. There needs to be consequences for the continuing growing overdraft. There needs to be long term management goals with prescribed interventions when those goals are not met. Conservation will only take us so far. There needs to be interventions such limiting days of outdoor water use; putting caps on new development,</p>	<p>WRM: Addressed on page 39, Goal 3, Strategy 3.2 creation of a long-term water management plan that links both ADWR requirements and City needs to secure, sustainable, and sufficient water supplies.</p>
18	<p>The City is not addressing the water overdraft or where new water is coming from yet approving more projects? When it runs out then what that should be in the plan. Az is in total denial and not properly managing the resources, the City should have is own realistic plan there is not enough water obviously look at your own data. Thank you</p>	<p>WRM: Addressed on page 39, Goal 3, Strategy 3.2 creation of a long-term water management plan that links both ADWR requirements and City needs to secure, sustainable, and sufficient water supplies.</p>

19	<p>Prescott need to require metered water for all industrial users and large wells in the county that are within the Prescott Active Management Area. IF the Yavapai County Supervisors doesn't require compliance there should be a moratorium on new building. Prescott should require ADWR provide me of aquifer every other year. Prescott should petition the Governor's Water Use Committee to develop and implement water management goals throughout the state unregulated aquifers.</p>	<p>WRM: The City has no regelatory authority over wells which are permitted through Yavapai County and ADWR. No change made to plan.</p>
20	<p>All wells within City limits should have meters installed & owners need to fairly pay for the water they use. This is nit uncommon in the older neighborhoods in town.</p>	<p>WRM: The City has no regelatory authority over wells which are permitted through Yavapai County and ADWR. No change made to plan.</p>
21	<p>Due to Water Theft, a common problem in US, like other cities, all Developments must have Water Meters installed on Fire Hydrants.</p>	<p>Steve Olfers: At this time, there are no meters on fire hydrants, except on those used for construction which can be rented, with a backflow assembly. Loss from fire hydrants is calculated as non-revenue unless metered as construction water.</p>
22	<p>I recognize intention here ("This model will advance a needed future water supply while also working to protect Upper Verde River flows"), but "working to" is pretty weak; we need to assure protection of the Upper Verde. We have been "working toward achieving safe yield" on paper for years, but the water table continues to decline rapidly. We cannot have hollow promises like "working toward"; we need to achieve the desired results, so stronger language is important.</p>	<p>Discussed on page 38: Water Resources Long-Term Management Plan and under Strategy 3.2 on page 39</p>
23	<p>We must develop along-term water management plan focusing on supply and demand aspects. This would include the water resource management model and all appropriate legal documents. This plan shoulaspire to cover the next 100 years and should incorprate the development and start up of the Big Chino Reservoir pipeline. Local and County partners should be involved and collaborate with our plans.</p>	<p>Discussed on page 38: Water Resources Long-Term Management Plan and under Strategy 3.2 on page 39</p>
24	<p>Water Resources Section words everything about the Big Chino Pipeline as if it is a done deal and plans are moving forward. Need to soften the language. If we behave and have sensible growth, won't be needed.</p>	<p>WRM: The Arizona Rivised Statues recongnizes the City's legal right to import water from the Big Chino Water Ranch in order to offset pumping in the Prescott AMA. The Little Chino Aquifer from which the City's production wells are located is a declining aquifer and the supplmenting of pumping within the aquifer from the Big Chino has long been recognized as a way to reduce the decline of the Little Chino aquifer. Page 39, Goal 3: Continue planning to servie existing and future demand with available or to be acquired supply types, contains the statagy of developing a long-term water management plan. This plan will specifically evaluate the need for future alternative supply types including the Big Chino Water Ranch, advanced water purification, and storm water harvesting. This will be done in conjunction with demand management statgies to determine need and timing of future supplies. No changes made to plan.</p>

25	<p>Work more closely with Forest Service to ban campfires in the National Forest, especially in times of high risk and serious drought. There is self-contained camping equipment for light heat/cooking. Campers are careless. Need more surveyance and major fines.</p>	<p>Fire: The Prescott National Forest takes a proactive approach to issuing fire restrictions. Fire departments throughout the Prescott area monitor fire conditions year-round. While local fire departments have influence, they do not have the authority to make fire restriction decisions. The Prescott Fire Department issues its own fire restrictions that align with those of the Prescott National Forest (PNF) to ensure consistent communication and public awareness. Additionally, we enforce no-burn days through a permitting system that prohibits burns within the city limits, regardless of National Forest guidelines. It's important to note that fines and enforcement in the National Forest are the responsibility of federal authorities. The City of Prescott and the Prescott National Forest do not have the independent authority to impose higher fines, as these fall under nationwide federal regulations. Despite this limitation, PNF staff diligently increase patrols and educational efforts not only when restrictions are implemented, but throughout the entire year.</p>
26	<p>p.39 In the first sentence at the top of the page, "containments" should be "contaminants." I'm sorry for taking up so much space on this site with what are mostly copy edits, but I was told this was the only way to submit them. Thank you to the General Plan Committee members and city staff for all your hard work to get the plan to this stage! And thanks also to all the citizens who are submitting comments!</p>	<p>Planning: Will change in draft. PW: suggests "emerging contaminants"</p>
27	<p>DATA SYSTEMS, p.37 The second sentence in the first paragraph should read, "The first step was building a data repository that links land and water demands and running [instead of "run"] various . . . The fifth sentence in the second paragraph should read, "Currently, the WRMM is used to provide City Council with information to understand supply and demand data for the determination of water budgets."</p>	<p>Planning: Will change in draft.</p>
28	<p>LOCAL SUPPLIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE, p.35 I suggest rewriting the the third sentence in paragraph 5 to say, "Proposition 400, approved by Prescott voters in 2005, requires all effluent generated by development . . . LOCAL SUPPLIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE, p.36 The first complete sentence at the top of the page should read, "A summary of project highlights is [instead of "are"]</p>	<p>Planning: Will change in draft.</p>
29	<p>WATER RESOURCES, p.33 The # of acre-feet is missing in the next to the last paragraph on the page. Will this number be filled in before the General Plan goes to the voters? LOCAL SUPPLIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE, p.35 The first sentence in paragraph 4 should read, "Treated wastewater (effluent) or reclaimed water, like surface water supplies, is [instead of "are"] . . . The second sentence in paragraph 5 should read, "Combined, these facilities [instead of "facility"] . . .</p>	<p>Water Resources Question: Should we change it due to we have not received the information from ADWR? ; Planning will correct typos - WRM: The value on page 33 should be 17,544.93 AFY.</p>

30	<p>GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE (GSI), p.29 Strategy 1.1 I suggest deleting the "developments" at the end of the sentence. LAKES, p. 31 Change the last sentence in paragraph 3 to read, "These lakes are upstream of the community, reducing the population center's effects; however, they are [instead of "it is"] subject to natural processes such as siltation.</p>	<p>Planning: Will change in draft. PW: "Investigate the creation of a low-impact development ordinance for infiltration and reuse of stormwater for all new residential, commercial, and industrial developments." Concur with Pg31, paragraph 3 edits</p>
31	<p>WATER QUALITY GOALS AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES, p.29 Strategy 1.4 should read "Revise" (instead of "Review") the First Flush . . . Strategy 1.5 I suggest rewriting this strategy to read, "Consider requiring redevelopment to retrofit . . . GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE (GSI), p.29 I suggest rewriting the first sentence to read, "The goal of Green Infrastructure is to "slow it down, spread it out and soak it in." GSI is an integrated solution . . .</p>	<p>Planning: Will change in draft based on corrections from Public Works PW: Revise is better than Review. "Require redevelopment projects to retrofit existing stormwater infrastructure to meet current first flush requirements." GSI agree with comments but that sentence should start, "The goal of Green Stormwater Infrastructure..."</p>
32	<p>THANK YOU for including a detailed discussion of the ways in which climate change is likely to impact our area, and how Prescott can become more resilient to those challenges. Thanks for providing guidance on how Prescott can encourage smarter energy use policies for transportation, building design, HVAC, etc. These policies will save the city and its residents money as well as position it to attract tourists and even new residents who want to live in an efficient, forward-thinking community.</p>	<p>Nothing to address</p>
33	<p>Given that it's in the title, "sustainability" should be defined explicitly. In the context of planning, it is usually defined in terms of "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Recognizing that those needs depend upon intact ecosystems, a healthy human population, and a vibrant economy, "sustainable" policies are those that simultaneously promote economic vitality, environmental integrity, and healthy communities.</p>	<p>Planning: Add sustainable after resiliency in first paragraph</p>
34	<p>I am pleased to see some detailed concerns about climate change adaptation, and I hope this is prioritized as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Nothing to address</p>

35	<p>Pages 41/42 on Climate Change: This segment IMHO over stresses Electric Vehicles. Yes they are an important class of vehicles but this segment should be tempered. The diversity of fuel sources should be recognised; the full cycle economics of each fuel type and application needs to at least be mentioned. In particular it should worry us all that 1 EV station creates 4 jobs.....the basic economic model with this type of assumption should be checked.</p>	<p>Planning: Ask GPC to weigh in for any changes</p>
36	<p>Resiliency and Land Use (pg 24): Need to explain strategy 2.3</p>	<p>Strategy 2.3 Promote preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of existing housing stock by providing educational incentives. Existing housing contributes to a greater diversity of housing options (including price ranges) and maximizes existing infrastructure investment.</p>
37	<p>I love the focus on Green Stormwater Infrastructure in Chapter 1, but there is more potential for using stormwater to benefit wildlife than is highlighted in the current draft. Since Granite Creek had water for much or most of the year all the way to Paulden before the construction of Watson Dam, could we use runoff from along rte. 89 and the Walden Farms development (and others) to better augment the flow in Granite Creek and ephemeral pools used by amphibians for breeding?</p>	<p>PW: without specifying that portion of Granite Creek referenced I think it the GSI segment of the Plan provides the tools to more effectively and beneficially (for amphibians or otherwise) manage stormwater as a resource and not a nuisance.</p>
38	<p>I urge the city to make developers financially responsible for water features, sidewalks, landscaping, etc. They make profits by drawing on our resources- especially water.</p>	<p>WRM: Page 39, Strategy 3.2 Develop a long-term water management plan will include demand management strategies that will look at various code updates to address water features as discussed here.</p>
39	<p>A smart city planning in the arid SW must consider the availability of resources that support life in the region. Water conservation is essential. Mandate xeric landscaping, increase water use fees, incentivize rainwater harvesting, increase green infrastructure and decrease grey infrastructure, promote natural habitat restoration, limit development growth, promote sustainable businesses.</p>	<p>Planning: Ask GPC to weigh in for any changes</p>
40	<p>Important comment! We can look to our neighbors (e.g., Tucson) for ideas. Bring up Brad Lancaster to advise us at the city level. If we can't afford him, we have in-house talents that can pitch in.</p>	<p>Nothing to update</p>
41	<p>To plan for continued expansion of development when the essential baseline resource (water) is decreasing is bound to fail. It is a fact that the available water supply in this region is insufficient to meet the needs of the increasing population; this will inevitably lead to water scarcity issues (as some neighborhoods are already experiencing with wells going dry) and challenges in managing water resources within the urban area.</p>	<p>Addressed under Water Resources Pgs. 32-39</p>

42	<p>True. We have set ourselves irrevocably on a path of stressing our water sources. It's hard to back peddle from that previous overzealous (poorly informed) planning ambitions. At this point, all we can do is pause further expansion AND work just as zealously at water conservation strategies. When supply is essentially fixed, demand-side strategies are the path forward. Green Codes, water harvesting, grey-water and reclamation, etc.... can right our ship and improve quality of life.</p>	<p>Addressed under Water Resources Pgs. 32-39</p>
43	<p>Kudos for including the climate and energy section in the 1st chapter of "Resiliency and Sustainability". The introduction to that chapter should include some level of definition of what "sustainability" means. This was the overriding theme of the 2015 General Plan! Strategy 3.1 of that chapter speaks to a municipal energy audit. It should be more specific - "Undertake a municipal energy audit to identify and measure areas of cost savings options within City facilities and operations.</p>	<p>Planning: Ask GPC to weigh in for any changes</p>
44	<p>yes, i too was impressed. A lot of deep thinkers were involved in this plan. When I began to read, I was prepared to be disappointed. But, I found the plan to be enlightened (and I never use that word in such situations). I found the plan to be visionary... so, YES... KUDOS!!!</p>	<p>Nothing to update</p>
45	<p>Strategy 4.3 Consider strategic low water use, native tree planting and shifting public from zeroscaping to xeriscaping to reduce HVAC needs in residential and commercial settings. (Note-remember, Tree plantings directly adjacent to buildings can be considered a fire hazard in this region. Trees can contribute to overall heat island reduction, but may not be an appropriate strategy for direct shade of buildings. Shaded parking lots can also reduce heat island effect.</p>	<p>The City of Prescott Land Development Code Section 6.5.3.A.8 lists the website for commercial landscaping plant palette reflecting low-water use plants from the ADWR Prescott Active Management Area Plant list. We do not regulate what residents plant in their own yard, but there are incentives that can be viewed at www.prescottwater.com.</p>
46	<p>3.4 Continue to develop the Water Conservation program to lower outdoor AND INDOOR water use BY ALL COMMUNITY SECTORS, Identify PARTNERSHIP AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND conservation programs AND EVALUATE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS, The implementation of these conservation measures should reduce per capita water use and have the potential to defer the need for further costly infrastructure expansion.</p>	<p>See www.prescottwater.com about Prescott water conservation program.</p>

47	<p>3.4 Continue to develop the Water Conservation program to lower outdoor water use, identify grant opportunities for conservation programs, and develop additional metrics to measure results. Recognize water conservation as a source supply. Incorporate assessment and strategy building into conservation efforts to ensure that programs provide return on investment and coverage of all sectors of the community. Combine new initiatives with existing programs as part of a comprehensive strategy.</p>	<p>See www.prescottwater.com about Prescott water conservation program.</p>
48	<p>Goal 1: Enhance stormwater use and management for aquifer recharge and optimization of water treatment infrastructure. Determine customer understanding of household/business activities that negatively impact stormwater and implement a visible public awareness campaign (ie clean up after your pet, only water in the stormdrain, LID demo education signs) . Develop/seek funding opportunities for homeowners and existing businesses to reduce stormwater runoff issues.</p>	<p>Pg 29 under Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI)</p>
49	<p>Strategy 1.2 Identify and evaluate any stormwater and other discharges that have the potential to pollute the Little Chino aquifer, other aquifers, or surface waters and report them to ADEQ Strategy 1.2 Identify, evaluate and ELIMINATE any stormwater and other discharges that have the potential to pollute the Little Chino aquifer, other aquifers, or surface waters and report them to ADEQ</p>	<p>Pg 29 under Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI)</p>
50	<p>In the "Energy" section of this "Resiliency and Sustainability" chapter add the following goal: "Promote the energy and cost savings associated with building / installing / utilizing affordable tiny homes, and discourage the proliferation of expensive, energy-wasting large single family residences."</p>	<p>Planning: The types of homes that are constructed must meet basic life-safety requirements, as well as height and setback requirements. As long as the construction type and methods meet these codes, the home can be permitted.</p>
51	<p>The "Resiliency and Sustainability" chapter should begin with definitions of these terms. And spell out this goal: "It is our hope that the quality of life embodied by Livability Goals we've presented is sustainable so that future generations—their children, grand children, and so on—can likewise expect to have it. "</p>	<p>This is more addressed under the Introduction</p>
52	<p>People in many states have Community Choice Energy (CCE) programs and utility energy options that Arizonans do not have. To promote competition and reduce costs to ratepayers, Arizona needs such programs. Accordingly, in the "Energy" section of this "Resiliency and Sustainability" chapter add the following goal: "The City of Prescott needs to both help promote and be ready to take advantage of steps the Arizona Legislature takes to study first, then implement Community Choice Energy (CCE)."</p>	<p>GPC to provide comment</p>

53	To enhance wildlife abundance and diversity in the lakes, active vegetation management of the floodplains of Willow and Granite Creeks should be undertaken and listed in the plan. Non-native trees (Siberian Elm, Tree-of-heaven, and Tamarisk) should be prioritized for removal.	Pg 32 Strategy 2.3 Implement measures to achieve the prescribed federal Clean Water Act (https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-clean-water-act) and Arizona State Protected Waters Program water quality requirements, including watershed management best practices.
54	Native riparian vegetation should be managed for sensitive species as part of the application for Safe Harbor. However, here are likely places where some native trees, especially where they encroach on Willow Lake, could be removed to reduce evapotranspiration losses of water that otherwise could help maintain lake levels and reduce water heating.	Pg 32 Strategy 2.3 Implement measures to achieve the prescribed federal Clean Water Act (https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-clean-water-act) and Arizona State Protected Waters Program water quality requirements, including watershed management best practices.
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57	After page 43 add two more EV goals: •Strategy 5.2: Work with CYMPO to develop a regional EV infrastructure plan to connect major traffic destinations such as the town square, city buildings, educational facilities, shopping destinations, and outdoor attractions. Potential to use open-source economic impact tools such as DOE JOBS EVSE. •Strategy 5.3: Encourage the use of federal funding and public private partnerships to fund installation and management costs of EV charging stations	Get GP Committee input
58	After page 43, add Goal 5: Accommodate electric vehicle (EV) users to reduce vehicle emissions while promoting Prescott as an EV tourist destination through accessible charging infrastructure. •Strategy 5.1: Review and monitor other Northern Arizona communities' commitment to EV-enabled tourism with the purpose of ensuring Prescott's competitiveness for these valuable tourist resources.	Get GP Committee input

59	<p>Add prior to the Table on page 42: According to the US Department of Energy Alternative Fuels Data Center, Arizona has the seventh highest number of electric cars in the nation. The average income of EV owners is above \$100,000, and in-state tourism generates significant income to the Prescott economy yet we lag behind other northern Arizona cities in providing charging infrastructure for these high quality tourists.</p>	<p>Get GP Committee input</p>
60	<p>We support the stated goal of working towards a “Safe Harbor” agreement for the management of the natural area along the inlet corridor of Willow Lake (Plan page 31). This southwest corner of the lake has habitat and wildlife that is unique in an urban environment and must be responsibly managed to avoid fines under the Endangered Species Act.</p>	<p>Nothing to address. Pg 31 Strategy 2.1 Engage U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in a dialogue regarding the applicability of a Safe Harbor Agreement(s) for the management of City properties with Threatened and Endangered species.</p>
61	<p>We ask that the Plan add a goal to consider the needs of wintering waterfowl when managing the water levels in Willow and Watson Lakes. These wintering waterfowl need the lakes for survival. It is these waterfowl who elevate these lakes to IBA, “Important Bird Area” status, an internationally-recognized honor and draw for passive recreation.</p>	<p>Pg 31 Goal 2: Develop an up-to-date Lake Management Plan for Watson, Goldwater, and Willow lakes. These plans should be updated and/or amended as needed.</p>
62	<p>Chpt. 1: The Lakes section mentions “fish-spawning habitat” but completely ignores one of the most important wildlife and recreational resources we have in the city: Watson and Willow Ecosystems Important Bird Area (IBA). Recreation is more than boating and fishing. Birding should be recognized as a powerful economic engine and quality-of-life amenity for city residents and visitors.</p>	<p>Pg 31 Goal 2: Develop an up-to-date Lake Management Plan for Watson, Goldwater, and Willow lakes. These plans should be updated and/or amended as needed.</p>
63	<p>Chpt. 1: For both human recreation and wildlife habitat, active management to assure a full range of habitats (e.g., deep water, shoreline, riparian) must be addressed. Implementation may need to recognize the possibilities of zoning uses to prevent disturbance of rare species or nesting eagles.</p>	<p>Pg 31 Goal 2: Develop an up-to-date Lake Management Plan for Watson, Goldwater, and Willow lakes. These plans should be updated and/or amended as needed.</p>
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67	<p>Chpt.1: When water levels are low, even native trees and shrubs encroach on the lake, and rapidly accumulating biomass can create huge problems when lake levels rise and the plants are killed and decay, greatly reducing dissolved oxygen levels. Judicious mowing of seedlings and removal of biomass should be a means of preventing water-quality problems and reduction of shoreline habitats for birds.</p>	<p>Pg 31 Goal 2: Develop an up-to-date Lake Management Plan for Watson, Goldwater, and Willow lakes. These plans should be updated and/or amended as needed.</p>
68	<p>Page 23: This section mentions climate change, balanced housing, and land use. “Workforce” is used here and throughout the draft plan as referring to two different things: workers and housing; this should be clarified</p>	<p>Workforce Housing is under Chpt. 4 on pg 103</p>

69	<p>Page 23: The major problem with this section is that water is not addressed. This section needs to recognize that we are 100% dependent on groundwater, that our groundwater aquifer is seriously overdrafted, that the overdraft cannot continue indefinitely, and that this is not sustainable. Citizens know this and are concerned about it. Already we see domestic wells on the edges of the aquifer drying up due to groundwater pumping mainly by Prescott and Prescott Valley. The currently unsustainable water supply must be acknowledged and vigorously addressed in this plan - you can't ignore this!</p>	<p>Will add something in the introduction to chapter. Water Resources section starts on PG 32 and is a new section in the chapter. Will be updated in draft moving forward.</p>
70	<p>Page 24: The terms "workforce housing" and "affordable housing" are not defined. Strategy 2.1 should identify what workers (grouped by industry, eg services, construction, hospitality, etc) could reasonably afford for housing, then define a rental or purchase price that that worker group could afford. This price range can be used to identify "workforce housing." Otherwise these terms are bandied about whenever someone senses it is advantageous, so they become essentially meaningless</p>	<p>Workforce Housing is under Chpt. 4 on pg 103 which has definitions</p>
71	<p>Page 24: Strategy 2.4 & 2.5 should require, for a water allocation or other incentive, aggressive water conservation and strict limits on groundwater use outdoors</p>	<p>Pg 34 Local Supplies and Infrastructure. Pg. 36 discusses the need for Regional Water Supply Planning. Needs to be a regional effort. Pg. 37 discusses the Council approved Water Management Policy.</p>
72	<p>Formation of a Long Term Regional Water Management Policy</p>	<p>Pg 34 Local Supplies and Infrastructure. Pg. 36 discusses the need for Regional Water Supply Planning. Needs to be a regional effort. Pg. 37 discusses the Council approved Water Management Policy.</p>
73	<p>Chpt. 1: I recognize intention here ("This model will advance a needed future water supply while also working to protect Upper Verde River flows"), but "working to" is pretty weak; we need to assure protection of the Upper Verde. We have been "working toward achieving safe yield" on paper for years, but the water table continues to decline rapidly. We cannot have hollow promises like "working toward"; we need to achieve the desired results, so stronger language is important.</p>	<p>Pg 34 Local Supplies and Infrastructure. Pg. 36 discusses the need for Regional Water Supply Planning. Needs to be a regional effort. Pg. 37 discusses the Council approved Water Management Policy.</p>
74	<p>Page 28. Last line of second paragraph under Water Quality: Delete the concluding parenthetical statement, "the state regulates surface water." The state also regulates groundwater and municipal water quality. This section ignores the fact that groundwater recharge areas have already contaminated our aquifer and production wells with PFAS; this needs to be added.</p>	<p>Water Resources Question: The context of the parenthetical statement is within the water quality section under the environmental planning which is specifically addressing surface water sources. In this context the statement is correct. Groundwater, municipal water and PFAS are covered in the water resources section. No changes made.</p>
75	<p>Page 29: Goal 1 The plan needs to add strategies to a) improve PFAS monitoring, b) remove PFAS from treated wastewater, and c) remove PFAS from wells that supply potable water. See comment re page 39, below.</p>	<p>Would be part of a City Long -Term Water Management Plan.</p>
76	<p>Page 29: Strategy 1.2: Pervious pavements are the darling solution of the LID movement, but there are many other strategies. The problem is that pervious pavements get clogged, maintenance is required, and recharge is insignificant. They are useful in specific situations, for instance to reduce polluted runoff into a neighboring stream - if they are maintained. The strategy should not specify the pervious pavement solution but instead require the developer to prove that their project design meets standards for runoff quality and quantity. We suggest rewording "Develop incentives for new development applicants to use LID techniques to manage site stormwater runoff and quality."</p>	<p>PW (MKilleen) The strategy, as I read it does not exclusively prescribe pervious pavement as the only LID technique but rather mentions it as an example. I would agree that it is not applicable in all settings but is a valuable tool, among many, in the LID toolbox. Furthermore, all LID approaches have a maintenance requirement. The City actively inspects these sites annually to make sure that the stormwater quality features remain functional years after installation. Existing codes, regulations, and practices DO require a developer to meet standards for runoff quality and quantity. Specific to stormwater quality see PCC 16-6 and GES Chapter 3. With all that being said I think the original wording is not substantively different than the suggested wording.</p>
77	<p>Page 30, Strategy 1.4: Change "Review" to "Revise." Add "Participate in regional water management to investigate possible large-scale stormwater recovery projects." These projects are regional in scope and may benefit Prescott.</p>	<p>Review is not in this Strategy. Not sure what strategy was being referenced. <i>Strategy 1.4 Work with adjacent jurisdictions to integrate and align stormwater standards, policies, and practices across the region and to create a tool-kit to support local governments in adopting and implementing stormwater standards, policies, and practice s.</i></p>

