



Zoning Code Rewrite Task Force Hears Recommendations

MARICOPA, Ariz. – April 9, 2013 – On Wednesday, April 3, the Maricopa Zoning Code Rewrite Task Force held their second meeting to evaluate and consider changes to the current zoning code. Consultant Michael Dyett presented the Diagnosis and Evaluation Working Paper to the Task Force. The paper highlights issues with the existing Zoning Code and outlines high-level recommendations for the City to consider in the Zoning Code Rewrite.

This paper is the culmination of input received from the community over the past three months. It also incorporates the review of existing City adopted plans and policies as well as an analysis of the existing conditions in Maricopa. The consultant's recommendations describes ways that the City can make the Zoning Code easier to understand and use, ways to streamline the review process, and strategies to promote economic growth, housing variety, quality development and other opportunities.

During their discussion, the Task Force spoke favorably of the paper and the consultant's recommendations. Some items of particular interest to the Task Force were the recommendations addressing non-conforming uses and structures, maximizing the synergy of land uses as Central Arizona College grows, and the next steps for the Seven Ranches area, among others.

The Zoning Code Rewrite Task Force has tentatively scheduled its next meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 6 p.m. at the Maricopa Unified School District Administrative Building. At that meeting, the Task Force will determine the recommendations to be presented to the Maricopa City Council. The City encourages all interested residents and business owners to join this process and help shape the future of Maricopa. To download the paper and for ways to participate, please visit the Zoning Code Rewrite website at

<http://zoningcode.maricopa-az.gov>.

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