78	Page 32: Using “D&O” is inaccurate in that it refers to a court order on many other issues. The correct term here is “Designated Assured Water Supply” or DAWS. That is consistent with water law terminology.	????? DAWS is used in the same paragraph.
79	Page 34: Strategy 1.1 should define DAWS.	Defined on PG. 32, but can add to the strategy.
80	Page 36: Strengthen Strategy 2.2: Reword to: "Actively participate with Yavapai County and the Towns of Prescott Valley and Chino Valley to create a regional plan for water resource management." Note that on Nov. 12, 2024 the Town of Chino Valley passed a resolution calling for the formation of a regional steering committee charged with designing a regional organization to improve water security. This is an element in Chino Valley's General Plan and in Yavapai County's Comprehensive Plan.	The City will actively seek out oppertunities to collaborate with Regional Water Resource planning. However, before any regional planning effort can sucessfully be implemeted, the City must first complete it own water resources planning that includes through evaluation of all exisitng and future demand, supplies, including existing contractual commitments to water and completion of the modification of Assurred Water Supply through ADWR. It is understood that regional collaboration is important but the City also has a designation of assured water supply that must be finalized and evaluated to ensure that water is available to the committs to the City water serice area before attempting to engage in regional planning.
81	Page 36: Replace strategy 2.3: “Prepare a comprehensive study evaluating the economic, social, and environmental impacts of all potential solutions to achieve a sustainable water supply.”	WRM to respond to
82	Water resource management plans should be based on a scientific evaluation and a rational comparison of all available alternatives in order to assure an economical and sustainable water supply. Neither ADWR nor the Cities have conducted a comprehensive study to evaluate and compare potential new water sources. In particular, the Big Chino pipeline was authorized by the legislature without any consideration for Paulden residents, the upper Verde River, or other environmental impacts and costs.	WRM to respond to
83	The City's proposed long-range water management plan does not include a comprehensive study and comparison that covers the Upper Verde Watershed. Prescott’s water plans depend on and affect the entire watershed.	WRM to respond to
84	Some prior studies have focused on a single centralized infrastructure solution (e.g. pipelines) while ignoring distributed solutions (e.g. conservation or on-site rainwater harvesting) and failing to evaluate other potential alternative sources. A comprehensive study can help identify the optimal combination of solutions.	WRM to respond to
85	The following alternatives deserve rigorous analysis and comparison of all economic, ecological, social, and legal issues: • Aggressive Water Conservation : including a) performance goals and milestones, b) mandatory requirements for new construction, c) substantial incentives to upgrade existing buildings, d) landscape water ordinances for new construction. • Reuse : graywater and advanced water purification technology (direct potable reuse). • Augmentation : a) capture and use of rainwater on-site, b) stormwater recovery for recharge or treatment for reuse. • Domestic Well Conservation : domestic well water conservation programs. • Alternative water for new development : a) offset programs that require developers to finance water conservation in exchange for an assured water supply certificate, or b) construction of homes with net-zero groundwater use, c) regional water bank to efficiently allocate existing unused water rights to productive uses • Regulatory Barriers : identify and correct regulatory barriers to more efficient water use. • Septic Effluent Recovery : improved recovery of wastewater from septic systems. • Land Use : a) conservation zoning overlay in areas with sensitive water resources, b)strengthening ordinances and building code requirements for indoor and outdoor water use. • Importing Water : Possible sources include Colorado River, Big Chino, and desalination of ocean water or brackish groundwater, and rivers in other states.	All issues that could be addressed in City Water resources Long-Term Manangement Plan and review of ARS for any limitations.

86	<p>Page 38: The PFAS paragraph says "staff have been evaluating the impact..." The plan should describe what the City intends to do, not give a passive description of previous activity. This section should be greatly expanded to explain the City's strategy going forward by adding goals and strategies. Perhaps this would fit better on page 29 under "Water Quality Goals and Implementation Strategies."</p>	<p>Steven Olfers: The City is currently in compliance with the new PFAS standard for drinking water. All sources in use supply water that is below the 4ppt MCL level. On the wastewater side, there are no regulations or guidance at this time in relation to PFAS. Over all our goal is to be below the MCL set by EPA and ADEQ. The City has issued a RFQ to hire a vendor that will assist us in the development of goals and strategies for drinking water.</p>
87	<p>Page 39: Strategy 3.2: The description is inadequate. Include the following requirements for the Long term Management Plan • Include the watershed. Prescott will not have a sustainable supply by planning only for the city limits! • Public transparency: Citizens and stakeholders should have a role in the planning. • The plan should include short, medium and long-term goals with metrics and a schedule to review progress. • The plan should use adaptive management principles: if a milestone is not met, tactics and regulations should be modified to attain the next milestone.</p>	<p>Too specific for a General Plan. This is input that can be provided when the Long-Term Management Plan process is created.</p>
88	<p>Page 39: Strategy 3.3: Clarify that stormwater recovery will be a regional effort covering the aquifer, not just the Prescott city limits. "Reclaimed reuse" is not defined; it could mean direct reuse, or indirect reuse after recharge, or direct potable reuse after advanced purification. All these should be studied and compared.</p>	<p>PW to respond to</p>
89	<p>Water policy: I am very concerned that Prescott's water policy is not sustainable. This is vividly demonstrated by our declining water table and by failing family wells on the edges of the aquifer, such as in western Chino Valley, along Williamson Valley Rd. and Coyote Springs.</p>	<p>This is input that can be provided when the Long-Term Management Plan process is created.</p>
90	<p>I am troubled by the proposed Big Chino Pipeline, which if built and operated, will dewater and destroy the upper Verde River. I am also concerned about the costs of this project, which should be borne by the wealthy landowners and developers who will benefit from growth.</p>	<p>Nothing to update</p>
91	<p>Will the city respect its citizens by holding the referendum required by Proposition 401 as approved by the voters in 2009? Any such project requires a public vote if it has an estimated cost of over \$40 million (adjusted via the Consumer Price Index)? And if the citizens vote against this project, will their judgement be respected? If the Town of Prescott Valley initiates a lawsuit demanding that the city approve the construction of the pipeline despite a negative citizen vote, will the city vigorously defend the will of the voters?</p>	<p>Nothing to update</p>
92	<p>Water saving techniques to pursue include requiring hot water recirculation systems and encouraging low-flow shower heads or flow restrictors and continuing the current conservation measures.</p>	<p>Nothing to update</p>
93	<p>Energy use and conservation: I am glad to see (pp. 42-43) "CLIMATE AND ENERGY GOALS AND STRATEGIES". Prescott has a very favorable climate for solar power, yet only a small minority of houses in the city have rooftop solar panels. The city should strongly encourage such panels and act to remove disincentives. Also, city-owned buildings should, where feasible, be equipped with solar panels.</p>	<p>Nothing to update</p>
94	<p>Chpt. 1: I agree with the general goals and implementation strategies for air and water quality. It might be worth mentioning that the urban part of Prescott sits in a topographic bowl such that cool-air drainage in winter concentrates air pollutants in the city. The keys to success will be to have attractive incentives, consistent monitoring and enforcement, and upgrading infrastructure.</p>	<p>Nothing to update</p>

95	Chpt.1: I am pleased to see some detailed concerns about climate change adaptation, and I hope this is prioritized as soon as possible.	Nothing to update
96	<p>Pg 39 – Climate and Energy – “On average, there were eight days above 95°F between 1961 and 1990, but our region has experienced about 20 days over 95°F annually for the last few years. Climate models project up to 40 days above 95°F by 2050 and over 95 days above 95°F by the end of the century. The number of days over 100°F (currently five days) could increase to 10-12 days by 2050 and potentially rise to as many as 55 days by 2100.” Climate science is defined as the scientific study of Earth's climate, typically defined as weather conditions averaged over a period of at least 30 years.[1 Besides being an unsettled science, comparing the city of Prescott’s weather to “our region” weather, presumably includes the Phoenix area, making the Prescott predictions very unreliable. While warming climate is deleterious in many respects, there are also benefits to it such as a longer crop growing season and decreased mortality from cold waves. As one of the many older Prescott residents, I can remember the similar prediction just 50 years ago of an imminent global ice age made back in the 1970’s which never materialized.</p>	Nothing to update
97	<p>Pg 41 – Energy – “Electric vehicle ownership is expected to grow, with manufacturers planning to spend \$1.2 trillion through 2030 to develop and produce electric cars. Multiple manufacturers are planning to produce and sell only electric cars by 2030 or 2035.”...“According to research from the Department of Energy, installing one EV charging station creates four jobs, compared to less than one job created when installing one gasoline dispenser.” The planned federal installation of tens of thousands of EV charging stations never materialized. With the incoming new 2025 Federal Administration, this is highly unlikely to occur in the future. The sizable federal funding for electric vehicle development is likely to disappear in the new federal administration. Recently Ford Motors discontinued the manufacture of their Ford F-150 Lightning electric truck causing major employee layoffs. The proposed EV mandates of the outgoing Federal Administration have suddenly become backwards looking. the unrealistic EV mandates of the outgoing administration will be rejected. EV vehicles being much heavier in weight tear up the roadway infrastructure and require expensive roadway repair at a much more frequent rate than gasoline powered vehicles.</p>	Nothing to update
98	<p>P24 Strat.2.4 I am not sure if this comment should go here, or in the workforce housing section, but: It should be noted that the extreme times required for plan approval and permitting drive up the cost of all building projects (including workforce housing), and a goal should be to streamline the plan review and permitting process.</p>	Planning: Will review for location to add this.
107	<p>Chpt. 2 A Community Connected</p>	
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109	<p>"Typically, PAD open space areas are steep slopes, ridgelines, drainages, or parks." That has been historic practice, but recent efforts have been to create functional open space, even in PAD's. This can include larger interconnected areas that can provide for wildlife habitat and movements. The General Plan should explicitly strive for functional open space. It's also consistent with what is later said in Open Space Policy: "Annexations should have an open space component"</p>	<p>Planning: In the Land Development Code Section 9.5.8.C Open Space for Planned Area Developments, a minimum of 25% of the entire PAD property shall be dedicated or reserved as private common or public open space. List what qualifies as Open Space and what does not.</p>
110	<p>Res and Sust: The commonly accepted wisdom in Prescott seems to be that open land should be 25% of all land. Why? Why shouldn't it be 35%? Why should it not be 15%? We need a rationale for this choice. The rationale should be based on chosen best practices from advanced cities in addition to the economics of running the City for the long run with respect to tax revenues for balancing with the services provided.</p>	<p>Planning: In the Land Development Code Section 9.5.8.C Open Space for Planned Area Developments, a minimum of 25% of the entire PAD property shall be dedicated or reserved as private common or public open space. Comment was put under Community Connected due to this is where we discuss Private Open Space.</p>
111	<p>Transportation projects are planned decades before implementation, e.g., the "Great Western Corridor." Once on the books, they become "self-fulfilling prophecies" because property owners and developers base their plans for the future on the expectation that those road projects will become reality. Because planning for wildlife habitat and corridor conservation is an afterthought, it becomes prohibitively in the face of inflated land prices. CYMPO needs to put conservation planning FIRST!</p>	<p>Planning: CYMPO has started the new Regional Transportation Plan and will be the opportunity to add more language for wildlife habitat and corridor conservation. With the start of the Regional Environmental Study, updated information will be obtained to help when projects come forward.</p>
112	<p>Chpt. 2: The Regional Transportation Plan should be proactive in identifying important remaining wildlife corridors first, then developing transportation infrastructure to conform to land protection for wildlife corridors; once corridors are severed, mitigation becomes very expensive or prohibitive, and animal populations may decline below viability. Successful planning is likely going to require coordination with the State Land Department and may involve land exchanges to reduce fragmentation created by the checkerboard of land ownership.</p>	<p>Planning: CYMPO has started the new Regional Transportation Plan and will be the opportunity to add more language for wildlife habitat and corridor conservation. With the start of the Regional Environmental Study, updated information will be obtained to help when projects come forward.</p>
113	<p>P47 CYMPO RTP "The study also recommends alternative transportation components (public transit, carpooling, bikeways, trails, etc.) and forecasts that an investment in these systems could reduce projected traffic counts throughout the CYMPO planning area."</p>	<p>Planning: CYMPO has started the new Regional Transportation Plan and this is what they are now charged to plan for regionally.</p>
114	<p>Regarding Transportation Goals/Arterials/Goal 1: "Establish..and maintain a system of arterial streets to provide a level of service of "C" or better..." "Level of Service" is a term subject to widely different definitions and measurements (e.g. level for 24-hour, for the peak hour, for the peak 15 minute, City definition, CYMPO definition????). Suggest a technical reference to the Highway Capacity Manual.</p>	<p>Planning: CYMPO has started the new Regional Transportation Plan and is the planning authority for regional transportation planning. Will make sure CYMPO is defined on PG. 46.</p>

115	If we can successfully implement reliable public transportation, we can reduce traffic on Highway 69. Public transportation is MUCH cheaper than building the \$140M Sundog Connector.	Planning: Addressed on page 52 under "Public Transit"
116	Yes to public transportation. We need at least one bus route.	Planning: Addressed on page 52 under "Public Transit"
117	Pg 53: We seem to be ambivalent on the Public Transportation plan. In view of our growth, and also the age profile within the City we need to take this area more seriously. The options include a non-profit approach such as that offered by the Yavapai Regional Transit Authority. However we need to recognize that grants and state funding sources need to be vigorously tapped for this to make economic sense. It seems to me that CYMPO should be providing options for Prescott and the business model.	Planning: In Chapter 2: A Community Connected, Public Transportation is on pg. 52-53. CYMPO has taken the lead in developing and implementing a regional transit system.
118	I see some platitudes about "future public transportation" planning when the time is now to develop comprehensive ways for people to be moved with ease. The extensive elder population (and all of those on the road) would be better-served to have means to be mobile beyond their capability to safely drive. Those who cannot afford cars have an especially challenging time and this would give them and consequently the community a more healthy future of consequential economic mobility.	Planning: In Chapter 2: A Community Connected, Public Transportation is on pg. 52-53. CYMPO has taken the lead in developing and implementing a regional transit system.
119	Transportation options also ensure that everyone can continue to live in their communities as they get older, particularly if they do not drive. AARP encourages City of Prescott officials to continue dialogue with CYMPO and the Yavapai Regional Transit Authority to ensure Prescottonians have access to reliable transportation options.	Planning: In Chapter 2: A Community Connected, Public Transportation is on pg. 52-53. CYMPO has taken the lead in developing and implementing a regional transit system.
120	P54 Transit Goals and Strategies: A strategy should be added to anticipate and provide for transit accommodation in road project designs and redesigns (Future bus stops, etc.)	Planning: In Chapter 2: A Community Connected, Public Transportation is on pg. 52-53. CYMPO has taken the lead in developing and implementing a regional transit system.
121	Inadequate public transportation should be emphasized in General Plan and promoted for remedy.	Public Transportation is on pg. 52-53. CYMPO has taken the lead in developing and implementing a regional transit system.
122	I like the open space, trails and wildlife corridors. Also, we don't need worse internet.	Nothing to address

123	We MUST protect the 1.5 miles through the narrows on Highway 89. We have to recognize that this stretch through the Granite Dells is our grand entrance into Prescott. The bottlenecks are occurring at the roundabout at Watson Lake to the south and at the Phippen Museum roundabout to the north. The three lanes operate smoothly through the narrows. Widening it will increase speed and decrease safety. Preserve this beautiful stretch of highway as it is. Do not widen it.	Nothing to address
124	Save and coordinate our wildlife corridors while we still have them.	Planning: Addressed on page 59 under "Wildlife Corridors"
125	Prescott really needs a permanent open space commission to advise council and staff about maintaining connectivity between open spaces in other jurisdictions, about the scientific basis for corridor design, and to coordinate with non-profits and government programs that provide expertise (and funding) for enhancing ecological connectivity. Let's leverage the time and expertise of our own citizens, without significant cost or the need for additional staff resources.	Planning: There are strategies to create an Open Space Advisory Commission: pg 76 Strategy 2.4 and pg. 57 Strategy 1.7
126	Open Space and Wildlife: The extensive network of hiking and single-track trails is a real asset for Prescott. I strongly urge that the city establish and maintain a Permanent Open Space advisory Commission to provide connected open space for both citizens and wildlife. Wildlife should be provided migration corridors and overpasses over roadways. Please permanently delete the ill-advised proposal for widening SR 89 through the Dells.	Planning: There are strategies to create an Open Space Advisory Commission: pg 76 Strategy 2.4 and pg. 57 Strategy 1.8
127	"Strategy 1.7 Create an Open Space Advisory Committee." Change this to Commission, as committees are appointed by and can be dissolved by a mayor, while a commission is under city council mandate. The Open Space Master Plan explicitly states Commission.	Planning: There are strategies to create an Open Space Advisory Commission: pg 76 Strategy 2.4 and pg. 57 Strategy 1.7
128	Chapter 2, Strategy 1.7 Create an Open Space Committee. This should be an Open Space COMMISSION because committees can be dismissed by a mayor since committees are appointed by a mayor. A commission is under city council mandate. Strategy 2.4, Initiate a charter amendment to protect in perpetuity City-owned open space, as it is acquired through development, purchase or agreements.	Planning: There are strategies to create an Open Space Advisory Commission: pg 76 Strategy 2.4 and pg. 57 Strategy 1.7
129	There needs to be an Open Space Committee. There is no open space oversight voicing community needs, demands, etc. What open space choices impact people, animals, plants, water, etc.	Planning: There are strategies to create an Open Space Advisory Commission: pg 76 Strategy 2.4 and pg. 57 Strategy 1.7
130	Chpt. 2: "Strategy 1.7 Create an Open Space Advisory Committee." Change this to Commission, as committees are appointed by and can be dissolved by a mayor, while a commission is under city council mandate. The Open Space Master Plan explicitly states Commission.	Planning: There are strategies to create an Open Space Advisory Commission: pg 76 Strategy 2.4 and pg. 57 Strategy 1.8

131	Also note P56 Open Space Policy Is a listing of major Prescott trail facilities, and not really concerned with policies for managing open space. (Also Note: I believe there are at least three different recommendations spread out in the plan to create an open space advisory committee, it should be an action item added to the strategic plan.)	Planning: There are strategies to create an Open Space Advisory Commision: pg 76 Strategy 2.4 and pg. 57 Strategy 1.9
132	P57 OPEN SPACE POLICY GOALS AND STRATEGIES Strategy 1 .1 Place open space activities organizationally within the Recreation Services Department with participation from the outdoor recreation-related non-profits and other groups and individuals interested in participating. ..Putting open space under the jurisdiction of recreation services is unfortunate, as there are several strategies to create an Open Space Advisory Committee, and this body should oversee open space management. "With participation from the outdoor recreation-related non-profits. This is exclusionary and could be more inclusive of other community organizations concerned with open space and trails - Prescott Creeks, Prescott Alternative Transportation, Audubon Society, Granite Dells Preservation Association, et al. I think "recreation" should be stricken. Public Works Transportation Planners should also be considered stakeholders and included.	Planning: There are strategies to create an Open Space Advisory Commision: pg 76 Strategy 2.4 and pg. 57 Strategy 1.10. Groups can apply once created.
133	For both human recreation and wildlife habitat, active management to assure a full range of habitats (e.g., deep water, shoreline, riparian) must be addressed. Implementation may need to recognize the possibilities of zoning uses to prevent disturbance of rare species or nesting eagles.	Planning: There are strategies to create an Open Space Advisory Commision: pg 76 Strategy 2.4 and pg. 57 Strategy 1.7. An Open Space Advisory Commission can work with property owners.
134	Pg61: Digital connectivity is vital today for all communities. On pg 60 we have a very nebulous set of goals that appear to place the leadership with Yavapai County especially for emergency communications. Further we have recently rejected cell tower ay Pioneer Parkway and WV Road. While this would facilitate digital connectivity apparently its position next to a water tank aggravated local citizens and public safety was deprioritized.	Planning: Can clarify under Strategy 1.1 on page 61 to work with Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management to create an emergency communication plan.
135	Should open space include public and/or private golf courses? I think it should fit under the connectivity banner, but earlier in the plan I am advised it is not. If it is not why are we showing a picture of Antelope Hills on Pg 57?	Planning: In Chapter 3: Great Places and Neighborhoods under Recreation (pg. 73) we only mention the City owned Antelope Hills Golf Course since in is a Special Use Park. The City has no imput on exisitng private golf courses and new golf courses are allowed with approval of a Special Use Permit.
136	What are the model communities that we should be considering to emulate for our public and private open space? Do we consider the proximity and usability of our adjacent forests as adjunct to City properties?	Planning: Open Space that is approved as part of a Planned Area Development (PAD) approval must comply with the uses allowed under LDC 9.5.9.C.

137	<p>Chpt. 2: “Typically, PAD open space areas are steep slopes, ridgelines, drainages, or parks.” That has been historic practice, but recent efforts have been to create functional open space, even in PAD’s. This can include larger interconnected areas that can provide for wildlife habitat and movements. The General Plan should explicitly strive for functional open space, as Goal 3 later states. It’s also consistent with what is later said in Open Space Policy: “Annexations should have an open space component and are required to meet standards for open space as provided for in the Prescott Land Development Code.”</p>	<p>Planning: Open Space that is approved as part of a Planned Area Development (PAD) approval must comply with the uses allowed under LDC 9.5.9.C.</p>
138	<p>Pg 50: This plan should contain the actual (today's) quality index for each major arterial and the expected quality to be reached within the next 5 years. Capital required for such improvements should be tabulated.</p>	<p>Planning: This is addressed under Strategy 1.2 in developing a City Transportation Plan on pg. 50. We can remove the map since we do not have another one with updated information.</p>
139	<p>Regarding Transportation Goals/Arterials/Goal 1: "Establish and maintain a system of arterial streets to provide a ... level of service "C" or better....." This Goal needs to be tempered with additional language that reflects Prescott's scenic, historic, cultural priorities, and public support for those priorities. Does anyone think that the destruction of Montezuma (Hwy 89) thru downtown to upgrade the traffic capacity is consistent with this Goal?</p>	<p>Planning: This is addressed under Strategy 1.2 in developing a City Transportation Plan on pg. 50.</p>
140	<p>Support the IIP and critique the major points in this plan.</p>	<p>Nothing to update</p>
141	<p>CYMPO's narrow focus on transportation has been destructive to wildlife and the region's rural heritage. Projects like the "Great Western Corridor" are planned for decades (since 1995) and developers like Granite Dells Estates Properties Inc. are participants. This focus on future highways drives up land prices and actually facilitates runaway development! The needs of wildlife are always just an unaffordable afterthought. Planning needs to consider the needs of wildlife AT THE VERY BEGINNING!</p>	<p>CYMPO has expanded their mission statement to include wildlife corridor and open space planning.</p>
142	<p>I strongly support the General Plan's focus on developing wildlife corridors to ensure safe movement and better viability of wildlife within the city of Prescott and surrounding areas. I am encouraged to hear that this plan is under consideration. Wildlife corridors and bridges crossing roads will conserve our wildlife populations. I encourage the city to coordinate this with the AZFGD and other wildlife agencies and local conservation groups. I also recommend that this strategy be coupled in, as much as possible, with the goal of maintaining and increasing pedestrian access trail within neighborhoods and maintaining and developing open spaces within our city and surrounding local area.</p>	<p>CYMPO has expanded their mission statement to include wildlife corridor and open space planning.</p>
143	<p>The Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO) plans to be the facilitator for Wildlife Corridors / Migration Open Space, Trails, and Air Quality, so CYMPO should be referenced in the 2025 Plan in these areas. Stated as, for example “CYMPO's mission is to provide leadership ... that fosters development sensitive to the environment and for a conservation plan including wildlife corridors/migration, open space, trails, and air quality.” (P. 46) And a</p>	<p>Will review Mission Statement of CYMPO and update appropriately in the areas discussing wildlife corridors and open space.</p>

144	<p>The Regional Transportation Plan should be proactive in identifying important remaining wildlife corridors first, then developing transportation infrastructure to conform to land protection for wildlife corridors; once corridors are severed, mitigation becomes very expensive or prohibitive, and animal populations may decline below viability. Successful planning is likely going to require coordination with the State Land Department and may involve land exchanges to reduce fragmentation created by</p>	<p>Will review Mission Statement of CYMPO and update appropriately in the areas discussing wildlife corridors and open space.</p>
145	<p>Chpt. 2: CYMPO's mission has been expanded to coordinate and plan for "Wildlife Corridors / Migration Open Space, Trails, and Air Quality." The description of CYMPO doesn't clarify that and simply emphasizes transportation. These responsibilities should be both in the description and implementation sections and should be emphasized more forcefully.</p>	<p>Will review Mission Statement of CYMPO and update appropriately in the areas discussing wildlife corridors and open space.</p>
146	<p>Chpt. 2: I agree with the recommendations for wildlife habitat connectivity and corridors, but it should probably mention CYMPO taking responsibility for coordinating efforts; it's now in their mission.</p>	<p>Will review Mission Statement of CYMPO and update appropriately in the areas discussing wildlife corridors and open space.</p>
147	<p>Pg 45 We have done a very good job in developing/maintaining our natural environment, and of course we have exceptional access to adjacent public forest areas. This plan must be careful to recommend an investment in a balanced approach between running the business of the City with tax revenues; having efficient operations and connectivity including transportation and cell facilities; and having compatible growth within reasonable available funding. Our funding is limited and must be prioritized.</p>	<p>Nothing to address</p>
148	<p>The entry paragraph to "A community connected" should be reconsidered. The regional approach is well positioned and then followed by a number of disconnected/random thoughts. A connected community for me, as a citizen, means that it serves all the needs of all the citizens. This plan statement has huge emphasis on the environment and very little on how citizens, industries, work places, commercial businesses can efficiently and effectively conduct their way of life and their business endeavors.</p>	<p>Planning: This is more addressed under Chapter 4: Economic Competitiveness and Prosperity.</p>

149	<p>Put the land where the Sundog Connector road was going to scar as open space in perpetuity; create a commission (not a committee) to maintain and increase contiguous open space that would NOT be for recreation; zone to slow down if not stop "development"; zone for no buildings on ridge lines; create wildlife corridors and other protections for our wildlife; show people what Prescott used to be like as a standard, like a tomato from one's garden as opposed to store bought tomatoes .</p>	<p>Per ARS 9-461.06 N. In applying an open space element or a growth element of a general plan, a municipality shall not designate private land or state trust land as open space, recreation, conservation or agriculture unless the municipality receives the written consent of the landowner or provides an alternative, economically viable designation in the general plan or zoning ordinance, allowing at least one residential dwelling per acre. If the landowner is the prevailing party in any action brought to enforce this subsection, a court shall award fees and other expenses to the landowner. A municipality may designate land as open space without complying with the requirements of this subsection if the land was zoned as open space and used as a golf course pursuant to a zoning ordinance adopted pursuant to article 6.1 of this chapter before May 1, 2000 and the designation does not impose additional conditions, limitations or restrictions on the golf course, unless the land is state trust land that was not planned and zoned as open space pursuant to title 37, chapter 2, article 5.1.</p>
150	<p>I think that dropping the Sundog Connector from the plan, primarily due to a very small, very vocal group of Yavapai Hills residents, is a mistake that the entire community will suffer because of in the long run. That group lobbied for the most expensive routing and add-ins to make the project economically undesirable. This is a common tactic among NIMBYers. Please don't fall for it. Our community is choking on the number of cars, and alternative routes are the only way to keep Prescott from</p>	<p>Planning: The General Plan Committee reviewed the inclusion of the regional roads in the plan. Due to regional roads being included in the Regional transportation Plan doen by CYMPO and updated every 5 years, it was voted by the Committee to just reference this is done by CYMPO and include the link to their website.</p>
151	<p>Sundog is still needed.</p>	<p>Planning: The General Plan Committee reviewed the inclusion of the regional roads in the plan. Due to regional roads being included in the Regional transportation Plan done by CYMPO and updated every 5 years, it was voted by the Committee to just reference this is done by CYMPO and include the link to their website.</p>
152	<p>Please ensure that the Sundog connector is included in the overall plan. Whenever accidents occur on Highway 69, Prescott Lake Parkway becomes heavily congested. In the event of major accidents on Highway 69, if the police decide to close it down, there should be an alternative route around Highway 69, perhaps not immediately, but certainly in the future. Removing it from the General Plan now would be a significant mistake. I have lived in Prescott for over 20 years, frequently travel on Prescott Lake Parkway, and have witnessed issues on the highway. While cost is a consideration, safety should also be a priority. The concerns of the people in Yavapai Hills should not compromise our safety.</p>	<p>Planning: The General Plan Committee reviewed the inclusion of the regional roads in the plan. Due to regional roads being included in the Regional transportation Plan done by CYMPO and updated every 5 years, it was voted by the Committee to just reference this is done by CYMPO and include the link to their website.</p>
153	<p>No health harming 5G in residential neighborhoods! Research shows it causes gene changes, infertility, fetal damage, cancers, migraines, sleep disruption, also retards brain development, interrupts healing processes, & is linked to Alzheimers & Dementia.</p>	<p>Regulated by FCC</p>
154	<p>Time spent in nature is fundamental for humans' well-being, especially for children. Prescott planning should increase green spaces and improve access to the existing green spaces.</p>	<p>See Open Space Section pgs. 55-58</p>

155	<p>Very important that we save our open spaces, rocky areas, riparian places and grasslands included. Neighborhoods should be designed with safe and spacious wildlife corridors. Roads should be built with under or over passes to allow for safe passage of both people and animals. All development should require rooftop solar and xeroscaping landscape.</p>	<p>See Open Space Section pgs. 55-59</p>
156	<p>For people 50-plus, high-speed internet access is essential. It enables older adults to benefit fully from technologies that improve their quality of life and allow them to age in place. Online applications enable people to receive telehealth services. The technology also permits them to connect with friends and family, shop for groceries and other items, work from home, stream entertainment options, and engage in lifelong learning activities.</p>	<p>Pg 60 Digital Connectivity</p>
157	<p>Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) from AARP offers the Senior Planet program to communities across the country. OATS helps older adults navigate new technologies, ensuring they can remain connected to necessary services and engaged citizens. AARP encourages the addition of specific digital literacy objectives in the Digital Connectivity Goals. Specifically, Strategy 1.3 could be expanded beyond privacy and safety to include digital literacy and technology skills.</p>	<p>Pg 60 Digital Connectivity</p>
158	<p>AARP believes that transportation is a vital link that connects people to their communities. Older adults need a variety of convenient and safe transportation options. These options provide access to jobs, social activities, medical appointments, and community services that support their independence. These transportation options include walking, cycling, using micromobility devices, taking public transportation, ride-sharing, and driving. Having alternatives is key to creating mobility.</p>	<p>Nothing to update</p>
159	<p>89 EXPANSION - avoid PUB TRANSIT - expand for tourism (strategic stops) and outlying residents; make it unique (e.g., stagecoach) OPEN SPACE - protect/expand (it's why we are here) Private --> open space: incentivize WILDLIFE CORRIDORS: create/expand (pronghorn: strategic fencing) SHOWCASE URBAN CREEKS for greenway, wildlife, tourism, local businesses niche marketing, (previously dumping grounds). GRANITE DELLS REGIONAL PARK - Spare NO expense to create / expand - huge tourism boon.</p>	<p>Public Transportation is on pg. 52-53. CYMPO has taken the lead in developing and implementing a regional transit system.</p>

160	DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY GOALS: Goal 1: Strategy 1.3 needs to be expanded to include “Reduction and Prevention of Harm”. More and more Prescott residents are having their personal information compromised and funds stolen through hacks, leaks and predation. Senior citizens and citizens with low technology knowledge or understanding are particularly vulnerable to monetary theft and identify theft.	Pg 61 Strategy 13 Educate residents on data privacy, terms and conditions, and the implications of online data sharing to reduce hesitancy and inform residents about online safety.
161	“Strategy 2.4 Initiate a charter amendment to protect in perpetuity City-owned open space, as it is acquired through development, purchase, or agreements.” Yes, this is an important action!	Pg 58- Nothing to address
162	I agree with the recommendations for wildlife habitat connectivity and corridors, but it should probably mention CYMPO taking responsibility for coordinating efforts; it’s now in their mission.	Pg 60 Strategy 1.2 work with CYMPO to create a regional environmental study and to communicate any actions to the public.
163	CYMPO’s mission has been expanded to coordinate and plan for “Wildlife Corridors / Migration Open Space, Trails, and Air Quality.” The description of CYMPO doesn’t clarify that and simply emphasizes transportation. These responsibilities should be both in the description and implementation sections and should be emphasized more forcefully.	Pg 60 Strategy 1.2 work with CYMPO to create a regional environmental study and to communicate any actions to the public.
164	We urge you to include a goal to complete the conservation easement for the Watson Woods Riparian Area. This property has become an outstanding recreational and economic asset of which the City should be proud. There is general language about protecting natural areas by conservation easements in the plan, but no specific statement about Watson Woods’s potential conservation easement.	See PG 56 under Public Open Space. Would be part of an updated Open Space Plan.
165	Page 57: Open Space Policy: Strategy 1.1: Change the term “outdoor-recreation-related” to “All NGO’s involved in outdoor activities, both passive and recreational...”	Get GP Committee input. Assuming the NGO reference is for Non-Governmental Organization
166	Page 57: Open Space Policy: Strategy 1.6: Developing wildlife corridors and crossings: With the assistance of the AZGFD, the City will develop a wildlife corridors map on City properties. Currently, the Plan has general language recognizing wildlife corridors, but no coherent map of functional wildlife corridors and no statement of how to design them.	Addressed under Wildlife Corridors starting on PG 59-60
167	Page 57: Open Space Policy: NEW Strategy 1.8: New private-area-developments need coordination with the AZGFD to ensure that the 25% open space requirement is meaningful and aligns with existing wildlife corridors when possible. Medians and decorative edging on roads should not qualify as part of the 25% open space requirement because they do not accomplish the intent of the 25% stipulation.	Planning: Open Space that is approved as part of a Planned Area Development (PAD) approval must comply with the uses allowed under LDC 9.5.9.C. Once CYMPO creates the wildlife study with the corridors mapped out, staff can use it when discussing projects at the preliminary stage in regard to creating/preserving wildlife corridors.
168	Page 65: Land Use: Open Space: Add “birding” to this sentence: “Open space implies land that is preserved in a natural, or near-natural, condition where activity is passive and on trails (e.g., hiking, [BIRDING] running, bicycling and horseback riding).”	Will add to plan
169	Chpt. 2: “Strategy 2.4 Initiate a charter amendment to protect in perpetuity City-owned open space, as it is acquired through development, purchase, or agreements.” Yes, this is an important action!	Nothing to address

170	<p>Pg 45 misrepresentation of negative impact of cell towers on existing properties i.e. External Obsolescence: From the General Plan Draft:"It is common belief that close proximity of cellular facilities to residencies negatively impacts property values. Yet, recent studies identified good cellular connectivity provides access to public safety services and facilitates home-based work and entertainment, which positively impacts property values. The Federal Communications Commission has identified cellular communications as vital "backbone" infrastructure for the country.</p> <p>More efforts are needed to balance resident concerns and engage the public in decisions regarding construction of cellular facilities." This is not "a common belief" as stated in the General Plan on Pg 45, but a factual condition. Judd Simmons, Yavapai County Assessor has made it clear in written letters that the External Obsolescence created by cell tower construction in established neighborhoods is taken into account by the county property assessment process and can reduce the value of a residential property by up to 20%. Since the 2025 General Plan is a forward looking guide to the next 10 years, any discussion in the General Plan of improved cellular connectivity should take into account the in progress deployment of Starlink satellites to provide direct connection to cell phones, the use of individual booster boxes, Over The Air Reception Devices (OTARD), and the connectivity of a particular cellular provider in the Neighborhood deemed to be deficient. Not all cell carrier companies provide equitable connectivity. Pick the cell company that best serves your residential need. The newly elected 2025 federal administration will be prioritizing the launch of Starlink satellites to improve cellular reception for all users, new developments, and rural residents alike. The idea of building more cell towers to cover cellular gaps is retrospective thinking. This was dramatically demonstrated when the recent Hurricane Helene took out up to 75% of North Carolina cell towers and their equipment, leaving those areas without communication. The future holds better ways than proliferating cell towers to achieve connectivity and should incorporate those into the General Plan. A creative way to improve cellular connectivity in new under served residential developments is to require the developer to set aside a parcel upon which to construct a new cell tower to serve the new development, rather than constructing them in existing residential neighborhoods where they will negatively impact those property values by up to 20%.</p>	<p><i>Pg. 45 It is common belief that close proximity of cellular facilities to residencies negatively impacts property values. Yet, recent studies identified good cellular connectivity provides access to public safety services and facilitates home-based work and entertainment, which positively impacts property values. The Federal Communications Commission has identified cellular communications as vital "backbone" infrastructure for the country. More efforts are needed to balance resident concerns and engage the public in decisions regarding construction of cellular facilities.. Since there are also studies that show that lack of adequate cell service devalues property values, staff will update this sentence.</i></p>
171	<p>Chapter 1 Air Quality Challenges (P28) states: The Circulation Element addresses reducing automobile dependence through alternative transportation; Strategy 2 .2 Expand the scope and connectivity of the City's bicycle, pedestrian, and trail circulation systems by linking existing networks. Prioritize schools as hubs in the network to reduce vehicular pick-up/drop-off lines and their associated idling.</p>	<p>GP Committee to provide input</p>
172	<p>P45. Keeping our neighborhoods and businesses connected is multifaceted. It consists of the following:Open space, trails, and wildlife corridors, which provide meaningful connections within our natural environment</p>	<p>Nothing to address</p>
173	<p>P50 Goal 1: support alternative transportation such as walking and bicycling, which are compatible with land use, grading, slope stabilization, drainage, and environmental goals. Strategy 1 .5 Balance the needs of pedestrian, bicycle, and future public transit modes when expanding intersections.</p>	<p>Nothing to address</p>

174	P51 Collectors Strategy 1 .4 Design collector streets and adjacent sidewalks to facilitate use by low-speed traffic, bicycles, pedestrians, and to include trails and wildlife corridor consideration, as shown in adopted plans. Goal 2: Require adequate vehicular and pedestrian access and connectivity within and between residential neighborhoods and adjoining commercial areas by promoting street interconnectivity and identifying minor collector streets.	Nothing to address
175	P52 Goal 1: Local street designs should provide access for residential and commercial properties as well as emergency vehicles. Safety should be maintained for wildlife, residents, pedestrians, and bicyclists while enhancing the neighborhood environment.	Nothing to address
176	P46 Transportation Planning, This section recognizes CYMPO, but not the Pedestrian Bicycle and Traffic Advisory Committee which is often a first step to review community transportation and safety issues. PBTAC should be recognized as an active participant in traffic, including pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and should be considered a stakeholder in cooperative efforts with other entities.	Will add the Pedestrian, Bicycle and Traffic Advisory Committee under Ch. 3 in Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation. Will also review Chpt. 2 to see where they can be added.
177	P55 Open space, Public Open Space, sentence should read Prescott's Downtown Greenways Trail, not Downtown Prescott's Greenway Trail	Will verify and update in plan
178	P56 OPEN SPACE POLICY, this has section has little to do with a policy for managing open space... such a policy is definitely needed, but maybe this sub header should be Trails and Open Space policy	Nothing to address. This section is specific to Open Space.
179	P58 Goal 2: Seek collaborative ventures among private, public, and non-profit sectors for expanding, improving, maintaining, and providing stewardship for open space.Strategy 2 .4 Initiate a charter amendment to protect in perpetuity City-owned open space, as it is acquired through development, purchase, or agreements... While this is a worthy goal, interim steps/ measures should be taken to ensure open space is protected.	Nothing to address
180	P61 Digital Connectivity Goals: Wording should be added to emphasize the importance of our schools, institutions of higher education, and health care industry in assessing needs and evaluating options and targets for digital connectivity goals. Perhaps a strategy could be added to consider free internet opportunity zones.	The City of Prescott offers free internet in the library and City Hall.
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183	Chpt. 3 Great Places and Neighborhoods	
184	Yes to recreational swimming in our lakes.	Addressed in plan PW: MK did not find specific swimming reference, as previously noted Lake Health on Pg 31 and indirect swimming reference on Pg75.
185	Encourage clean up of the lakes, i.e. Watson and Willow to allow more use of lakes for swimmers and more lake recreation through through efforts of groups like Prescott Creeks-support of more riparian areas.	Planning: Addressed on PG 31 Goal 1 PW: while swimming use of lakes not specifically addressed lake health is on pg31. Swimming indirectly alluded to on pg 75, strategy 2.4
186	Acronym alert.....what is an SAP - define it it first time you use it.	Will update in plan
187	wheredo restaurants fall in the land use designations (pg 65)	Chpt. 3 pg. 65. Commercial, Commercial Employment, and mixed-use.
188	I strongly support infill development!	Nothing to address
189	Encourage better, safer bike paths. I come from Traverse City, MI where there's a whole system of beautiful paved trails separate from roadways.	Planning: Addressed on pages 77-79 under "Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation"

190	Pg 78 references Complete Streets and Vision Zero. I think it would also be beneficial to refer to AARP Livability/Walkability especially since the demographic of Prescott has median age of around 60 years old. There are also ways that the city can submit projects and possibly get grant funding for some of the goal/strategy items around walkability and such.	Nothing to update
191	COMMUNITY CONNECTED GOALS FALL SHORT of addressing action items. 'Support', 'maintain', 'coordinate'; all of these 'tag words' do not show Prescott's intent to create meaningful infrastructure that isn't auto-centric. Create measurable GOALS that are attainable. "CREATE 50 MILES OF GREENWAY" so that communities and neighborhoods are connected by ped/bike and people don't have to rely on vehicles. "RETURN ROADS TO BIKE FRIENDLY ARTERIAL" by continued 'road diets'.	Planning: Addressed under Chapter 3: Great Places and Neighborhoods: Recreation and Trails and Greenways pgs. 73-76
192	Protect our urban asset, the West Granite Creek Park, from vehicle parking within the park.	Pag 74 Goal 1: Recognize greater recreation potential. Act on this potential to improve the the quality of life for residents and visitors and make improvement, where needed, to current facilities.
193	Not reversing riparian areas already established, as in Granite Creek Park being paved over in part.	Pag 74 Goal 1: Recognize greater recreation potential. Act on this potential to improve the the quality of life for residents and visitors and make improvement, where needed, to current facilities.
194	Pg 74 Parks and Recreation – within this section’s goals and strategies, it would be good to see push for more dog parks (I am planning to submit a request for consideration of the East side of Granite Creek Park as possible one) as well as a goal to have swimming areas at Willow/Watson lakes. (it is mentioned as something to strive for in the water quality section Pg 31 Goal 1, but seems it should also be reflected here as well and could be a huge benefit to the city and visitors)	Pag 74 Goal 1: Recognize greater recreation potential. Act on this potential to improve the the quality of life for residents and visitors and make improvement, where needed, to current facilities.
195	The historic preservation goals are wonderful and this charm is part of what makes Prescott so special. I do hope that the city is able to continue to work to preserve the historical areas as well as help transform some that have slipped away back to a more historic rendition.	Planning: Historic Master Plan to continue to protect historic downtown
196	Historic Downtown/Whiskey Row Preservation is great economic development- do not lose it!	Planning: Historic Master Plan to continue to protect historic downtown
197	Pg 72 Historic preservation. I like the focus on historic preservation as this one of the big draws for our moving to Prescott.	Nothing to update
198	Recreation Portfolio needs some correction (reference image). Add future Granite Dells Gateway Park, Regional Park should be "Granite" not "Glassford." Separate Upper and Lower Goldwater Lakes, Add Roughrider Park and properly spell Bill Vallely. Add West Granite Creek Park Splash Pad. Add Riparian Preserve to Watson Woods and add additional Open Space areas (Community Nature Center, Boyle-Debusk, White Spar, Trails). Remove Boys and Girls Club as it is not a city run Rec. Center.	Planning: Waiting for the official name of the regional park to be approved; Will look into the other comments to include into update.

199	<p>The contents of the Recreation Master plan should mirror that of Prescott Valley's (created by \$100K private consultant). Including Economic impacts, Community profile, Community needs assessment, Program and service assessment, Facility assessments and service levels analysis, 10-year capital improvement plan funding, Parks maintenance assessment, Strategic implementation, Recreation program standards. Include visual charts, graphs and GIS projection maps.</p>	<p>Nothing to update</p>
200	<p>Suggested Recreation Goal: Improve operations and staffing by empowering and training current department employees while growing staff to meet the emerging needs of the community. Ensure job descriptions are reviewed and updated and keep salaries competitive. Seek to achieve Gold Medal Certification within the next 5 years and CAPRA (Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies) accreditation within the next 10 years. Create a succession plan for the department.</p>	<p>This is not something that is addressed in a General Plan.</p>
201	<p>Trails & Greenways Goal 1 Strategy 1.2 add that proposed trail construction should prioritize ADA accessibility throughout the trail, at the trailhead and to any adjoining restrooms. This would enhance equitable access for mobility limited individuals along with stroller and bicycle use. The city has very little ADA compliant pathways (less than 1%), and setting this as a priority would make the city more welcoming to residents and visitors.</p>	<p>Will add to draft.</p>
202	<p>Additional strategies for Recreation Goal 1: Make all parks and services welcoming and accessible to all level of users, i.e., adults, children, seniors, and all-abilities through ADA rated pathways, clean accessible restrooms when feasible, seating or benches, running water fountains or water stations, and park features. Work with GIS and other departments to map out and increase 10-minute walkability to Parks and Open Space by encouraging sidewalk and crosswalk improvements.</p>	<p>Will review for updates in draft</p>
203	<p>Added Recreation Goal Strategy: Increase Parks and Open Space equitable access and stewardship through outdoor environmental education programs that improve the health and well-being of all participants. Continue to invest in the City Park Ranger program for free Community Outreach programs such as Nature Niños, Junior Rangers, and the Prescott Unified School District Outdoor Learning Initiative that supports classroom, Community Nature Center and Prescott Creeks & Watershed programs.</p>	<p>This is not something that is addressed in a General Plan.</p>

204	Reference to Parks and Recreation should be labelled as Recreation Services or the Recreation Services Department to reflect that current designation, unless plans are in place to change the department name back to Parks & Recreation. PARKS AND RECREATION GOALS AND STRATEGIES Strategy 1.4 Updating the Recreation Master Plan should include making the plan publicly accessible with the incorporation of GIS created projections for equitable park improvements.	Planning: Check for consistency
205	Yes, let's have dark nights. I moved here to see the stars like Milky Way. So many of my neighbors added night landscape lights that shine ALL night	Planning: Dark Skies is discussed in Chapter 3: Great Places and Neighborhoods with goal to become a Dark Sky Community.
206	I wholeheartedly support pursuing the Dark Skies Certification for Prescott. This would protect and preserve our night skies for residents and visitors. It would also lower the cost of nighttime lighting by directing light only where it is needed. The Lamb dealerships on Prescott Lakes Parkway installed Dark Sky compliant lighting and it reduced the day to day costs as well as allowing their cars to be more visible because glare from inefficient and unshielded lighting was gone. Lower cost, higher sales, safer lots. We need this for all of Prescott.	Nothing to address in plan
207	Pg 80/81 Dark Sky. It seems this area could use more content and mainly seems to focus on residential home and landscape lighting, but it seems a huge gain could be made with commercial/business and even city/state goals. •One such strategy that I would love to see is one where the streetlights are shielded to direct light downward and not out laterally or up into the sky. •Also, businesses that leave on bright signage and property lighting even after they close for the day could be greatly reduced with some guidance and maybe even financial incentives.	Nothing to address in plan
208	I recommend the city support as many strategies as they are able to for supporting the dark sky goals. There are few locations within any developed areas of the US that meet the requirements of a dark skies condition and it would be a terrific outcome for us to have that here. We are fortunate to have good air quality, high altitude viewing and spectacular dark skies in many areas, such as my own neighborhood near the Thumb Butte locale. This is an exceptional goal to strive for and will put Prescott on the astronomical map where few others are.	Nothing to address in plan
209	In the interest of promoting dark skies, street lamps in areas where they are not needed should be dimmed or turned off. One example is on Larry Caldwell Drive in Walden Farms. Two of those lights have been turned on recently, but there is no pedestrian traffic there at night and the lights are unneeded.	Can add a strategy to review City lights for possible upgrades to meet Dark Sky Requirements.

210	<p>Set Light Pollution Codes w Penalties-Outdoor spotlights, should be motion activated, rather than left on, unless residents are outdoors. They must be lowered so as not to shine off their property. Doorway lighting, must face down & not to front & sides. Interior window coverings at night, to also prevent light shinning into other properties. Fed PD findings are that it reduces crime (perp cant see way, no to k lock). Dark Sky Intl, Tuscon helps cities achieve goals. Implemented in Sedona.</p>	<p>Planning: Dark Skies is discussed in Chapter 3: Great Places and Neighborhoods with goal to become a Dark Sky Community.</p>
211	<p>Pg 80/81 Dark Sky. It would be great to push for a dark sky designation. I believe this section is too heavily focused on residential home/landscape lighting and only lightly touches on commercial/business/government players. The city should have a strategy to put shields on street lights that help keep light from going outward and upward. Commercial/business doesn't need to light up their properties like an airport after closing time either. I'd love to see a strategy for financial incentives</p>	<p>Planning: Dark Skies is discussed in Chapter 3: Great Places and Neighborhoods with goal to become a Dark Sky Community. The cities Land Development Code already requires dark sky compliance for multi-family, commercial and industrial uses. It will need to be amended to include residential and educate the public on what will be required to become a designated Dark Sky Community.</p>
212	<p>I agree, Prescott would benefit from an official Dark Sky Designation as Flagstaff and other surrounding Cities have done. This would assist our Tourism and Wildlife. It would keep us in line with the Yavapai County Comprehensive Plan. In order to achieve the Designation, we would need to include commercial areas along with residential.</p>	<p>Planning: Dark Skies is discussed in Chapter 3: Great Places and Neighborhoods with goal to become a Dark Sky Community. The cities Land Development Code already requires dark sky compliance for multi-family, commercial and industrial uses. It will need to be amended to include residential and educate the public on what will be required to become a designated Dark Sky Community.</p>
213	<p>Pg 78 reference Complete Streets and Vision Zero, which are great standards to be working toward. I think it would also be beneficial to reference the AARP Livability/Walkability standards as we have a high number of retired citizens and these improvements will help everyone. There are also grant opportunities that the city should take advantage of for some of the traffic safety/pedestrian/bicycling improvements that we desire. If we don't get selected, no loss, if we do, money may be involved</p>	<p>Nothing to update</p>
214	<p>Pg 74 Parks and Recreation. It seems that there should be a goal/strategy in this section to get to a point where the lakes can be swimmable as this would be a big boost for not just the locals but tourists/visitors. This is mentioned as something to strive for in the Water Quality section (Pg 31 Goal 1) but seems it should be reiterated to an extent here as well.</p>	<p>PW: broadening recreation opportunities is mentioned on pg. 75 S2.4, but swimming is not explicitly mentioned</p>

215	<p>I am concerned that the Granite Creek Trail located between Gurley and Willis Streets, completed in December of 2023 is not among the important recreational sites listed anywhere. Nor any plan for diverse outdoor art. These are significant omissions with major impact not only in livability but also on economics. People visit locales that are art destinations. Let's make Prescott one. Let's invite folks to turn onto Highway 69 from 17 rather than continuing north.</p>	<p>PW: The use of the term Greenways (pg65-66) would include Granite Creek Trail, among others.</p>
216	<p>Pg 74 - Parks and Recreation goals and strategies. It would be good to see the push for more dog parks in the city. There used to be 2 but now just one (Beneful). I would love to see the area on the East side of Granite Creek Park that isn't used as frequently, turned into 2 small dog park areas (one for bigger dogs, another for littles, and kept as grass not the artificial turf that gets too hot for a good portion of the year.</p>	<p>Broadening recreation opportunities is mentioned on pg. 75 S2.4, but no specific uses are mentioned. This would be an item to add to an updated Recreation Plan.</p>
217	<p>Pg 63: Avoid the use of condescending comments (" Involving residents in decision-making processes to ensure all interests are considered and broad consensus can be sought"). Consider all stakeholders.....and that all opinions can be considered, as practically "broad consensus" may take an awful long time.</p>	<p>Planning: Arizona Revised Statutes and the City Land Development Code requires citizen outreach for certain applications. Public input is always appreciated and considered by decision makers.</p>
218	<p>Pg 88: I strongly agree that Ind, Comm and residential must be balanced. Now starts the hard work in the plan as to what is the right balance for us in Prescott. What do best practice cities have in their balance? Where can a citizen find this type of information in this plan?</p>	<p>Planning: Is addressed in Chapter 3 Great Places and neighborhoods and the Future Land Use Map</p>
219	<p>Land Use to include a mix of commercial, industrial, and economic development zones that take advantage of Regional, State, and Federal funding. If services and tourism are driving forces behind Prescott's economy- affordable housing and adequate employment must be dealt with.</p>	<p>Planning: Is addressed in Chapter 3 Great Places and neighborhoods and the Future Land Use Map</p>
220	<p>It is important to zone downtown so that on its main shopping/entertainment street small businesses thrive. Realty offices and banks can both function on side streets. If they proliferate in the retail spaces in the downtown it will dilute and weaken the appeal to town visitors and the experience for shoppers, etc.</p>	<p>Too specific for a General Plan. The zoning in the downtown area is DTB (Downtown Business) which would need to be amended to remove those uses. Historically, realty offices and banks are located in downtown areas.</p>

221	<p>I have always found it bizarre that Prescott doesn't have either a public pool or a lake we can freely swim in. That is a major tourism attraction and a major service for locals. Whatever we invest in these efforts will be ROI'd in short order with quality of life improvements all around. Kids need to be outdoors and more community programs for kids (outdoors) in and out of water would make growing up here even better. (speaking as one with two teens)</p>	<p>Pg 74 See Goal 1Recognize greater recreation potential. Act on this potential to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors and make improvements, where needed, to current facilities. Can also be part of the update of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.</p>
222	<p>Proponents of max growth argue the increased tax base but most of those taxes are consumed by supplying the basics to the bigger population (more roads, hospitals, services, emergency, etc) and so the growth = greater tax revenue is both true (literally) and a fallacy (operationally). We grew too much too fast. We need a hard pause... to see what it is we've done for/to ourselves. Assess, and then strategically proceed into a future we choose and not just one we bungle into blindly.</p>	<p>See ARS 12-1134 Private Property Rights Protection Act approved by the voters in 2006</p>
223	<p>Excellent comment. AND IF all future builds are efficiently built, then affordable housing can be also livable housing in that people will be able to be comfortable for modest utility expenses as waste is designed out of future construction options.</p>	<p>See ARS 12-1134 Private Property Rights Protection Act approved by the voters in 2006</p>
224	<p>Affordable low-income housing: Prescott needs a specific strategy to address the needs of its low-come citizens, whether working poor, disabled or seniors on small fixed incomes . Many Prescott residents are facing current and very vulnerable future housing due to a shortage of low-income housing stock, the rising cost of housing and lack of community leadership interest. Increased homelessness and related problems will only increase if this vital need remains unaddressed.</p>	<p>See Workforce Housing Section Pg 103-114</p>
225	<p>Prescott should strive to create age-friendly communities that consider the needs of people at all life stages. Such communities are well-designed and livable. They promote health and sustain economic growth for residents of all ages and ability levels. Land-use patterns, housing, and transportation systems influence public health and environmental quality. Failure to adequately plan land use and infrastructure can mean that residents must spend hours traveling long distances.</p>	<p>Pg. 63 Land Use and Growth Areas</p>
226	<p>AARP also supports options in transportation – walking, biking, public transportation, and roadways. To this end, AARP offers a Bike Audit Tool Kit and a Walk Audit Tool Kit to assist local policy-makers in ensuring communities are safe for walkers and bikers. Both Tool Kits will assist Prescott as you work towards Strategy 2.2 under Goals and Implementation Strategies.</p>	<p>Nothing to update</p>

227	AARP is pleased to see a detailed section of the draft 2025 General Plan on Pedestrian and Bicycle Goals and Strategies. As mentioned previously, AARP has produced both a Walk Audit and Bike Audit tool kit which may be helpful as Prescott works to implement these goals.	Nothing to update
228	AARP commends Prescott for including Strategy 6.1 under Goal 6. Identifying opportunities to create new pedestrian connections between residential neighborhoods and commercial and service locations will enhance the walkability of Prescott and bring an additional transportation choice to these residential communities.	Nothing to update
229	AARP also commends the inclusion of Parks and Recreation Goals and Strategies in the draft 2025 General Plan. Lakes, open spaces, parks, trails and greenways are vital parts of a livable community.	Nothing to update
230	I suspect that individual who "dislikes" the AARP comments is someone who feels that AARP is an "outsider" and, thus, not welcome to comment. Be that as it may, I can't otherwise imagine that the disliking individual actually doesn't support our lakes, open spaces, parks, trails, and greenways (as part of a livable community). Those are precisely the natural reasons many of us live here! Those elements (e.g., the unique granite dells) and the lovely downtown are our bread and butter.	Nothing to update
231	AARP finds that communities with robust public spaces—such as parks, community centers, and public libraries—are the most livable. These spaces bring a sense of community and social belonging. They belong to everyone, regardless of age, income, and background. Parks, in particular, can improve community members' mental and physical health. They can also enhance the environmental quality of a community. AARP commends the inclusion of robust parks, lake access and open spaces in the 2025 Plan.	Nothing to update
232	GREEN HOUSING CODE IMPROVEMENTS - for more efficient, more comfortable homes. Demand-side improvements. GREEN RETROFITS - I can help families with workshops and walkthroughs. ROOFTOP SOLAR incentives and ease of permitting (moderate demand on grid) Supply-side improvements. TOURISM - Pedestrian Sundays (weekends?): Goodwin, Gurley, Cortez. GRANITE DELLS REGIONAL PARK - place Prescott on national tourism map. CREEK-SIDE BUSINESSES - cafes, eateries, etc. all alongside urban creeks (restored)	Nothing to update

233	<p>TREE CITY USA - I run Tree Campus at PC. I proposed T-City; I can help. DARK SKY - yes! PEDESTRIAN SUNDAYS - Gurley, Cortez, Goodwin (close off to traffic) - watch local businesses on square flourish! Watch community come together. RESTORE URBAN CREEKS - Prescott College is restoring our creek - a demonstration project. We can teach others and help. Restored creeks mean stormH2O mitigation, reduced pollution, wildlife habitat, reduced erosion, wildfire mitigation, beauty, enhanced tourism.</p>	Nothing to update
234	<p>A bit more about Pedestrian Sundays. Many major cities around the world have fought deeply entrenched business concerns about creating pedestrian byways in town center. Visionary leaders (famously Curitiba, Brazil) created them anyway. Now, all businesses are clamoring for pedestrian throughways to pass their businesses too. There's nothing more valuable to a business than a slow-moving pedestrian with a wallet. Zooming-by cars are not their customers. Our downtown can get on the national map.</p>	Nothing to update
235	<p>Great Places and Neighborhoods: Separate foot paths from bicycle paths---heavy use mountain-type bicycle riding seems to be eroding footpaths making them less safe and less enjoyable.</p>	Nothing to update
236	<p>Page 81: Dark Sky Goals & Implementation: We proudly support this concept but feel the City needs to be more specific. Consider the language requiring downward-facing lighting in Yavapai County's lighting code. Reducing nighttime lighting, at least during spring and fall bird migration periods, has become a national standard. Look at the "Light Out Program" from Cornell University. (In particular, we could better manage the ball field lights in the City parks.)</p>	In order to become a designated Dark Sky Committee, an update to the Land Development Code would be required and lots of education to residents, especially residential areas as to what needs to be done to be designated.
237	<p>Dark Skies: I urge the city to pursue Dark Skies Certification and to act to protect and enhance our nighttime skies as mentioned on pp. 80-81. Regarding security lights (more accurately, insecurity lights), inappropriate lighting produces glare in addition to light pollution. Glare diminishes both safety and appreciation of our wonderful universe. Outdoor lights should shine on the ground, not upwards or horizontally. From my personal observations, the worst lighting offenders are city and school recreation facilities, which generally have unshielded lights. From my backyard, I can see the glare of the lights for the fields next to the dog park and at Heritage Park. I also hope the city educates residents about the pitfalls of inappropriate lighting.</p>	Nothing to update
238	<p>I am in favor of Dark Sky designation and actions, though the plan should mention the negative effects of bright lights on wildlife (e.g., migratory birds, moths, etc.). Bright lights contribute to disorientation and mortality of many animals.</p>	In order to become a designated Dark Sky Committee, an update to the Land Development Code would be required and lots of education to residents, especially residential areas as to what needs to be done to be designated.

239	<p>Regarding lighting: I think one important aspect that should be added is that park and stadium lights should have shields that direct their light downward where it will actually be beneficial. Many park and stadium lights in the area let half their light go out to the sides and up where it degrades our night sky and fails to contribute to where it is wanted. I hope this addition can be considered, but in general I support what is in the plan.</p>	<p>In order to become a designated Dark Sky Committee, an update to the Land Development Code would be required and lots of education to residents, especially residential areas as to what needs to be done to be designated.</p>
240	<p>1. Add the following wording in the section on Dark Sky, Glare and Lighting- "The city council will begin serious discussion regarding moving Prescott to become a Dark Sky Community. Direct staff to prepare a presentation to the city council on what obtaining this designation would entail."</p>	<p>In order to become a designated Dark Sky Committee, an update to the Land Development Code would be required and lots of education to residents, especially residential areas as to what needs to be done to be designated.</p>
241	<p>Chpt. 3: I am in favor of Dark Sky designation and actions, though the plan should mention the negative effects of bright lights on wildlife (e.g., migratory birds, moths, etc.). Bright lights contribute to disorientation and mortality of many animals.</p>	<p>Will update in plan</p>
242	<p>The land at the end of the airport runway must be classified as an Airport Impact Zone or something similar. It is NOT functional natural open space.</p>	<p>Planning: In Chapter 4 under airport, Strategy 2.4 (pg 116) is to adopt the proposed Airport Vicinity Overlay District (AVO) into the Land Development Code to protect the airport from incompatible uses per impact zones and noise contours.</p>
243	<p>Page 116: "Strategy 2.5 Acquire property at the north and south ends of Runway 3R-21L to accommodate runway extension, and protect for One Engine Inoperative aircraft operation." Good objective, but after it's done, don't call it Natural Open Space. These are safety or crash zones.</p>	<p>Planning: In Chapter 4 under airport, Strategy 2.4 (pg 116) is to adopt the proposed Airport Vicinity Overlay District (AVO) into the Land Development Code to protect the airport from incompatible uses per impact zones and noise contours.</p>
244	<p>"Page 75, Goal 2: Establish recreation strategies for Willow, Watson, and Goldwater lakes to continually improve and enhance these assets for both residents and visitors." Add a strategy to work with Prescott Audubon and/or Arizona Game and Fish to enhance wildlife habitat and prevent recreation conflicts with wildlife needs.</p>	<p>Can add to plan</p>
245	<p>Page 65. Commendable wording: "Open space areas are passive recreational land that conserve natural and scenic community resources and bars land uses that would obstruct those resources or jeopardize unique features of the land, such as protected plants, wildlife, and archaeology. Open space is land with conservation values that qualify it to be preserved permanently from development. . . ." All good!</p>	<p>Nothing to address</p>
246	<p>The Lakes section mentions "fish-spawning habitat" but completely ignores one of the most important wildlife and recreational resources we have in the city: Watson and Willow Ecosystems Important Bird Area (IBA). Recreation is more than boating and fishing. Birding should be recognized as a powerful economic engine and quality-of-life amenity for city residents and visitors.</p>	<p>Can add under Recreation on Pg. 73-74</p>

247	<p>Page 76: Trails & Greenways Goals: Strategy 2.3 needs to be broadened. In the past, trail design disregarded any consideration for wildlife. After trails were added, high-value bird species such as the Zone-tailed Hawk and Common Black Hawk abandoned nest sites due to the stress of additional human activity on trails near those nests. This is an issue beyond just the YTA and Bike Alliance and should include bringing passive-activity values and wildlife concerns to the planning of trails.</p>	<p>This is an issue that could be part of an Open Space Commission</p>
248	<p>More striped, dedicated bike lanes. Increase the connections and breadth of trails around the granite creek greenway, the eventual goal to have it as the hub for multiple corridors to the circle trail and lakes esp. White Spar and Watson Lake. Include edible plants/bushes/fruit trees in city parks/corridors with less chemical intense maintenance. Adopt more mechanical invasive species removal and native habitat restoration. Expand, trail connect and preserve Dells for nature tourism.</p>	<p>This is an issue that could be part of an Open Space Commission</p>
249	<p>Bicycling safety problems: As a former bicycling safety instructor, I am concerned that bicycle infrastructure very often introduces unrecognized hazards. For example, (a) bike lanes on steep downhill sections of roads, where bicycle traffic should not be restricted to a narrow strip at the edge of the roadway; (b) "coffin corner" intersections, where straight through bicycle traffic is directed to the edge of the road and right-turning traffic is encouraged to stay left until the turn is made, which results in their paths crossing dangerously; and (c) "door zone" hazards (fortunately rare in Prescott), where cyclists are encouraged to ride within the area that can suddenly be blocked by an opened door of a parked vehicle.</p>	<p>Should be brought to City's Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Traffic Advisory Committee's attention</p>
250	<p>The city should stop encouraging cyclists to ride too close to the edge of the road but instead should inform them about assertive safety practices. Education of cyclists, motorists and police officers is a critical need. Unfortunately, inappropriate infrastructure encourages less-safe habits and serves as "anti-education."</p>	<p>Should be brought to City's Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Traffic Advisory Committee's attention</p>
251	<p>Create an affordable recreation facility that provides activities for older adults and for families - an indoor aquatic center and rec center. Cottonwood has a great example of one that isn't overpriced.</p>	<p>Would be part of a City Recreation Plan</p>
252	<p>Chpt. 3: Page 65. Commendable wording: "Open space areas are passive recreational land that conserve natural and scenic community resources and bars land uses that would obstruct those resources or jeopardize unique features of the land, such as protected plants, wildlife, and archaeology. Open space is land with conservation values that qualify it to be preserved permanently from development. In contrast to intensive recreation facilities (e.g., parks, ball fields), open space implies land that is preserved in a natural, or near-natural, condition where activity is passive and on trails (e.g., hiking, running, bicycling and horseback riding). Supporting recreational facilities in open space areas are typically limited to trails, picnic areas, interpretive facilities, restrooms, and parking lots."</p>	<p>Nothing to address</p>

253	Chpt. 3: “Page 75, Goal 2: Establish recreation strategies for Willow, Watson, and Goldwater lakes to continually improve and enhance these assets for both residents and visitors.” Add a strategy to work with Prescott Audubon and/or Arizona Game and Fish to enhance wildlife habitat and prevent recreation conflicts with wildlife needs.	See PG 60 under Strategies for Wildlife Corridors
254	Chpt. 3: “Strategy 2.3 Implement a forestry plan for parks and open space including invasive species removal and vegetation control where necessary to protect water quality. ” Add the 9 words in bold. This is consistent with my previous recommendation to control plant regeneration when lake levels are low so that rising lake levels later don’t kill all that biomass and create anoxic conditions in the lakes.	Will update in plan
255	I think the Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation section(P77), including goals and strategies should be moved to Chapter 2: A Community Connected. Specifically, I think the Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation section(P77), including goals and strategies should be moved to Chapter 2: A Community Connected. Pedestrian and Bicycle facilities are integral parts of our transportation system, they are contemplated and provided for in roadway design and other aspects of transportation planning.Having them listed below recreation in Chapter 3: Great Places and Neighborhoods trivializes their importance to our transportation system, and does not recognize how vitally important they are to other goals of improving air and water quality, reducing congestion, and improving quality of life.	GP Committee to comment on
256	It seems like a goal of the plan was to have five balanced chapters, but A Community Connected started getting too big, so pedestrian and bicycle circulation was randomly plucked out and moved to Chapter 3. I think it would make more sense to move “Open Space” from Chapter 2 to chapter three “Great Places” P65 LAND USE already has a section about open space	GP Committee to comment on. Making neighborhoods more accessible for bicycled and walking do create great places and neighborhoods.
257	P74 PARKS AND RECREATION GOALS AND STRATEGIES Strategy1.4 should have more detail on when and how often the park master plan gets updated	Not information that would be in a General Plan.
258	P75 Strategy 1.9 needs detail on who should work together to do this,and how to get it done, back to the issue of needing to form an open space advisory committee. TRAILS AND GREENWAYS another bulleted point / priority should be completing the connection between the Downtown Greenways trails and the Peavine / Dells trails	Not information that would be in a General Plan. Too specific.
259	P76 Trails and Greenways Strategies Strategy 2.1a Continue to work with Prescott Alternative Transportation and other non profits to secure funding for trails that contribute to Prescott’s off street transportation system. Note Strategy 2.4 is another place where it is suggested to create an open space commission.	Nothing to update
260	P77 Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation: The second paragraph also suggests this section should be in chapter 2 “A Community Connected” when it states “ Offstreet multi-use paths, like our Granite Creek Greenways Trail, should be considered an integral part of the transportation system, as they can supplement our onstreet provisions.” The third paragraph says: “The Prescott Circle trail is a 56-mile non-motorized trail that circumnavigates a good part of the city, BUT popular trailheads are located at almost any compass point from the downtown plaza.” ... The BUT should probably be changed to “and”	Will review for any needed updates.

261	<p>P79 Goal 2 Goal 2: "Accommodate multimodal transportation options in new development" add "and roadways". Strategy 2 .2 Include bikeways, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities/lanes consistent with the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan in the design of all new roadways, where feasible. Strike the "where feasible", it is inconceivable that bicycle and pedestrian facilities could not be included in new roadway construction.</p>	<p>PW to respond to</p>
262	<p>P81 Dark Sky Strategy 1 .5 Consider the retrofit City facilities to DarkSkycompliant lighting as renovations occur, subject to funding availability and public safety considerations. Note the vintage streetlights in the downtown area could be retrofitted as simply as painting the tops of the light globes, experimentation with innovative low cost solutions should be added as a strategy.</p>	<p>Nothing to update. All lights will be reviewed when being considered becoming a Dark Sky Community.</p>
263	<p>P100 Strategy 4 .3 Create an administrative approval process for the review of new developments which maximize efficient use of existing and planned infrastructure and encourage options for all modes of transportation and Complete Streets designs. Strategy 4 .4 Encourage location and clustering of government facilities at designated urban nodes to reduce traffic impacts, support all modes of transportation with Complete Streets designs, and encourage pedestrian- friendly public spaces. There should be a goal / strategy somewhere for the City of Prescott to adopt a complete streets policy, and stop tip-toeing around the concept.</p>	<p>Complete Streets is in Chpt. 3 Pg 78. Pg 79 Goal 2 Strategy 2.4</p>
265	<p style="text-align: center;">Chpt. 4 Economic Competitiveness and Prosperity</p>	
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267	<p>Great introduction page on Land Use to start the section on Economic Competitiveness - well done. On page 86 there should be a statement that we must develop a tax revenue model for the land and the uses projected for the City. We are a bounded City on 3 sides and have limited land without annexation. The model should be completed without annexation and produce a greater understanding of the revenues available for funding the City today and into the future. The plan should answer the questions..</p>	<p>Too specific for a General Plan. Would be more appropriate for the Economic Development Strategic Plan</p>
268	<p>Present City Council has made great progress in slowing previous unabated & unsustainable growth. City Code should be ratified to prevent the possibility of any future administration from returning to Big Developer biases & increased growth rate, as well as to increase the term of developer responsibility for infrastructure upkeep & repairs, from 2 to 10 or 15 years. Thus City is relieved of the of the unusual short term responsibility & citizens are not unduly taxed by developer 'short cuts'.</p>	<p>Planning: Public Works typically requires Financial Assurances for public infrastructure components. These monies are usually held for the period of 2-years.</p>

269	pg 67: Develop a public private partnership for the purpose of addressing deferred maintenance for buildings in and around Courthouse Sq. Develop a process for awarding grants to building owners to arrest the decay of downtown.	This would probably be more under Economic Development and Competitiveness. The Chamber of Commerce or Prescott Downtown Partnership would be a good pass through for grants or other montary help due to gifting clauses in State Statutes.
270	Incentives to commercial and industry (lower rent or sales costs) to occupy vacant land within the city to expand services, increase employment, and utilize land more strategically.	See Pg 91 Strategy 4.4 <i>Create an Economic Development Incentives policy that is in line with the Gift Clause court ruling.</i>
271	The Tourism Advisory Council (TAC) MUST have EXPLICIT requirements for all events requesting funds, including financial statements and marketing plans from applicants. The purpose of the grants and contracts for bed tax distributions is that the majority of funds be used for marketing to markets 90 miles outside the Prescott area. If TAC isn't seeing the marketing plans how do they know the funds are used as intended? Audits of all these funds should be mandatory to ensure proper use.	Not something to be addressed in General Plan.
272	ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS SHOULD NOT MEAN attract strip malls and anchor stores. DO NOT PRESCOTT VALLEY MY PRESCOTT! We don't need big business to support small businesses. Become creative, rather than waiting for big business to bring in smaller business. We should be self sufficient and support all businesses, regardless.	See Pg 91 Goal 3: <i>Actively recruit commerce and appropriate industry.</i>
273	This comment is for the land use map. On the City of Prescott Land Use General Plan, in addition to "Open Space" and "Recreation" an "Aircraft Impact Zone (AIZ) designation should be added to help the public understand the special purpose for the open land adjacent to the airport.	Planning: In Chapter 4 under airport, Strategy 2.4 (pg 116) is to adopt the proposed Airport Vicinity Overlay District (AVO) into the Land Development Code to protect the airport from incompatible uses per impact zones and noise contours.
274	There is a clear distinction between acquiring land for airport protection and expansion and acquiring land for open space and recreational activities. As a tool to determine the appropriate land use around the airport, the use of specific Airport Impact Zones is introduced. The Airport Impact Zones (AIZ) are widely adopted and recommended by the FAA to protect airports from encroaching non-compatible land uses. Please add Airport Impact Zones to the Land Use category of the General Plan.	Planning: In Chapter 4 under airport, Strategy 2.4 (pg 116) is to adopt the proposed Airport Vicinity Overlay District (AVO) into the Land Development Code to protect the airport from incompatible uses per impact zones and noise contours.
275	Chpt. 2: The land at the end of the airport runway must be classified as an Airport Impact Zone or something similar. It is NOT functional natural open space.	Planning: In Chapter 4 under airport, Strategy 2.4 (pg 116) is to adopt the proposed Airport Vicinity Overlay District (AVO) into the Land Development Code to protect the airport from incompatible uses per impact zones and noise contours.
276	Increase short term rental (Airbnb etc) sales surcharge. Put those monies towards help fund housing for PD, so we get needed police recruits.	TPT taxes are collected by the State.

277	Let's get flights to Phoenix from our Airport	Nothing to address
278	Develop a public private partnership to actively recruit businesses to Prescott. Prioritize the industries that we would like to have as community partners. Appoint a task force to raise the energy around economic development and incentivize the task force.	See Pg 91 Goal 4: <i>Incentivize commerce and industry, including small businesses, to locate, retain, and/or expand in Prescott while remaining within the confines of the Gift Clause ruling as noted in the Arizona State Constitution, Article 9, Section 7</i>
279	People rightly speak about unaffordable housing but much of the expense results from inefficient design and high utilities. Creating Green building codes will save resources AND allow people to better afford to live here (while being more comfortable). AND, YES YES to the safe and spacious wildlife corridors. The wildlife and open space is WHY WE ARE HERE!! wonderful comment.	Nothing to update
280	Long commutes, in turn, result in less access to high-quality jobs and workers. They also reduce time for leisure, family, and civic activities. People who must drive long distances for work, food, or health care can suffer the health consequences of being more sedentary or isolated. These consequences can include depression, dementia, heart disease, obesity, and diabetes. And the financial cost of long commutes can effectively add to the cost of housing.	See Workforce Housing Pg 103-114
281	Pg 108 – Housing Affordability in Prescott – Comparing Prescott housing to that in Prescott Valley, Dewey, and Chino Valley is apples to oranges. Prescott has a more challenging hillside geography, homes and lot sizes are larger, and residents have higher income levels. The relatively flat rural lands of the Town of Prescott Valley, Dewey, and Chino Valley are less expensive to purchase, cheaper to build upon, and more financially available to young homeowners esp those with children. Do I want Prescott to look like Prescott Valley? No, if I had desired to live in Prescott Valley that is where I would have made my purchase. We are returning to the supply and demand market, not the policy driven market forcing communities to look like planners think they should look like. The current Prescott plan to develop affordable housing using federal funding grants may soon not be available as subsidies with the new administration immediately planning to reduce the national budget by two trillion dollars. Recognition should be given in the General Plan of the limitations that HOA's may have placed on the use of planned communities for affordable housing such as increased density and ADU's. I find no mention of the Homeowners Associations that control the use and development of the planned communities through CCR contracts with their members.	Nothing to address
282	Pg. 108 Also not mentioned are the negative impacts of the proliferation of Air BNB's on the availability of affordable housing and on reducing the long term rental housing inventory. The General Plan should note the need for future attention to this developing problem.	This needs to be addressed at the state level and needs changes in Arizona Revised Statutes. Not anything we can address in a General Plan.

283	<p>AARP supports mixed land use to ensure a broad range of housing types in the community. AARP has produced a Missing Middle Housing guidebook. We encourage the Council and any Community Housing Development Organization (as noted in Strategy 1.2, Resiliency Land Use Goals and Strategies) to incorporate recommendations from the guidebook as Prescott seeks to increase the number of affordable homes for people of all ages.</p>	<p>See Workforce Housing Pg 103-114</p>
284	<p>Pg 92: We are in the time of competing visions and missions within the City. Here we Tourism's Vision and Mission, which might be subordinate to the General Plans Vision (and Mission), that might itself be subordinate to the City Strategy and its vision/mission. Basic rule of planning is that there is one vision and mission, and all subdivisions/departments/initiative will be subordinate and contribute to the lead plan. Council/staff need to clarify the planning heirarchy!!</p>	<p>Most of the Visions, Goals and Strategies are from the departments Strategic Plans. The General Plan and Strategic Plans are different documents. General Plans is the 30,000 ft. view, approved by the voters, and updated every 10 yrs. Strategic Plans are the "boots on the ground" documents provided by different department, approved by City Council, and reviewed every 1-3 yrs.</p>
285	<p>Pg 90. Lets get real and answer the question as to what commercial and industrial businesses that we specifically want to encourage coming to Prescott. Build on the strengths we have.....aeronautical technologies; natural environment; xeriscape technologies; cybersecurity; agriculture in high desert areas; etc. This part of the chapter needs to dovetail with the emergent economic development plan and this action should be taken over the next few weeks so that we have integrated/cohesive approach</p>	<p>Too specific for a General Plan.</p>
286	<p>The following statement should be added near the beginning of this chapter: "Prescott residents should have a range of choices with respect to meeting important economic basic needs in the areas of housing, food, health care, utilities, transportation, education, and internet access."</p>	<p>Addressed in Introduction to document.</p>
287	<p>Page 103. I think Affordable or Available Housing is a better term than Workforce Housing.</p>	<p>It was named Workforce Housing since it was the City of Prescott Workforce Housing Committee that created the language and is the committee created to work on this issue.</p>
288	<p>Page 100: Goal 5: Promote effective management and mitigation of negative growth impacts such as light pollution, loss of landscaping, site disturbance, erosion, construction on hilltops, ridgelines, and the loss of open space. Add "and wildlife habitat."</p>	<p>Can add to plan</p>
289	<p>Don't limit "economic development" to downtown commercial development! Remember and acknowledge nature-based tourism.</p>	<p>Reached out to Tourism if "Nature-Based Tourism" is being used more often in the industry. Noted that Eco-tourism is the Goal of the City. Ecotourism places a strong emphasis on conservation and sustainability, aiming to minimize the negative impacts on the environment and support local communities. It often involves educational and informative activities, such as guided tours and wildlife observation, with the goal of raising awareness and promoting responsible travel.</p>

290	Economic Development and Tourism misses a key aspect that must be added to the plan: nature-based tourism. Use that term rather than “ecotourism,” which is a subset of nature-based tourism but does not include mountain biking, boating, sailing, cross-country running, etc.). Nature-based tourism, including hiking and birding, can be a huge economic driver, and it fits in beautifully with the quality-of-life amenities, like open space, that are mentioned elsewhere.	Reached out to Tourism if "Nature-Based Tourism" is being used more often in the industry. Noted that Eco-tourism is the Goal of the City. Ecotourism places a strong emphasis on conservation and sustainability, aiming to minimize the negative impacts on the environment and support local communities. It often involves educational and informative activities, such as guided tours and wildlife observation, with the goal of raising awareness and promoting responsible travel.
291	We support your concept of infill housing and higher-density housing. Large lots with individual homes take land away from open space and replaces wildlife with pets. In addition, we would like to see language in building codes requiring retention of native vegetation and minimizing the stripping of lots down to bare soil.	Nothing to address
292	Chpt. 4: Economic Development and Tourism misses a key aspect that must be added to the plan: nature-based tourism. Use that term rather than “ecotourism,” which is a subset of nature-based tourism but does not include mountain biking, boating, sailing, cross-country running, etc.). Nature-based tourism, including hiking and birding, can be a huge economic driver, and it fits in beautifully with the quality-of-life amenities, like open space, that are mentioned elsewhere. Don’t limit “economic development” to downtown commercial development!	Ecotourism and nature tourism are both forms of tourism that focus on experiencing and appreciating the natural environment. However, there are some key differences between the two. Ecotourism places a strong emphasis on conservation and sustainability, aiming to minimize the negative impacts on the environment and support local communities. It often involves educational and informative activities, such as guided tours and wildlife observation, with the goal of raising awareness and promoting responsible travel. On the other hand, nature tourism is a broader term that encompasses any form of tourism that involves visiting natural areas. While it also involves appreciating and enjoying nature, it may not necessarily prioritize conservation or have a strong educational component. Overall, ecotourism can be seen as a more responsible and conscious form of nature tourism. https://thisvsthat.io/ecotourism-vs-nature-tourism
293	Chpt. 4: Page 100: Goal 5: Promote effective management and mitigation of negative growth impacts such as light pollution, loss of landscaping, site disturbance, erosion, construction on hilltops, ridgelines, and the loss of open space. Add “and wildlife habitat.”	Planning: Will add to plan
294	P91 Strategy 2.2 Pursue the development of more robust broadband service... I Strongly support this, and think greater emphasis should be placed on expanding the scope of “other agencies” should be expanded to foundations, grants, government programs, etc.	Nothing to address
295	P95 Goal 4: Enhance the character and ambiance of the downtown. Strategy 4 .1 Develop and implement additional functional and aesthetic improvements within the downtown. Such improvements should include the continuation of landscaping, streetscape improvements, and pedestrian circulation improvements. Strongly agree.	Nothing to address
296	P99 GROWTH MANAGEMENT GOALS AND STRATEGIES Strategy 1 .2 In cooperation with property owners, preserve and connect green belts, riparian areas, and wildlife corridors and continue the acquisition of targeted open space parcels. There should also be a strategy to preserve and connect multi modal trails that contribute to our transportation system.	Will update in plan
297	Pg. 99 Goal 2: Pursue strategies to preserve and enhance the unique historic and pedestrian character of downtown. Strategy 2 .1 Promote higher density, mixed uses, multi-modal connectivity, and pedestrian amenities in the downtown and surrounding areas. Strategy 2 .2 Revise traffic circulation patterns, on-street parking, pedestrian paths, landscaping, and outdoor commercial areas to enhance the visitor experience. Strongly agree	Nothing to address

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305 **Chpt. 5 Community Quality**

306	BECOME REGION THAT REQUIRES EMISSIONS TESTING - too many Diesel Dans and Dually Debbies in the area coal rolling and spewing particulates that are worse than forest fire smoke	Planning: ADEQ is responsible for the emissions testing program and laws.
307	Pg 70 and a few other places reference Prescott Center for the Arts as one of the great things in our community. Unfortunately, unless it is saved, it will be gone before this plan is final approved. I do hope the city along with some philanthropists can save this arts center in some form at its current location.	Planning: Property is for sale and can address if sold and use changes before adoption.
308	Lack of Healthcare Services should be addressed in General Plan.	Planning: Healthcare is discussed under Chapter 5: Community Quality on page 128
309	Yes, we do have a hospital, but healthcare is notoriously difficult to get here- I mean QUALITY healthcare. I hear often from people who cannot get an appointment with a physician or wait as much as a year to get an appointment. The city needs more family partitioners and ones that take Medicare. If we want families here, we need to provide accessible, affordable healthcare.	
310	Ensure adequate oversight of healthcare providers by ensuring full board participation, meeting all Federal Qualified Health Center Standards.	Nothing to address in General Plan
311	Pay our Public Safety personnel living wages! No more hiring from N. Phoenix.	Fire: We appreciate the support of our dedicated public safety employees. The City of Prescott aims to offer market-competitive wages that align with the Consumer Price Index and wages of comparable departments across the state. This goal is challenging due to the difficulties and costs associated with securing workforce housing. Most of our public safety employees reside in Yavapai County and, in many cases, have grown up in this area. Fire agencies in the Phoenix metro area generally offer slightly higher average salaries, largely due to their larger populations and the size of their departments. We are actively working with the council to ensure that our wages remain competitive, our standards remain high, and that firefighters can afford to live in the community they serve. While wages are essential, we are also committed to fostering a positive employee culture and exploring adjustments to work schedules to help attract and retain the high-quality workforce that our residents expect.
312	Library is excellent- welcoming and busy.	Nothing to address
313	The library offers wonderful services to our community. Thank you!	Nothing to address

314	<p>Youth Programs should only list those provided by the City of Prescott. (Launch Pad and Boys & Girls Club are not City run). Also consider listing Adult programs, "Citizen Participation Programs." Some to consider are Library programs for all ages, Recreation Services Nature Niños, Junior Rangers, Teen Task Force, SNAP Special Needs Activity Program, Sports programs, Trekabout Hiking Club, and the City Manager's Citizen's Academy. Check with other departments for their outreach.</p>	<p>Planning: Will review the groups and add to updated draft</p>
315	<p>Teen Task Force is a free City of Prescott program that should be added under the Youth Programs Section along with Nature Ninos and Junior Rangers. Teen Task Force is a free teen program that seeks to enhance the community for current and future generations through fun and safe volunteering, peer support, and personal growth activities for local youth.</p>	<p>Planning: We will add the Teen Task Force in updated draft</p>
316	<p>The FREE Prescott Junior Ranger Program should be added under Nature Ninos in the Youth Programs section. Junior Rangers help protect Prescott by following the Appreciate AZ Leave No Trace Principles, and learning about our ecology, culture, history, and outdoors. Download your FREE Junior Ranger Guidebook and City Passport. Visit at least 7 of the passport sites, then return to the Prescott Visitor Center or Recreation Services to earn your own Junior Ranger Badge.</p>	<p>Planning: We will update the list in the draft</p>
317	<p>As the Prescott population ages, the costs of providing care and services to individuals with cognitive decline, related dementia, or both will likely increase. This significantly impacts the health and quality of life of individuals and their families. And it strains health resources. A functioning public health system and infrastructure are vital in promoting and maintaining health.</p>	<p>Nothing to address.</p>
318	<p>There is and has been a Caregiving Crisis in America & The World happening and building up for a long time now. Prescott has priced out anyone who isn't rich or isn't living with their parents. The elderly could care less and they are causing their own problems when it comes to having caregivers as they don't want to pay livingwages or vote to help the people who provide these needed services. Prescott & surrounding areas are Not friendly or inclusive to those who don't look like the majority</p>	<p>Nothing to address.</p>

319	Page 131: This page is missing our latest scenic wonder: the Granite Creek Trail Mural right downtown. At 410 feet, it is the longest single contiguous mural by one artist in the state. Presenting renderings of local scenes and over 51 local wildlife species, it is free and accessible to all, and of interest to hikers, bikers, artists, muralists, and educators, residents and visitors alike. Aesthetically and economically beneficial, it behooves us to make sure it is prominently in our Plan.	Will see how to add it on Pg 127 under Art, Culture, Events and Museums
320	Pg 70 and other pages with references to Prescott Center for the Arts (PCA). With it going through closure, not sure if it will be relevant in the plan once ready to be approved. I do hope that the city or other entities can find a way to save it and the location in some form for use in the Arts or other cultural aspects to ensure the integrity of the buildings and use of such in the area are maintained to support the historic preservation aspects where possible.	Will verify, but paper stated new name is "Hazeltine Theatre" and update.
321	P122 EDUCATION GOAL AND STRATEGIES Goal 1: Facilitate and promote the education industry as a vital component of economic development. Strongly Agree	Nothing to address
322	P124 LIBRARY GOALS AND STRATEGIES: a strategy or goal should be added to increase safe, secure, and protected bicycle parking	Can add to Pg 124 Strategy 2.1
323	P127 should add Whiskey Off-road to events https://epicrides.com/events/whiskey-off-road/event-guide/	Will add to plan
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326	Chpt 6 Major Plan Amendments	
327	I suggest replacing what I believe to be the unnecessary draft paragraph B with the following slightly modified provision from the 2015 General Plan: "B. General Plan text amendments that change existing guiding principles or goals or strategies shall constitute a "major plan amendment." Text amendments that are simply complementary, illustrative or otherwise compatible with the existing goals, objectives and policies shall be deemed to not be Major Plan Amendments."	Planning: Will update in draft
328	I suggest modifying paragraph C to read as follows: C. Inclusion of additional territory into the City limits by annexation with the initial zoning thereof as required by ARS Section 9-471.M.* shall not constitute a Plan Amendment. Subsequent rezoning of said additional territory shall be subject to the criteria set forth in Paragraph A above in determining whether such rezoning constitutes a Major Plan Amendment. *Note that the relevant ARS section changed subsequent to 2015	Planning: Will update in draft
329	The current major plan amendment is an improvement over what is in the 2015 plan. However, I would amend this so that any residential category can become another residential category without a major plan amendment. This facilitates work force housing.	Planning: If they want to rezone to allow an increase in density, there are acreage triggers in the Major Plan Amendment chart to determine if it would be a minor or major plan amendment. The acreage was discussed with the GPC based on possible impacts to surrounding areas.

330	Please consider adding the following to the Major Plan Amendment section: D. Major Plan Amendments shall become effective upon ratification by a majority vote of city voters at the next regularly scheduled municipal election or at a special election scheduled at least one hundred twenty days after the City Council adopted the major plan amendment. [This is offered in lieu of the proposed charter amendment the committee recommended last year to the since suspended Charter Review Committee.]	Per ARS 9-461.06. H. The adoption or readoption of the general plan or any amendment to such plan shall be by resolution of the governing body of the municipality, after notice as provided for in subsection E of this section. The adoption or readoption of or a major amendment to the general plan shall be approved by affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the governing body of the municipality. All major amendments to the general plan proposed for adoption by the governing body of a municipality shall be presented at a public hearing held within twelve months after the proposal is made. The general plan, or any amendment to the plan, shall be endorsed in the manner provided by the governing body to show that it has been adopted by the governing body.
336	Chpt. 7 Implementation	
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338	Pg 53: I strongly support the Transit Goals and Strategies and we need to have more punchy strategies and measures of success as well as accountability.	Planning: With the new Implmentation Section, all goals and strategies are listed as short, mid-term, and long term timelines, who is responsible, and when it is completed. This will be updated continuously and located on the website.
339	So glad to see attention paid to Implementation of the plan with timeframes! Let's not have another plan just stuck on the shelf.	Nothing to address
340	The goal of tracking plan implementation is great, however the method remains unclear. It seems the burden of accountability will be entirely on the busy Community Development Staff. And scheduling only one review per year makes it unlikely that sufficient detail will be captured on the tables designed for that purpose. Although staff will "assign stakeholders..." it's unclear that citizen help will be made use of as has been done to this point.	City Departments communicate regularly and will work together to track projects and how certain parts of the plan are being implemented. It will continuously be reviewed and updated.
341	Please insert what follows in the Implementation section of the General Plan: "In a world increasingly awash in misinformation, we will take steps to insure that decisions City of Prescott planners and leaders make are not only consistent with this General Plan, but are based on facts and the best available information.	It is all the Goals and Strategies in the plan stating who is responsible; if it is a short-medium- or long-term goal; and when it is complete. This will be reviewed quarterly with Department Heads to keep track and remind departments about these goals and strategies.
348	Other	
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350	We ask the City to include a statement of support for Wild & Scenic River designation for the Upper Verde River.	Get GP Committee input
351	When birds hit windows, they die. Both commercial and residential windows cause more bird deaths than any other factor, including feral cats and wind and solar projects. Designing glass to reduce reflection is not only possible but becoming mainstream. Consider this from the National Glass Association : Bird-friendly Glass . We support a new building code policy to require bird-friendly glass in all new development and retrofitting of certain City property windows known to incur bird strikes.	Get GP Committee input

352	The 5 segments of Livability allow for a good discussion on each and make the plan somewhat comprehensive. However, It is absolutely incredible that this plan is taking 3 years to complete.	Planning: on the planprescott.com website under "Where we are in the process" has a chart showing the process and explained below the graph.
353	Rodeo Grounds shown as Recreation on future Land Use Map and should be "yellow" as is the existing zoning.	Planning: The Land Use Map is for future planning and is not a zoning map. The General Plan Committee discussed whether it should be designated as High Denisity Residenatil or as Recreation for future rezoning requests. It was agreed to keep it as Recreation so any changes in the zoning will require it to be
354	Future use of the Prescott Fairgrounds aka Rodeo Grounds, this looks like a major plan amendment, considering the Prescott Frontier Days proposed Master Plan. Neighbouring property owners submitted the 'Gail Gardner Neighbourhood Group, Position Statement on Fairgrounds Property' to the City Council. This position statement should be part of the General Plan document. The Land Use map incorrectly shows 'Recreation' yet the land is zoned residential. Should be a proposed major plan amendment?	Planning: The Land Use Map is for future planning and is not a zoning map. The General Plan Committee discussed whether it should be designated as High Denisity Residenatil or as Recreation for future rezoning requests. It was agreed to keep it as Recreation so any changes in the zoning will require it to be a Major Plan Amendment.
355	The Prescott Frontier Days, proposed Fairgrounds Master Plan, is a disaster for the quality of life for the adjacent residential neighbourhoods. Increased noise, traffic, air, waste, etc. as stated in the 'Gail Gardner Neighbourhood Position Statement' provided to the Council. This should be a part of the General Plan and the future use of the Fairgrounds. The Land Use Map indicates Recreation for the property yet the zoning is residential, this is misleading.	Planning: The Land Use Map is for future planning and is not a zoning map. The General Plan Committee discussed whether it should be designated as High Denisity Residenatil or as Recreation for future rezoning requests. It was agreed to keep it as Recreation so any changes in the zoning will require it to be a Major Plan Amendment.
356	The plan document is not arranged to be easy to view the page and then to provide a focused comment on the page. The only easy way I can find is to use 2 computer screens.	Nothing to address
357	How can a Community be Connected when Prescott Frontier Days (PFD) the City's exclusive tenant for the majority of the Fairgrounds is allowed to operate without transparency? No requirement for financial audits, no available business plan, etc? The proposed PFD Master Plan will require millions to achieve, where is the money coming from? The Community cannot be Connected when there is no information available to the public on the current and financial history, of the exclusive tenant?	Planning: Does not seem to be something we can address in General Plan.

358	The key word here is TENANT. PFD, like many other organizations, are tenants of the City. Just like the Boys and Girls Club, they provide something of value to our local families (and quite an economic benefit on top of this!). These are examples of private public partnerships that benefit the community as a whole.	Planning: Does not seem to be something we can address in General Plan.
359	Add language to have planning and policy meetings at hours accessible to working people (i.e. after 5pm)	Planning: This is something that would need to be considered by the City Council to change Commission/Board meeting times.
360	There is no transparency around Deep Well Ranch community plans. It's impossible to find the plans and when you do, they are outdated and do not match what is being done.	Planning: Deep Well Ranch has an approved Master Plan that projects have to comply with.
361	Create direct hyperlinks to neighborhood plans. Make a folder on the city website where folks can find latest approved versions.	Planning: This is planned to be done after the General Plan is prepared for the 2025 ballot. Staff will review and create a list of plans to add to document for reference. General Plan text will be updated to reference a few of the other plans and direct the public to the future document.
362	Pg 64 – Planning Hierarchy – Three SAPs are identified as being of great importance for the future guidance of budgeting for infrastructure, the PEAP, Willow Lake South, and the Airport. No working report links are provided to allow the General Plan reader to understand the SAPs. Working links should be provided in the General Plan document to allow the public access to the information.	Planning: This is planned to be done after the General Plan is prepared for the 2025 ballot. Staff will review and create a list of plans to add to document for reference. General Plan text will be updated to reference a few of the other plans and direct the public to the future document.
363	Study designs for a pedestrian bridge linking YRMC to SWC of 4 points intersections for safety of healthcare workers going to the parking lot.	Nothing for the General Plan to address
364	If possible, could PD or Citizen Patrol, keep an eye on Flinn Park for 2 hours from dusk, especially on Fri & Sat nights, due to drug dealer use... park at main gate. Or even just leave a patrol car there... to deter perps.	Planning: Provided this comment to Police Chief for them to look in to.
365	DEVELOPERS NEED TO ACCOMMODATE THE WISHES OF THE PUBLIC as the City Council is not standing up for us and sways to developer in fear of pushback from Developer. It is completely obvious, this City favors the developer over citizen concern and will always be swayed by new development. We Citizens need to make sure our voices and wishes be heard. Prop 478 is prime example, as is raising impact fees for new development. It's all too little, too late and the citizens are footing the brunt of it.	Nothing for the General Plan to address
366	Ensuring ADA compliance with all new construction and renovations within city properties.	Planning: This is addressed with the Building Codes and federal ADA requirements.
367	Stop allowing buildings on our ridge lines. Other communities in Arizona keep ridge lines as open space.	PW: The City's General Engineering Standards are currently undergoing revisions.

368	Revise and update the City's grading regulations to not allow mass grading. Also, grading should not destroy the natural hillsides. No hilltop grading.	PW: The City's General Engineering Standards are currently undergoing revisions.
369	Future use of the Prescott Fairgrounds aka Rodeo Grounds, considering the Prescott Frontier Days proposed Master Plan. Neighbouring property owners submitted the 'Gail Gardner Neighbourhood Group, Position Statement on Fairgrounds Property' to the City Council. This position statement should be part of the General Plan document. The Land Use Map incorrectly shows 'Recreation' yet the land is zoned residential. This issue should be part of the General Plan and Planned for.	Planning: This was reviewed with the GPC. Land Use Map is not a zoning map but future uses of land to compare with any rezoning requests.
370	Pg 63, the text graphic on the right is too big and covers some of the text in the left text column.	Planning: Will have fixed in update
371	Considering the affluent over 60 majority in Prescott, I strongly support high taxes with money going to build more affordable housing so the city can retain and house younger people, including service workers.	Nothing to update
372	The Prescott Frontier Days proposed Master Plan is anti-competitive. How is one group designated to receive a FREE EXCLUSIVE LEASE for use of the majority of the City owned Fairgrounds property? Future uses of the property should be opened to competitive proposals from the community for shared uses. The Land Use Map shows the property as Recreation, that is incorrect the property is zoned residential.	Not something to be addressed in General Plan.
373	The existing lease with Prescott Frontier Days (PFD) MUST be enforced and when violations occur, there must be consequences and/or termination of the lease, re-negotiation or eviction. The president of PFD as of October 18, 2024 opened a for-profit private business on city-owned property without permission from the city. This is violation of the existing lease which forbids subleases and/or other businesses from operating without explicit written approval by city council.	Not something to be addressed in General Plan.

374	I attended the October 16th Tourism Advisory Council meeting prepared to make a statement about an agenda item but staff prohibited me from doing so. I was told that this particular committee's by-laws didn't allow public comment. All boards, commissions and committees should allow public comment. I stated my concerns and asked that the staff member convey my concerns, he assured me he would do so, but he didn't. Public comment should be allowed in all meetings.	Not something to be addressed in General Plan.
375	Noise concerns: Having a quiet environment is an important quality of life issue. Some inconsiderate citizens claim they have a right to use noisy machines. But this tramples on the rights of people who want a peaceful environment.	Planning: Chapter 5-4 of the City Code Addresses Noise.
376	Set & Implement City wide Noise Ordinance Codes with Penalties, for both property & vehicles. Outlaw (w severe penalty) vehicle noise amplifier Growlers. 9pm-8am Quiet Hours, as Sedona successfully & favorably implemented.	Planning: Chapter 5-4 of the City Code Addresses Noise.
377	This would be great. The current noise ordinance is not very good and lacks much compared to other cities.	Planning: Chapter 5-4 of the City Code Addresses Noise.
378	Please install traffic calming Speed Humps, & SLOW SPEED signs on each block/side of Oregon Ave. Daily, habitual speeders endanger resident pedestrians & bicyclists. Speeding drivers bypass Gurley/GG lights & cut thru. Westside residents make great use of Flynn park & Oregon for daily outdoor activities & socializing. We have a high number of young families with babies, preschool & school age children & regularly visiting grandchildren (16 on 1st block alone!), who need this further protection.	Not something to be addressed in General Plan.
379	Community Quality. Please institute Noise Abatement standards for the entire City of Prescott & for all vehicles. All vehicle 'Growlers' devices, which serve no function other than to unnecessarily amplify vehicle engine noise (& can be plainly heard over half mile away), adds stress to resident & tourist - interrupts work, study, meetings, meals, quality outdoor time (garden, city parks & trails) & disrupts sleep patterns. They are a blight to the community & should be made illegal & disabled.	Planning: Chapter 5-4 of the City Code Addresses Noise.
380	CONTINUE TO SUBSIDIZE COMMUNITY EVENTS that attract and give back meaningful results to community members and tourists alike. Progressive cities are areas that both party affiliations benefit from. Conservative cities are boring and don't have much to offer. Continue progress in community events, and support the arts and the culture. We're nothing without them and will soon become the forgotten nobody's hometown.	Not something to be addressed in General Plan.

381	<p>Citizen Participation Programs: list all City Volunteer Opportunities. Library (Check-in, Shelving, Book Sale, Books on Wheels, Program Docent, Technical Services, Rock Garden), Recreation Services (Dog Park, Park Ranger, Over the Hill Gang Trails Crew), Police (Citizens on Patrol, Investigations Section, Records, Cold Case, Victim Assistance), AmeriCorps, etc. Designate a Volunteer Coordinator or invest in an online App to track all volunteer time.</p>	<p>Planning: Not something that would be in a General Plan. As page on the City Website would be a better location for citizens to see how they can Volunteer and what departments have volunteer opportunities.</p>
382	<p>The future of the Fairgrounds should be a major plan amendment.</p>	<p>Planning: With the property being designated as Recreation on the Land Use Map, any rezoning requests will require it to be a major plan amendment.</p>
383	<p>The change to the Fairgrounds Property (840 Rodeo Drive) done by staff AFTER the General Plan Committee approved a different land use needs to be removed and should revert back to the current land use in place today. Any change in the land use to the Fairgrounds property should be done as a major plan amendment IF and when the zoning is changed. The staff's clandestine approach to making this change without any public input is not unexpected, but hugely disappointing.</p>	<p>Planning: The Land Use Map is for future planning and is not a zoning map. The General Plan Committee discussed whether it should be designated as High Denisity Residential or as Recreation for future rezoning requests. It was agreed to keep it as Recreation so any changes in the zoning will require it to be a Major Plan Amendment.</p>
384	<p>I completely agree with the comments below. Keep the city-owned fairgrounds current land use in place. And, with the intention of the GP committee any change MUST be a major plan amendment. The citizens are watching!</p>	<p>Planning: The Land Use Map is for future planning and is not a zoning map. The General Plan Committee discussed whether it should be designated as High Denisity Residenatil or as Recreation for future rezoning requests. It was agreed to keep it as Recreation so any changes in the zoning will require it to be a Major Plan Amendment.</p>
385	<p>I strongly suggest that you develop a 4 page Executive Summary.....the document as is will not be read by many, if any.</p>	<p>Once the plan is complete, a condensed version will be created.</p>
386	<p>What are the key 5 to 10 questions/issues that this plan is intended to address. The plan is so voluminous that these have become non-obvious.</p>	<p>The General Plan is the public document that guides future land use decisions. Zoning, re-zoning and new developments must be consistent with, and conform to, the City's adopted General Plan. In 1998, the Governor signed into law the Growing Smarter Act and the Growing Smarter Plus Act became law in 2000. Combined, these Acts were the first significant state-level planning legislation in Arizona over 20 years. The Act requires cities and counties to address the issues associated with urban growth and development. It was intended to strengthen the ability of communities in Arizona to plan for growth and to acquire and preserve open space. It is very broad in scope, and it requires communities to address growth and growth-related pressures by requiring new General Plan elements that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Identify growth areas, establish policies and strategies for new growth to pay its fair share of the new public facilities required to serve it; -Identify open space needs and regionally plan for interconnected open space; and -Analyze the environmental impacts of the development anticipated by the General Plan.

387	<p>Contiued concern of current traffic voulmn on Willow Creek Road the first approximate 900 feet south of Pioneer Parkway to the entrance of Pinon Oak Drive, currentl around 16,000 to 17,500 and the traffic hazard if commercial business are allowed on the empty land parcels bordering WCR , north and south of Pinon Oak Dr.. Request consideration to rezone these two parcels to Natural Open Space in perpetuity. This will action signifcantly reduce future congestion & potential traffic accidents.</p>	<p>Per ARS 9-461.06.N- In applying an open space element or a growth element of a general plan, a municipality shall not designate private land or state trust land as open space, recreation, conservation or agriculture unless the municipality receives the written consent of the landowner or provides an alternative, economically viable designation in the general plan or zoning ordinance, allowing at least one residential dwelling per acre.</p>
388	<p>2025 Strategy 5.1 Initiate rezoning, where appropriate, to support the character, goals, and uses identified in SAPs or neighborhood plans adopted for transition areas. Add Goal 5 strategy from the 2015 General Plan, Growth Management "Promote effective management and mitigation of negative growth impacts such as light pollution, loss of landscaping, site disturbance [mass-grading], erosion, construction on hilltops, ridgelines, and the lothe loss of open space."</p>	<p>See ARS 12-1134 (Private Property Rights Protection Act voter approved in 2006)- A. If the existing rights to use, divide, sell or possess private real property are reduced by the enactment or applicability of any land use law enacted after the date the property is transferred to the owner and such action reduces the fair market value of the property the owner is entitled to just compensation from this state or the political subdivision of this state that enacted the land use law. See Goals and Strategies on pages 67-68 in regard to Growth Management.</p>
389	<p>Side streets need speed signs, such as Jack Drive.</p>	<p>Too specific for a General Plan. Need to contact Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee for specific areas.</p>
390	<p>Intersection of Pleasant Valley and Willow Creek Streets needs a light.</p>	<p>Too specific for a General Plan. Need to contact Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Advisory Committee for specific areas.</p>
391	<p>Consider the water availability, access to green space and nature, wildlife preservation within planned development.</p>	<p>No specific comments to address. Covered in each chapter of plan.</p>
392	<p>Prescott is to expensive for anyone regular person to afford to live or stay & their kids have nothing to do or look forward to for their futures ~ unless they are from rich families. Most kids there end up on drugs and the old rich and the ones "running" the city could care less that they don't invest in their community to make it affordable and safe for All ages. I met a city council member at the PV SwapMeet years ago that Happily told me he & they Over Sold Prescott and it's still happening</p>	<p>Nothing to address</p>
393	<p>It is disappointing to see organizations like AARP commenting on the General Plan. While citizens who are members of organizations like AARP may want to reflect based on what they draw from associations and organizations, it is not in my opinion, appropriate for the organization to weigh in officially as is being done here.</p>	<p>Nothing to address</p>
394	<p>I presume the AARP individual is also a member of our community. But even if not... great ideas come in all shapes and sizes and the AARP ideas, to my mind, are spot on.</p>	<p>Nothing to address</p>

395	<p>AARP knows that remaining healthy is a top concern for many older adults. Of particular interest is staying mentally sharp and physically fit. There is emerging evidence that certain lifestyle choices can improve cognition. These include physical exercise, good nutrition, social interaction, stress reduction, healthy sleep habits, and mental engagement. They can also potentially reduce the risk of cognitive impairment and related forms of dementia.</p>	Nothing to update
396	<p>GREAT PLAN - amazing really (speaking as one who studies / teaches urban planning). I CAN HELP in the following areas: - URBAN CREEK RESTORATION projects (P-College Demo Project) - TREE CITY USA designation (I proposed this to city council) - SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE creation (i proposed this to city council) - RESIDENTIAL GREEN RETROFIT WORKSHOPS/TOURS - WILDLIFE HABITAT RESTORATION / CORRIDOR CREATION GREAT WORK. IMPRESSIVE.</p>	Nothing to update
397	<p>SAFER BIKING OPPS - GREENWAY PATHS - seriously, Prescott is the only town i won't bike. Too dangerous (sun, texting, big trucks, etc.) ACKER NIGHT SUMMER VERSION - Best night of the year; repeat in summer! SWIMMABLE LAKES/COMMUNITY POOL KEEP SQUARE LOCAL - keep brand names out of downtown DIAGONAL DOWNTOWN PARKING - enforce only smaller vehicles please. PAUSE MORE GROWTH-let's grow slowly into what we are becoming and then re-evaluate. EVERYBODY'S HOMETOWN-do all we can to make that true.</p>	Nothing to update
398	<p>More on creek restoration. Please contact us at Prescott College. We have 1/4m of lower butte creek that was an active road 3 decades ago. We have received \$50+k in grants to restore it and we are creating a showcase demonstration project for the city to enjoy (all welcome) and study. All this was done with volunteer effort. If you contact me, we can tour you around and show you what is possible. We can run workshops to inform others with similar ambitions. Please exploit our experience.</p>	Nothing to update
399	<p>AIR: a few poorly maintained/intentionally rigged trucks spew a big percentage of our regional smog. Regulate to reduce the emissions from those few vehicles and with minimal effort, make much progress. H2O (rainwater) incentives / training workshops for residential water harvesting. Will mitigate flooding and reduce city / groundwater use. H2O (Creeks): volunteer creek restoration work - training and demo project currently avail through / at Prescott College. NRG: Rooftop solar incentives.</p>	Planning: ADEQ is responsible for the emissions testing program and laws.
400	<p>Chapter 4 is the General Plan. It is to the point and focuses on what must be our highest priorities. It is disturbing that we have to wait until Chapter 4 until we address the reason for doing the General Plan.</p>	ARS 9-461.05 spells out what is required to be in a General Plan. See pg 1

401	It might help to emphasize proper disposal of animal waste, which can be a source of pollution and a health hazard.	Addressed under Prescott City Code Ch. 5-3 Animals and Fowl; 5-3-4 Sanitary Regulations
402	Chpt. 1: It might help to emphasize proper disposal of animal waste, which can be a source of pollution and a health hazard.	Addressed under Prescott City Code Ch. 5-3 Animals and Fowl; 5-3-4 Sanitary Regulations
403	1. Require developments to include 25% of the development as quality, connected, natural public open space. 2. Develop codes or ordinances that protect hilltops and hillsides from inappropriate and unsightly development. This could be in the form of greater setbacks and height restrictions on hilltops. Prohibit destruction of hillsides by not allowing dirt to be pushed over the side down the hillside. Other communities are addressing these issues more effectively.	Open Space is PAD developments is addressed under Section 9.5 in the Land Development Code. General Engineering standards for grading is in the beginning srages of being updated through PW.
404	1. Prohibit the use of mass grading in developments. Limit clearing to a building envelope or disturbable space. This protects the native vegetation and habitat. It stabilizes the soil, is better for the environment and looks better.	PW updating General Engineering Standards

Emailed Comments

As Cathy stated the document is forwarded thinking. Forward thinking includes everyone even the folks not included in everyone's Hometown The non- discrimination language needs to remain in the General Plan Part of being forwarded thinking is to be pro-active and not live in the fear of what could happen. As a member of the other group I strongly disagree with opinions of Cathy Rusing and

I strongly support the addition of the non-discrimination statement to Prescott's 2025 General Plan. Safety comes from respecting the value in diverse leadership and accepting the diversity inherent in each individual (ancestral, spiritual, cultural, mental, physical, etc.). We are stronger when we listen to everyone for their knowledge and experience.

I support the MLK statement. It is humane and perfect. We need it.

I am in support of including the MLK committee statement on non-discrimination in the Prescott 2025 General Plan. Expressing basic values of dignity and respect are a good and beneficial stance for the city. It's inclusion in the plan would make me very proud of the city I live in.

There was healthy deliberation about the statement, some members of the community shared personal experiences of discrimination to help shed a light on the power and value of such a statement in the General Plan and the overall outcome of the meeting was to include a statement to demonstrate respect, appreciation, and support of all community members in Prescott, AZ. I am extremely disappointed to learn that Councilmembers Cathey Rusing and Lois Furiwirth have requested not to include the statement because they fear it will be too divisive. I strongly disagree with their opinions and have found that the lack of support for diversity from our leadership has been far more divisive in the 24 years I have lived and served our community in Prescott. It is our leadership that sheds a light on our community values, sets an example, and paves the way for the public to do the same. Recently, the Prescott Veteran's Day parade was tarnished by some parade marchers wearing White Power shirts, and by the local chapter of the "Sons of the Confederacy" with an official parade slot. While I understand that Confederate Soldiers are technically Veterans and their family members may want to represent them, I would argue there is a classier less racist way to do that. The participation of these people in the Veteran's Day Parade gives a loud message that our community is not in support of diversity, that our city, in fact, does not care to be a safe place for all people. While I do not believe a diversity statement will magically erase bigotry and racism in our community, I do think it serves as a clear opportunity to remind people, with transparency, that we are indeed a place where all walks of life are welcome. As the Executive Director of The Launch Pad Teen Center, a place where some of the very children we serve have been attacked for the color of their skin, the way they dress, or for their sexuality, I believe that including a statement that clearly states The City does not condone discrimination and in fact values diversity would be one way to set an example for our young people and to let them know they are welcome in their own hometown.

I am sending you this email in support of the current verbiage being considered for the non-discrimination statement. As a member of this community who values all people -- regardless of identifying characteristics such as race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, religious practice, spiritual practice, age, or mental/physical ability -- these different values should be spelled out. That way, there is no ambiguity about who or what parties this statement included.

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<p>After listening to the discussion at the last master plan meeting, my opinion on the controversial introduction paragraph would be to retain the first 4 sentences and remove the rest as a compromise.</p>
<p>I support the statement on inclusivity and nondiscrimination.</p>
<p>Please include the non-discrimination statement in the Prescott City Plan. The reasons that Councilwoman Russo gives for not including it make me think we need the non-discrimination statement more than ever.</p>
<p>I support the statement inclusion to the City's General Plan, as Long time resident (48 years) I've long disliked the hypocrisy of "Everybody's Hometown" because in practice it is increasingly 'Every White Christian Nationalist's Hometown'. Some years ago while delivering mail here in Prescott, I was chatting with a new arrival on the street and he informed me that one of the things he liked best about Prescott was that we don't have any Niggers here 🙄 Not much has changed 🙄</p>
<p>It has come to my attention that certain factions within Prescott are attempting to bully City Council and it's members with regard to the inclusion of diversity, equity and inclusive DEI language in the 2025 business plan. Meritocracy is the workhorse of our community, and the City of Prescott stands on the foundations our predecessors struggled to build. Oandering and notoriety to the limitless supply of today's "disadvantaged groups" is nothing more than empty gestures and virtue signaling. If discrimination has or is taking place, our citizens have equal rights under the law. Despite loud voices, Council members can rest assured that no liability exists, and grandstanding by a few does not merit the downward trending DEI "vision".</p>
<p>Please include the non-discrimination statement in Prescott City general plan. It is a simple statement of basic American values of equality. Most people think Prescott is an open and welcoming place to live and work, but they may not realize that is not the case for many minority groups. If we are to evolve as a community we need to be a good place for all Americans, and a non-discrimination statement can promote that intention.</p>
<p>I am writing to you to ask you to keep the nondiscrimination statement in the general city plan as it is currently written. First, the committee has already approved this language at its July meeting. Second, and more importantly, Prescott's moniker is "Everyone's Hometown". I have friends specifically in the groups listed in the nondiscrimination statement who have experienced harassment and/or discrimination. They do not currently feel like Prescott is "Everyone's Hometown" since there are times they do not feel welcome. The city's general plan is a vision for the future, what the city hopes to be. The nondiscrimination statement, as written, creates a clear vision for Prescott to live into the "Everyone's Hometown" by working to reduce and eliminate the harassment and discriminatory behaviors that exist in this community. Diversity makes us a better community. Let's work to actively live into making Prescott truly "Everyone's Hometown" where ALL people feel welcomed and valued.</p>
<p>Introduction Comment: . I love that the Prescott Vision subsection plan includes the statement: "the city does not condone discrimination or harassment of individuals based on the identifying characteristics such as race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, religious practice, spiritual practice, age, or mental/physical ability."</p>
<p>The best way to make everyone welcome and feel included is to spell it out in writing. The statement should stay the way it is now because it is very clearly focused on inclusivity.</p>
<p>As a long-time Prescott resident, I STRONGLY support the inclusion, sentiment and language of the non-discrimination clause in the General Plan.</p>

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<p>The Statement at the beginning of the General Plan is only divisive if you believe that Prescott does NOT hope that all people within its limits feel welcome, and that Prescott DOES condone harassment or discrimination of individuals. Which, by the way, happens often in Prescott.</p>
<p>It's important to recognize and support the diversity in our community. Include the non-discrimination statement in the General Plan to support cultural diversity.</p>
<p>I am in support of the Committee Statement regarding Prescott's 2025 General Plan.</p>
<p>Keep the non-discrimination clause in the new plan. Live up to our slogan of being welcoming to all!</p>
<p>I am a Prescott resident and support the inclusion of the non-discrimination statement in Prescott's 2025 General Plan</p>
<p>I agree with the statement as revised.</p>
<p>The statement proposed by the Yavapai Democrat Party should not be included in the City's General Plan. On the surface it appears to be a harmless anti-discrimination measure, but it is actually is an attempt to inject partisan politics into our city planning efforts. The proposed statement, particularly the bit on "gender expression", is an attempt to shoehorn the cultural leftists agenda into our civic discussions. The Democrat Party is free to openly discuss and advocate their views, but they should not be free to inject them in this manner into our city planning. Prescott already is a welcoming, non-discriminatory city. Let's not make it less so by politicizing our fundamental vision for the future.</p>
<p>My husband and I both support keeping the added MLK Committee statement that was approved at the July 2024 public meeting by the City's Committee for the Prescott's 2025 General Plan. We agree with everything within the statement, and do not agree with Cathy Rusing (or other council members) that it is "divisive" in any way. We very much want the statement to remain in Prescott's 2025 General Plan.</p>
<p>Hello I agree with everything in statement except I would omit "expression or". I think it reads too verbose. Keep gender identity, it flows better.</p>
<p>It is important to keep the inclusivity statement included in the General Plan. This is everybody's hometown. The general plan is for the entire community and all must feel welcome.</p>
<p>I believe you are right in your asserainment that this is an unneeded statement in a land use document. Especially in light of Prescott already following federal and state civil liberties laws. If it is retained, I would reorder the characteristics as follows: age, religious or spiritual practices, mental or physical abilities, ethnicity, race, sex or sexual orientation including gender expression or identity. WHY? Because it puts the more common discriminatory traits first in the list. (My opinion.)</p>
<p>As a native Arizonan that grew up in Prescott and Yavapai County, I am writing to support the statement developed by the MLK Committee in Prescott, and adopted by the committee working on Prescott's general plan last July. We want Prescott to be seen as a city that accepts and supports all of its citizens.</p>
<p>As a Democrat, a Jew living in Prescott, I am very concerned about my safety after the 2024 election. I grew up in Washington, DC area and lived in Minneapolis, MN for 40 years. Never in my life have I been concerned about my safety.</p>
<p>and should not be included in the Prescott General Plan. Both are correct when they point out the Plan is just a land-use and land-planning document. Including language that is unrelated to its actual purpose is inappropriate and unnecessary "virtue signaling". As Sapio is quoted as saying "Scratch the entire paragraph".</p>
<p>We are in favor of retaining anti-discrimination statement in proposed city plan</p>

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will not tolerate discrimination or harassment of any persons individuals based on identifying characteristics of all kinds. This is the very opposite of divisive. Discrimination is divisive and it is happening in our town today. I expect our community representatives to stand up to developers and others who would undermine the spirit of friendliness and inclusion Prescott has become known for. We are "Everybody's Hometown" and it is time to live up to that motto again.

Please do not renege on the agreed revised Non-discrimination statement that was agreed to at a public General Plan meeting. Removing this statement will be an extremely divisive act. If this statement is removed from the General Plan, the many people who worked to get the statement revised and agreed upon will now be under the impression that the General Plan process is not a fair one. It would be difficult to support a General Plan that does not have such a statement which is a goal that is clearly needed.

In regards to the wording of the Prescott General Plan, as a licensed clinical social worker, I feel it is imperative that we keep the non-discrimination language in the General Plan. Especially NOW, when hate and division are making a comeback in our country from the top down. As a community, let us continue to work to be better, kinder, more accepting, and less divisive. Prescott prides itself on being Everybody's Hometown. This is only possible when we welcome ALL, include ALL, and celebrate ALL. I have called Prescott "home" since 1991. In recent years I have felt so happy to see more people of color, more trans folks, and more openly gay people in my beloved hometown. Having a child of color myself, I long for even more diversity in our town so that my child (and all of our local kids) can experience and grow from the diversity of America a bit more. There are so many different expressions of humanity to enjoy and learn from! PLEASE do not let one member of the City Council change the wording that was previously agreed upon by the Prescott City Council and is in everybody's best interest. Let's continue to make Prescott a wonderful place to live by welcoming all, and living and working in harmony with one another.

I wish to agree strongly with Councilman Rusing about the controversial language in the plan draft. It represents an attempt at social engineering and is not good planning. In fact in all likelihood a majority of Prescott citizens do not find that particular paradigm as representative of their views.

I find it inconceivable that at this late date a member of the Council will suggest a change in the language of referenced document. Language which was approved months ago. The argument that this is a land use document is irrelevant. Actually, the contrary. Just as many jurisdictions, as well as the federal government, include anti discrimination clauses in their documents to protect renters, borrowers, etc., this language would provide a clear message that all city's planning decisions will be based on merit alone, without any sort of bias, real or perceived. It is something "Everybody's Hometown" should be proud to promulgate. The language is quite the opposite of divisive; actually what it seeks, and what it says, is quite inclusive. At this time of uber polarization in our country, what we need is commUnity in our city!!!

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discriminatory protected groups of people supported in the introduction to the plan. This is even more necessary now that our federal government has become more hostile to diversity groups from transgenders to immigrants. Prescott has a few reputations in the state. One is that it is "Everybody's Hometown" and the other is that there is much scary discrimination present as we saw during the Black Lives Matter and the unfortunate events where guns and violence threatened the peace demonstrations. To this day, the rumor amongst Black people in Phoenix is that Prescott is hostile to the Black community...stay away. We need to do whatever we can to discourage this thinking that still stems from Prescott's "Sundown laws" of the past. Many experience racism daily in stores and businesses in Prescott. We learned this about Prescott recently in the survey taken of hundreds of people by the Launch Pad, one of our wonderful community groups of youth. The LGBTQIA+ community and immigrants also experiences high rates of discrimination in this area. I was fired 3 times for being gay over the 4 decades I've lived and worked in Prescott and Prescott Valley. So, "Kudos" to your list of those we do not want to discriminate against as a city. It shows support for those who may need protection and even litigation (not through the city) but through workplaces, businesses, hospitals, schools, etc. If our city stands behind it's citizens, then other organizations can more easily be held accountable to keep Prescott living up to the motto, "Everybody's Hometown". Should the non-discriminatory language list be deemed unnecessary for this particular document in the end, at least the city will have a responsibility, if accountable, to include such a list in other documents showing the city's support of all it's citizens with protections expected.

FUNDAMENTAL VALUE - Pg 3 – "Ethic of equity and respect for all community members." I question why the use of Equity – resulting in proportional fairness, rather than Equality – sameness of treatment. I find no Implementation or plan of action to achieve equity in the General Plan for all Prescott residents which is not even possible in my opinion. Sameness vs. Fairness The idea that sometimes sameness of treatment (equality) does not result in proportional fairness (equity) is one way that these words are distinguished from each other, even in similar contexts. Sometimes this distinction is explained with an illustration showing people of different heights using boxes to stand on in order to see over a fence; equality is if all the boxes are identical, but equity is if the boxes are different sizes to permit the people, regardless of their height, the ability to see over the fence. Equality means each individual or group of people is given the same resources or opportunities. Equity recognizes that each person has different circumstances and allocates the exact resources and opportunities needed to reach an equal outcome. Ensure that an Agency Equity Team is in place within their respective agencies to coordinate the implementation of equity initiatives and ensure that their respective agencies are delivering equitable outcomes for the American people. Equal protection of the laws under the Clause of the 14th Amendment of the US constitution is already the law of the land.

Hello! I am definitely in support of the language proposed by the MLK committee to address concerns over diversity, non-judgment, and acceptance in our community. My hope is that this wording stands "as is." I recently was called a "commie" while walking around the courthouse! (This in response to not partaking of a rally on the opposite corner on Gurley.) I have witnessed rampant language & disrespect in many areas since moving here from Montana. A friend's car was "keyed" b/c of language (bumper sticker) in support of diversity! If someone were to ask me if they should move here, at this point I would say "no!" Let us be known as a caring community that respects everyone, regardless!

I support adding the non-discrimination to the 2025 city plan. !

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This statement MUST be included in the Prescott 2025 General Plan: Prescott is a city that values the quality of life for all its inhabitants. Prescott is home to people of varying backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. This cultural diversity keeps the city vibrant and is an asset we should all embrace. The City of Prescott (City) hopes that all people within its limits feel welcome. As such, the city does not condone discrimination or harassment of individuals based on identifying characteristics such as race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, religious practice, spiritual practice, age, or mental/physical ability.

I am writing in support of keeping the anti-discrimination statement in the General Plan as it is written. I was encouraged to see that it had already been accepted by the General Plan Committee. To Ms. Rusing's point that this is a land use planning document, it is a land use plan for the people who live and work in Prescott and as such, it is very appropriate to include this language in the vision for the people who live, work and visit here. Commentary summarized by Ms. Rusing regarding her text with the city attorney indicated an opinion was shared, not indication of actual legal violation. Reference to its inclusion that it would be "hard to pass" is not a sound reason to delete it. It is very strange that welcoming all people would be considered a challenge, but the point here is that items considered challenging are not eliminated from the plan. City council members and members of the public recognize that there are many aspects of the plan that come with their own implementation challenges and of course they are still included in the plan because they are the goals for the city; they're aspirational. The anti-discrimination statement is not a singular, standout statement. It is nicely nested on the introduction page as part of a vision for Prescott and contains a clear description of EVERYBODY'S hometown.

I have been a Prescott resident since 1996 and I am a registered Republican voter. I am writing to emphatically support the inclusion of the MLK Committee Statement into Prescott's General Plan 2025. The plan is about respect and the recognition that all peoples are welcomed here in our community. This statement is reflective of what Arizona's "Christmas City" spirit should truly be about. It is unclear why Ms. Rusing and others on the City Council would oppose the statement. There is nothing divisive, derogatory, demeaning or disrespectful. What exactly is the objection? Her opposition is disturbing and confusing. This statement goes a long way to heal the divisiveness and make a bold statement regarding Prescott's respect for human rights and the inclusion of all in our wonderful city.

I strongly support the nondiscrimination statement for Prescott. Prescott should be a town that welcomes EVERYONE. That is the kind of place where I want to continue to live!

What is the problem? Are you fearful that some members of the community would be offended to read that this city does not find discrimination and hate to be acceptable?

I am confused how a statement promoting inclusivity could in any way be seen as "unnecessary and divisive." The General Plan is for the entire community. I would like to see the anti-discrimination statement remain in the introduction and added throughout the General plan. It comes down to the question of leadership for some - or leadership for all. The Prescott community deserves equitable leadership in every way.

Comments on proposed Non-Discrimination Paragraph

I strongly am in favor of keeping the current non-discrimination language in the Introduction of the General Plan. It lets residents and visitors know that we will not tolerate "discrimination or harassment of individuals based on identifying characteristics such as race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, religious practice, spiritual practice, age, or mental/physical ability." This discrimination IS happening in Prescott whether people choose to believe it or not. It is important to state clearly on the first page in the Introduction what Prescott truly stands for. I believe if there were African-Americans, Latinos, LGBTQ, and other discriminated against representatives on the committee, the discussion would show a very different perspective. Prescott hangs the "Everybody's Hometown" banners all over the town as well as advertises it. This truly is NOT the case for many people who live or visit here. Cathey Rusing stated, "This (language) may cause divisiveness". There is already a great deal of divisiveness in Prescott and most people realize it. I hope the planning committee will stand strong on what they voted on before at the July meeting and keep this language in the general plan.

"I think that we have a land-use, land-planning document, and this does not belong," Rusing said, adding, "It will open us up to lawsuits and will become a flashpoint when we sell this to the voters." The anti-discrimination language proposed for the Prescott draft General Plan should remain. Since when does such a commitment become a burdensome controversy?

Please do not remove the non-discrimination statement from the General Plan. Need protections from incoming President. May need to form resistance.

It has come to my attention that one or more city council members may be advocating for the removal of a portion or the entirety of Prescott's Vision in the Introduction section to the Prescott General Plan for 2025. I strongly urge all council members to insist Prescott's Vision remain in the 2025 final plan as written. It codifies Prescott's motto of "Everybody's Hometown." And, in a time of great political and social unrest, the 2025 Prescott's Vision could not be more important or relevant!

Why would you want to take out the non discrimination language for the city of Prescott. This is for everyone that lives, moves to Prescott. Helps and protects everyone in Prescott women included. Prescott is a good place to live and would even be better with a non discrimination clause in the city of Prescott general plan

As a Prescott resident for over 20 years, I strongly support the inclusion of the following statement in the introduction to the 2025 General Plan draft under Prescott's Vision.

I strongly support the nondiscrimination language in the introduction of the proposed 2025 General Plan. Councilwoman Rusing gave two reasons for striking the nondiscrimination language from the 2025 General Plan: 1. The non-discrimination statement is not appropriate in a land use document. Councilwoman Rusing's (and the City Attorney's) argument that this language is inappropriate in a "land use document" is misleading. In my reading and research, General Plans are land use documents, but they are developed through a visioning process that involves the community, city staff, and the city elected officials. The nondiscrimination statement is part of the vision for Prescott - a place where all people will feel welcome and safe - making this statement an entirely appropriate addition to the General Plan. 2. The nondiscrimination statement would be divisive for the community. The intent of the non-discrimination statement is to be unifying and welcoming, not divisive. I would suggest that the real intent to strike the language is politically motivated, pandering to a segment of the population, and not with the best interest of all Prescott residents in mind. Finally, the City Council and community members have already spent considerable time and effort in crafting this language in an admirable display of collaboration. To undermine this effort at this late date is disheartening and for any citizen who took part in the process and calls into question how seriously Council considers public input.

Comments on proposed Non-Discrimination Paragraph

I hear you are changing your mind on the "non-discrimination language into Prescott's 2025 General Plan". Why?? I hear you think it will cause divisiveness. You are completely wrong with this thinking. By adding this "non-discrimination language into Prescott's 2025 General Plan", you are creating Inclusiveness. We want people to be a part of Prescott - not hide because of fear from narrow-minded people. Let everyone know with your vote that they do not need to be afraid and that even in Prescott's Gernal Plan they are welcome here!

Please include in Prescott's 2025 General Plan the non-discrimination language that was agreed upon by the General Plan Committee in July 2024 for inclusion in Prescott's Vision statement, as follows: "Prescott is a city that values the quality of life for all its inhabitants. Prescott is home to people of varying backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. This cultural diversity keeps the city vibrant and is an asset we should all embrace. The City of Prescott (City) hopes that all people within its limits feel welcome. As such, the city does not condone discrimination or harassment of individuals based on identifying characteristics such as race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, religious practice, spiritual practice, age, or mental/physical ability." It is important to include this statement in the 2025 General Plan as an inspiration and reminder to City Council and City staff of their responsibilities to embrace the philosophy of this carefully considered statement. I believe that including it in the 2025 General Plan will help attract the younger, more diverse workforce that our city so badly needs.

I grew up in Prescott. After leaving for college and career opportunities, I returned in 2019 with my small family. I love my hometown; however, it faces several challenges, as do many small communities. It was recently brought to my attention that Councilwoman Rusing would like to remove the anti-discriminatory working from the City's General Plan because she thinks it is "divisive". I believe that simply calling language that strives to include all people of all backgrounds "divisive" is the problem. It saddens me that our council members think that being inclusive is divisive, especially as we are living in a time of regression regarding antidiscrimination and downright hate towards LGBTQ, trans people, and migrants. I can tell you, albeit anecdotally, that minority folks often do not feel welcome here. I cannot tell you how many conversations I have had with people outside of the area that say, "I don't feel welcome or comfortable in Prescott". It makes me feel embarrassed and sad for our community. We all want strong schools/colleges, good quality healthcare, retail, restaurants, and entrepreneurship. In that case, we must be inclusive and welcoming to all people even if saying so upsets people who expect our elected officials to move around their discomfort. If being inclusive and saying so is uncomfortable, then I think a reevaluation of one's values is in order. According to the General Plan FAQ website "The City's compliance with Growing Smarter requirements includes an extensive public participation program. Meeting Growing Smarter requirements presents another opportunity to reflect on current and future issues and to ensure that the General Plan is aligned with the needs of the community." It is more than just a "land" document; it is a plan for our community's future. I urge the City Council to include extensive public participation in this process and keep the anti-discriminatory language. Please use the data from your survey completed by your constituents: We can and should do better than 51% and 45%. We owe it to our children and future generations.

I am writing to support the MLK Committee's wording for a more inclusive Prescott. Please include the wording that was approved this summer for the General Plan! Prescott must send the right message that we are Everybody's Hometown!

Comments on proposed Non-Discrimination Paragraph

I am writing to express my full support of the non-discrimination statement proposed by the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee for the City of Prescott's General Plan. I am writing as a Prescott Native and as someone who cares deeply about the Prescott community. If Prescott wants to live up to its motto of being "Everybody's Hometown," it must implement policies and take action against discrimination. This starts by simply putting forward the goal and intention to combat discrimination and harassment. I have many friends and family members that have experienced discrimination in Prescott for their race, gender, identity, age, beliefs. I have personally experienced forms of discrimination myself. There should be no debate about whether to adopt a non-discrimination statement in Prescott's General Plan. Cultural diversity is what makes communities strong. This is an opportunity for the City of Prescott to show its citizens that it cares about their wellbeing and welcomes them in the community. I urge you to implement the full non-discrimination statement into the City of Prescott's General Plan.

I strongly support the revised statement to the general plan offered by the Marthin Luther King Jr. committee. I do not see anything divisive about this statement and in fact, it's a minimum goal for a healthy and inviting place to live. Please let the council know my feelings.

arrival, we found out how wonderful free concerts on the plaza were and attended events at the art galleries, Elks Theater, Yavapai College and more. In downtown I noticed the advertisements for Prescott: "Everyone's Hometown." That seemed odd to me for I have lived in many places in this country and Prescott did not strike me as having "everyone" in its midst. Indeed, it's one of the least demographically diverse places I've lived since childhood in Upstate New York. Is everyone truly welcome in Prescott? My experience does not speak volumes to this question as I'm a retired White woman so blend in easily. My belonging is not questioned. However... My husband and quite a few of my friends who are darker skinned Latinos. They report very different experiences, a few of which I summarize here. They agreed to share their stories but did not want their identities revealed for fear of a backlash. All of these stories come from the 2nd half of 2024: The first story comes from an 18 year-old recent high school graduate. She was born in Prescott but her parents are from Mexico. She has several young nephews and a niece who are cared for by her mother. When they go shopping in Prescott, she says that her family gets "dirty" looks all the time when they speak Spanish. To not embarrass her younger family members, she switches to English but feels badly for her mother who cannot understand what she is saying. Another story comes from a close friend who volunteers for Meals on Wheels in Prescott. This friend is U.S. born as are her parents, but her ancestry is Mexican. During the summer of 2024, she went to Goodwill to purchase a blender for a woman she delivers meals to who has no teeth and needs her food liquified. My friend found a blender and took it to the back of the store to test it. There was an older Anglo-appearing man at the table where the surge protector outlet was located. He was working on something so my friend said in unaccented English, "I'm sorry to bother you. I need to test this blender." He took one look at her and then said, "Sorry? You don't need to be sorry to try the outlet, but you should apologize for all the government programs you've been using!" Neither my friend nor her family have ever received welfare. As she told me later, "I've done everything right. I served in the military, I went to college, got a good job and supported my family but I'm still just a wetback to some." And this is only one of many racially motivated incidents she's experienced in the three years she's lived here. In July, my husband was at his golf club in Prescott going to visit his son and son's family who were swimming in the pool. My husband is Cuban and has a dark complexion but has been a member of the club for more than a year and is quite well known. Still, he was stopped at the entrance and asked who he was. He responded that he was a member, gave his name and continued walking inside. A few moments later two staff members approached him and proceeded to question his membership again.irate, he demanded to speak with the manager and later received an apology. He told me, "They only saw my skin color and decided I was cheating about being a member." In August, I was in charge of getting the roof replaced on the community center in my central Prescott neighborhood – a community that prides itself on being very welcoming. A day after they left, one of my neighbors sent an email out to residents accusing the roofers of stealing two nursery plants. Why accuse the roofers of taking two potted plants that were not even located at the community center? Turns out I was the culprit – I had moved the plants to water them. But the roofers were the prime suspects because they are Mexicans. Unfortunately, this was not the first time Mexican laborers in our community were falsely suspected of stealing. My hope is that by conveying these recent experiences, those reading them will understand better why there is a need in our General Plan to state publicly that we aspire to not discriminate, to truly be "Everyone's Hometown."

Online Comments from Virtual Meeting Room (some may be duplicates of emailed comments)

The General Plan should include the non-discrimination language agreed upon by the General Plan Committee in July 2024. This would help City Council and staff focus on attracting the younger workforce that our city needs. The median age in Prescott is a whopping 60.5 years and workforce participation is very low. At 86% "white alone", Prescott is missing out on close to half of the prime working age population. A history of unwelcoming attitudes and actions of city leaders has contributed.

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<p>I suggest that we stipulate that Prescott wants to include non-discrimination language in the plan as a basic human decency. With this regrettable distraction removed, we can instead refocus the precious few hours and the remainder of our comments on the more nuanced content covered elsewhere in the plan.</p>
<p>Diversity, equity & inclusion DEI language has no place in a City business plan. Public and private institutions that have tried this are now dismantling and removing the decisive, punishing “protective “ mandates and departments due to reverse discrimination lawfare. Don’t be fooled or intimidated by the loud marxist tactics of a small Prescott faction. They only seek to divide us.</p>
<p>As with so many things that start well-intentioned, good ideas can become politicized and regrettably derail. The foundational concepts of DEI are born from compassion and can strengthen our society through inclusion of diverse thought. But, as the author implies, politicization degrades even the best ideas. Please engage DEI proudly and properly so as to foster greater inclusion & cohesion to best access the diverse talents our community has to offer.</p>
<p>Everybody's Home Town is a LIE. Unless your rich and white. Prescott has been vastly Oversold and it it will implode under the weight of the aging population, no water and beyond extreme cost of living prices and extremely low wages for the common person. Blame the rich and city admin who add to all the cost increases and traffic/no planning or work went into preparing or keeping up with all the influx of Mass Overgrowth. Prescott deserves what's coming...it's killing itself Gleefully.</p>
<p>I lived in Prescott 20 years,until I was forced out years of greedy slumlords and crazy Doubling of my rent with no running Septic sewer or Windows, illegally built Apts. Was Always good ol boy gal/racists running&owning everything. Never felt accepted, was the target of racists as was my child by their racist offspring. I miss the Animals, Landscape and few people. I worked in Elder Care and racism is Rampant in this sector from the entitled gross mean elderly, Prescott is a dump of old rich</p>
<p>independently reported to me being screamed at (as they walked to the store by people leaning out of passing cars) racist hatred (too ugly to share). Anything we can do to open our arms in authentic kind welcoming to all will help us to be what we (most of us) aspire to be. I'm sorry you have felt unwelcome. I understand.</p>
<p>"Everybody's Hometown" should actually mean EVERYBODY! Is Ms. Rusing afraid of people who may have, beliefs or life style choices that are different from hers? Stating that the "... City does not condone discrimination or harassment of individuals based on identifying characteristics such as race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, religious practice, spiritual practice, age, or mental/physical ability," Is not divisive, it respects EVERYONE. Leave it in!</p>
<p>I fully support the inclusion of the MLK recommendations in the General Plan. I do not understand what is "divisive" and I am extremely disappointed in Kathy Rusing as I thought she would be in favor of inclusivity. it’s a minimum goal for a healthy and inviting place to live. Thank you.</p>
<p>Please, include the non-discrimination statement in the introduction to the 2025 General Plan draft under Prescott's Vision. The non-discrimination statement is unifying, welcoming, and reflects beautifully on our town, as well as echoing the values of our national Constitution.</p>
<p>A non-discrimination statement should be included in all public documents; it's not really a debate about land and beings ... it's about common decency.</p>
<p>Here Here! Hear Hear! Removing a non-discrimination clause is ridiculous!</p>
<p>As a resident of Prescott for over 20 years, I strongly support the inclusion of the non-discrimination statement in the introduction to the 2025 General Plan draft under Prescott's Vision. After all, are we not Everybody's Hometown, or purport to be?</p>
<p>I agree with including such language. Even if the language remains aspirational (as the other commenter asserts), it's better to aspire than to capitulate. Everywhere we can express the more/ most welcoming sides of ourselves to the world (and to our citizens) we should jump at the chance.</p>

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<p>It's just a Marketing ploy...Prescott does Not live up yo Everyone's Home Town...it is not a friendly inviting community unless you look like the majority. No matter what a piece of paper or billboard says. The truth is in the community and community only applies to whites or of your rich. It's a cesspool of entitled rude old and rich and the rest are there to cater to their needs. Prescott has no interest in young or working class, both of which they Need and they happily &greedily distroy.</p>
<p>I strongly approve leaving the anti-discrimination statement IN the planning document. The City of Prescott aspires to welcome all. Is it "Everybody's Home Town or not?"</p>
<p>Everybody's Hometown is the long held motto of Prescott that we can be proud of. If the General Plan Committee deletes the anti-discrimination statement, then it must also stop the use of Everybody's Hometown to describe our community. Please keep the anti-discrimination statement, already accepted by the General Plan Committee, in the GP as it is written.</p>
<p>As a disabled Lesbian living in this area, with a partner that is a WOC, I believe the non-discrimination language Should Be Left Out Completely. It's simply not true. This area does support discrimination. Those that are vulnerable to it shouldn't be given false hope that this is a safe place where we can live in peace -- We cannot.</p>
<p>I am so sorry for your pain, but I hope you won't surrender to those who are inflicting it. You are worth fighting for</p>
<p>Please keep the anti-discrimination statement, already accepted by the General Plan Committee, in the GP as it is written. As Ms. Rusing stated, this is a land use plan - for the people who live and work here- so the statement is indeed appropriate. The text with the city attorney Ms. Rusing referenced was an opinion shared, not indication of legal violation. The statement is nicely nested on the introduction page and aptly describes EVERYBODY'S hometown.</p>
<p>First of all, you probably want to "hear" from the community. My main comment is to keep the full anti-discriminatory language in the document. To take it out is to deny that Prescott is a welcoming community to ALL, and not "Everybody's Hometown".</p>
<p>I strongly support the nondiscrimination statement for Prescott. I believe Prescott should be welcoming to ALL people!</p>
<p>I emphatically support the inclusion of the full statement of the MLK committee recommendation into the Prescott General Plan. "Everybody's Hometown" not the "sundowner town" of the 19th century. Bold leadership for the 21st century, brave enough to encode our commitment to all peoples who want to share in what makes Prescott an amazing place to live and work is what we need. What exactly is "divisive" or objectionable in this statement of respect, recognition of human rights and welcoming?</p>
<p>This is a land use document and not a policy statement. "Prescott is home to people of varying backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives." is sufficient.</p>
<p>If we are going to be everyone's hometown we need to be inclusive or it is just a slogan with no meaning.</p>
<p>I cannot imagine why there would be discussion regarding a non-discrimination statement in any Prescott City documents. As the spiritual leader of a minority religious organization in Prescott, I am disturbed to discover that there are those in City government who might condone discrimination based on based on race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, religious practice, spiritual practice, age, or mental/physical ability. Watching with great interest and concern.</p>
<p>I support inclusion of the entirety of the non-discrimination statement. I value diversity in our city.</p>
<p>"Everybody's Hometown." Is it a marketing slogan, or do you, our representatives on the City Council, really mean it? Keep the non-discrimination statement in the General Plan.</p>

Comments on proposed Non-Discrimination Paragraph

<p>As I understand it, the sentence that the Council is considering removing in the General Plan is: "...[T]he city does not condone discrimination or harassment of individuals based on identifying characteristics such as race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, religious practice, spiritual practice, age, or mental/physical ability." I find it curious and disheartening that such an appropriate statement would be removed. Do we stand for nondiscrimination or not?</p>
<p>This paragraph must be included in the Prescott 2025 General Plan: Prescott is a city that values the quality of life for all its inhabitants. Prescott is home to people of varying backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. This cultural diversity keeps the city vibrant and is an asset we should all embrace. The City of Prescott (City) hopes that all people within its limits feel welcome. As such, the city does not condone discrimination or harassment of individuals based on identifying characteri</p>
<p>I recommend this paragraph remain in the General Plan: Prescott's Vision - Prescott is a city that values the quality of life for all its inhabitants. Prescott is home to people of varying backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. This cultural diversity keeps the city vibrant and is an asset we should all embrace. The City of Prescott (City) hopes that all people within its limits feels welcome.</p>
<p>In the General Plan draft under Prescott's Vision. I support the inclusion of the complete paragraph to include the last sentence "As such, the city does not condone discrimination or harassment of individuals based on identifying characteristics such as race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, religious practice, spiritual practice, age, or mental/physical ability." Let us be inclusive and clear that we are truly "Everybody's Hometown"</p>
<p>My husband and I have spent most of 2024 participating in the Democratic campaign (since 2021), we also are participating in the local environmental movement that focuses primarily on sustainability - of water, land, and natural resources, including human justice. Now that Republicans have won the presidential election, we find ourselves disappointed and frustrated that all our efforts could be undone!</p>
<p>I fully support the inclusion of non-discrimination language in Prescott's 2025 General Plan to ensure our city is welcoming and equitable to all, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or ability. Being explicit about this is critical.....leaves no doubt as to where We in "Everybody's Hometown" stand!</p>
<p>Our family supports the inclusion paragraph in the 2025 Prescott general plan . This wording is clear , nonambiguous and conveys a welcoming attitude for persons who may consider moving to Prescott to buy property and start businesses .</p>
<p>I fully support the inclusion of non-discrimination language in Prescott's 2025 General Plan to ensure our city is welcoming and equitable for all, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or ability. We are a welcoming community, and we want to make this</p>
<p>The United States of America was found on principles that underlay the concepts expressed in the non-exclusion statement. It is important that equality and inclusion be stated as regularly and adamantly as possible. There is no question that the statement should remain in the general plan.</p>
<p>I can not fathom why a statement of inclusiveness would be considered for deletion from the City Plan/Vision. WITH the statement your vision is clear. Perhaps rather than deletion, the Councilwoman would consider in the 3rd Sentence "This cultural diversity keeps the city vibrant and is an asset we should "all" (DELETE) embrace." 4th Sentence "The city hopes that ALL LAW ABIDING (ADD) people within its city limits feel welcome."</p>
<p>I am in support of including the MLK committee statement on non-discrimination in the Prescott 2025 General Plan. Expressing basic values of dignity and respect are a good and beneficial stance for the city. It's inclusion in the plan would make me very proud of the city I live in. Sent from my iPad</p>
<p>The greatest commandment is to love one another Loving start with respecting those who are different This language starts the loving and should be in the Planning Document</p>

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<p>To the dissenters of the nondiscrimination statement. Wikipedia: The paradox of tolerance is a philosophical concept suggesting that if a society extends tolerance to those who are intolerant, it risks enabling the eventual dominance of intolerance, thereby undermining the very principle of tolerance. This paradox was articulated by philosopher Karl Popper. I have witnessed assault rifles brandished at an MLK gathering at the courthouse a few years ago, that still haunts me. We need this added</p>
<p>I agree that the non-discrimination language should be included in the plan. By not calling out the various ways people can be different, you leave a loophole out there to be used later FOR DIVISIVENESS. It's just common sense to leave the statement in!</p>
<p>The Veteran's Day parade was tarnished by marchers wearing White Power shirts and the participation of the "Sons of the Confederacy". I understand that Confederate Soldiers are Veterans and their family members want to represent them. However, their participation in the Veteran's Day Parade gives a loud message that our community isn't in support of diversity. The Diversity Statement should be left in the General Plan, it is one way of informing all community members they belong and are welcome</p>
<p>I support the non discrimination policy be included in the Prescott General Plan. Most organizations have such a policy in place that supports the evolution of our communities, promotes safety, and widens the circle of belonging.</p>
<p>I support retaining the anti-discrimination language set forth in the draft General Plan. City Council Member Rusing says the language is "devisive." I carefully reviewed each sentence of the statement, it is clear that it speaks directly to inclusion, not to divisiveness. Perhaps it would be helpful for Ms Rusing to explain exactly how the language is devisive. Are there parts of our city's population who's rights ought not be considered as decisions implementing the General Plan are made?</p>
<p>By not including the non-discrimination clause in the General Plan, the City Council is clearly saying that it condones "...discrimination or harassment of individuals based on identifying characteristics such as race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, religious practice, spiritual practice, age, or mental/physical ability." Why would this clause be divisive?? I think it's only common sense that a decent place to live strives to be respectful to all.</p>
<p>Please include the non-discrimination statement in the Prescott city Plan. It is surprising that anyone could disagree with it. Apparently we need this wording in this plan and in our City.</p>
<p>Please include the non-discrimination statement in Prescott City general plan. It is a simple statement of basic American values of equality. Most people think Prescott is an open and welcoming place to live and work, but they may not realize that is not the case for many minority groups. If we are to evolve as a community we need to be a good place for all Americans, and a non-discrimination statement can promote that intention</p>
<p>The disputed language in the General Plan is unnecessary and also has a Personnel Department nails-on-the-blackboard quality. All it says is, "We have all sorts of people here, and we downtown will disapprove if you are not nice to each other." Everyone in Prescott is protected by the civil rights laws of the United States and the State of Arizona. How about, "We officially welcome everyone from anywhere to help us make Prescott 'Everybody's Home Town.' "</p>
<p>The intention and the effect of the statement on no discrimination is inclusivity. To eliminate it is divisive.</p>
<p>The best way to make everyone welcome and feel included is to spell it out in writing. The statement should stay the way it is now because it is very clearly focused on inclusivity.</p>

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<p>Please keep the nondiscrimination statement, as written, in the general plan. The city's general plan is a vision for the future, what the city hopes to be. The nondiscrimination statement creates a clear vision for Prescott to become Everyone's Hometown by working to reduce and eliminate the harassment and discriminatory behaviors that exist in this community. Diversity makes us a better community. Let's actively live into making Prescott a place where ALL people feel welcomed and valued</p>
<p>Please keep the anti-discrimination statement. It is a statement of inclusion - not divisive in any way. Our community had a moment of national infamy after its hateful reaction to the local BLM protest a few years ago. We have a long way to go to live up to our motto of "everybody's home town."</p>
<p>Why does this inclusive language frighten you? Are you afraid that some of the areas residents or businesses will be offended to learn that "Everybody's Home Town" is open to "everybody"? That an individuals ethnicity, color, gender, religion or political affiliations are not acceptable here? Put the language of nondiscrimination in the plan.</p>
<p>Members of the 2025 General Plan Review Committee stated that the City of Prescott does not have a history of discrimination and that they do not see discrimination in Prescott currently. The house and land I purchased in Prescott has documents attached to it stating that it cannot be sold to non-whites. Based on this history, it seems very pertinent to include a nondiscrimination statement in the land use planning document for the future.</p>
<p>People are being harassed and discriminated against already. We need to acknowledge it and resist it.</p>
<p>I agree!</p>
<p>Our motto is "Everybody's Hometown". It is important to keep the non-discrimination clause (as revised) in the new plan. We need to be welcoming to all in our town and assure folks that they will not experience discrimination here, as our slogan implies.</p>
<p>There is no better justification for the inclusion of a nondiscrimination statement than Councilwoman Rusing's expressed concern that the public will not pass the plan because of it. In objecting to the statement, she has revealed the very reason it is necessary.</p>
<p>I disagree with the five committee members and Cathey Rusing's remarks that the Gen Plan is about only Land Use. It is about community and the people here- all of us. We are everybody's hometown. KEEP the nondiscrimination language.</p>
<p>I agree, KEEP the non-discriminating statement approved in July 2024!</p>
<p>Please keep the non-discriminatory statement.</p>
<p>I am confused how a statement promoting inclusivity could in any way be seen as "unnecessary and divisive." The General Plan is for the entire community. I would like to see the anti-discrimination statement remain in the introduction and added throughout the General plan. It comes down to the question of leadership for SOME - or leadership for ALL. The Prescott community deserves equitable leadership in every way.</p>
<p>Please keep the anti-discrimination language in the plan. Being "Everybody's Hometown" means EVERYBODY's hometown. With so much division and discrimination in today's world, if we want the city of Prescott to be welcoming and inclusive to new and existing residents alike, we need to show it in our planning and development.</p>
<p>I respectfully disagree with Cathey Rusing's view that the nondiscrimination statement in the Introduction is divisive and unnecessary. A statement promoting inclusivity should not be seen as "divisive." It may seem "unnecessary" to those not affected by discrimination. Additionally, concerns about public rejection due to this statement emphasize its importance.</p>

Comments on proposed Non-Discrimination Paragraph

<p>Follow the process. The anti-discrimination language needs to stay in the General Plan since it was approved in a 6-2 vote by the appointed General Plan committee members. In addition, it should stay in through the Planning & Zoning Commission review. If the language is, as council member Rusing states, "divisive," then our elected officials MUST be the body to make the determination NOT appointed. The public deserves transparency.</p>
<p>General plan committee: Please keep the anti discrimination statement in the intro of the General plan. We need to protect all the people of Prescott. Future Leaders may argue that this statement does not apply to their decision making and this will be an important "Red Flag" for the Citizens of Prescott. Let's make leaders accountable and then truly we can become " Everybody's Home town".</p>
<p>I strongly support taking care to use non-discriminatory language in the General Plan. In these times of fracturing communities, it is vital that the City of Prescott support inclusion as an important component of our future. In nature, the most resilient areas are the ones with the highest diversity. With gratitude for the tremendous effort that has gone into this work,</p>
<p>I would like to see the anti- discrimination statement remain in the introduction and added through out the General plan.This is about protecting people in " everybody's home town.</p>
<p>I wish to agree strongly with Councilman Rusing about the controversial language in the plan draft. It represents an attempt at social engineering and is not good planning. In fact in all likelihood a majority of Prescott citizens do not find that particular paradigm as representative of their views.</p>
<p>I would like to see the anti-discriminatory language in the Introduction remain in the General Plan. It is needed to be repeated as widely as possible. In response to the comment that Councilwoman Rusing made that it does not belong in this land-use document, prospective residents and businesses of Prescott will be looking at this to assess the community. It is important that they get the feel for the City. Our commitment to anti-discrimination is indeed an integral part of who we are.</p>
<p>I disagree with the five committee members and Cathey Rusing's remarks that the Gen Plan is about only Land Use. Check how many times "community" is used throughout the headings and document. Great Places and Neighborhoods include the people who live here - "contributing factors in keeping Prescott a place where families and neighborhoods flourish " isn't about Land Use, it's about people - all of us. In order to maintain its "Everybody's Hometown" tagline, KEEP the nondiscrimination language.</p>
<p>I am strongly in favor of including the non-discrimination section in the introduction. If we hang banners and advertise that Prescott is "Everybody's Hometown" then we need to put these words into actions. I feel if the General Planning Committee had members who were African-American, Latino, LGBTQ, and others included in this paragraph, there would be a completely different discussion and perspective. We need to openly put into words for residents and visitors what we believe.</p>
<p>Please keep the introduction's nondiscrimination statement. It was discussed and revised and agreed to by all parties during a public general plan meeting. If you change your mind and it is excluded, please also agree to remove our city's logo, "Everyone's home town" and replace it with nothing because it is clear that if we can't even begin to have a GOAL of nondiscrimination, it would be clear that the majority of the council does not believe in treating all people with dignity and respect.</p>
<p>We agree with Cathey Rusing that the discrimination section is unnecessary and divisive. Don't believe it is needed in a land use plan guiding our future development.</p>

Comments on proposed Non-Discrimination Paragraph

I strongly disagree with Cathey Rusing's opinion that the Introduction's nondiscrimination statement is divisive and unnecessary. I fail to see how a statement which discourages discriminatory behavior can be considered 'divisive' when it is intended to be inclusive. And it is easy to see such a statement as 'unnecessary' when you are not impacted by discrimination. The fact that you have a concern that the public will not pass the plan because of the statement justifies its inclusion.

I hear the council woman saying that legal liability could attach to the non-discrimination statement on page 1 of the introduction. There would be no legal liability if there were no discrimination of the types described. Even without such language in a planning document, if one were to experience discrimination from the City of Prescott in any of these areas, the City could be sued. The City of Prescott needs thoughtful planning to include all types of residents.



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: December 11 General Plan Committee
DATE: December 11, 2024
DEPT: Community Development
ITEM #: 3.C
SUBJECT: Presentation, Discussion & Possible Action
Regarding Moving the Revised General Plan
Forward to Public Hearings.

ITEM SUMMARY

Staff is requesting the General Plan Committee move the Revised General Plan forward to Public Hearings, with the changes discussed from review of the comments received during 60-day public comment period.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOVE to approve the revised General Plan, with changes discussed and forward to public hearings

ATTACHMENTS

None