



**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Chair Patrick Garman**

**Vice Chair Geoff Yazzetta**

**Commissioner Randy Crader**

**Commissioner Joseph Reyes**

**Commissioner Polly Bonnett**

**Commissioner Bernie Hoenle**

**Commissioner Paul Smith**

**TIME: 4:00 PM - REGULAR MEETING  
DOORS OPEN 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING**

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026**

**WHERE: FOUNTAIN HILLS COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
16705 E. AVENUE OF THE FOUNTAINS, FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZONA**

**PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**Request to Comment Cards**

To speak or submit written comments, a **Request to Comment** card is required. **Cards must be completed and submitted to the Clerk before the meeting begins. Late or incomplete cards will not be accepted.** A separate card is required for each agenda item.

**Agenda Items (Consent or Regular)**

Request to Comment cards must include the **agenda item number**, whether the speaker is **FOR** or **AGAINST** the item, and whether the individual wishes to speak or submit written comments.

**Call to the Public requests are accepted in person only.** Request to Comment cards must be submitted prior to the meeting commencing.

**Speaking Rules**

Speakers may speak only when recognized by the Presiding Officer and are limited to **three (3) minutes**. All comments must be directed through the Presiding Officer, not to individual commission members or staff.

Request to Comment cards and submitted information are public records subject to public disclosure.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. INVOCATION**

Moment of Silence

**3. ROLL CALL**

**4. STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION**

Anyone wishing to address the Commission regarding items listed on the agenda or during Call to the Public must completely fill out a Request to Comment card located in the back of the Council Chambers and hand it to the Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. Once the meeting has started, late requests to speak cannot be accepted. When your name is called, please approach the podium, speak into the microphone, and state your name and if you are a resident for the public record. Comments may not exceed three minutes. It is the policy of the Commission not to comment on items brought forth under "Call to the Public." However, staff can be directed to report back to the Commission at a future date or to schedule items raised for a future Commission agenda. To avoid disruption of the meeting, to maintain decorum, and provide for an equal and uninterrupted presentation, applause is not permitted, except during Proclamations, Awards, and Recognitions. All meeting participants must maintain proper decorum as specified in Section 6 of the Council Rules of Procedure.

**5. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS BY DIRECTOR**

**6. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

**7. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed are considered to be routine, non-controversial matters and will be enacted by one motion and vote of the Commission. All motions and subsequent approvals of consent items will include all recommended staff stipulations unless otherwise stated. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commission Member or member of the public so requests. If a Commission Member or member of the public wishes to discuss an item on the Consent Agenda, he/she may request so prior to the motion to accept the Consent Agenda or with notification to the Director or Chairperson prior to the date of the meeting for which the item was scheduled. The item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item on the Regular Agenda. The remaining items on the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion and vote of the Commission.

- a. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approving the Meeting Minutes of the Strategic Plan Advisory Commission Meeting of February 25, 2026.

**9. REGULAR AGENDA**

- a. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Future Strategic Plan Signature Strategy — Economic Development

- 1. Downtown Planning
- 2. Outdoor Activities and Tourism
- 3. Shea Corridor
- 4. Diversification in Business Development

- b. **UPDATE:** from the Commission Work Groups.

- c. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration of Future Agenda Items Pertaining to the Strategic Plan.

**10. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01, or as prescribed by state law.

**11. COMMISSION DISCUSSION/DIRECTION TO THE DIRECTOR**

Members of the Commission may (1) request the Town Manager follow-up on matters raised at that meeting; (2) request one two-minute response to directed criticism raised any portion of the meeting; (3) a consensus of the Commission may request the Town Manager to research a matter and report back to the Commission.

**12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Chairperson or a Commissioner, with the support of two additional Commissioners, may direct the Town Manager to place an item on the next available agenda within the next three meetings for consideration and possible action.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Dated this 11th day of March, 2026.



Angela Padgett-Espiritu, Executive Assistant/Deputy Town Clerk

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# TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS

## STAFF REPORT

**Meeting Date:** 3/18/2026  
**Meeting Type:** Strategic Planning Advisory Commission Regular Meeting  
**Submitting Department:** Administration / Town Clerk  
**Prepared by:** Angela Espiritu, Executive Assistant/Deputy Town Clerk  
**Staff Contact Information:** Phone: 480-816-5107  
Email: aespiritu@fountainhillsaz.gov

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### **Request to Town Council Regular Meeting (Agenda Language)**

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approving the Meeting Minutes of the Strategic Plan Advisory Commission Meeting of February 25, 2026.

### **Staff Summary (background)**

The intent of approving meeting minutes is to ensure an accurate account of the discussion and action that took place at the meeting for archival purposes. Approved minutes are placed on the town's website and maintained as permanent records in compliance with state law.

### **Related Ordinance, Policy or Guiding Principle**

n/a

### **Risk Analysis**

n/a

### **Recommendation(s) by Board(s) or Commission(s)**

n/a

### **Staff Recommendation(s)**

Staff recommends approving the Meeting Minutes of the Strategic Plan Advisory Commission Meeting of February 25, 2026, as presented.

### **Suggested Motion**

**MOVE TO APPROVE** the Meeting Minutes of the Strategic Plan Advisory Commission Meeting of February 25, 2026, as presented.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Budget Reference:**

**Funding Source:**

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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| 1. | SPAC 02252026 Summary             |
| 2. | 2026.0225.SPAC.VERBATIM.TRANSRIPT |

**TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS  
SUMMARY MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 25, 2026**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chairman Geoff Yazzetta called to order the meeting of the Strategic Planning Advisory Commission at 4:00 p.m.

**2. INVOCATION – Moment of Silence**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Vice Chairman Geoff Yazzetta; Commissioner Polly Bonnett  
Commissioner Bernie Hoenle; Commissioner Paul Smith; Commissioner Joseph Reyes

**Members Absent:** Chairman Patrick Garman and Commissioner Randy Crader

**Staff Present:** Deputy Town Manager David Trimble and Deputy Town Clerk Angela Padgett-Espiritu

**4. STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION**

**5. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS BY DIRECTOR**

**TRIMBLE:** Reported that the Town began the budget season with a work session and budget retreat held the previous day. The retreat lasted most of the day and is available online for anyone interested in viewing. The Town will now begin the remainder of the budget process.

**6. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

**7. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on January 28, 2026.

**MOVED BY** Commissioner Polly Bonnett to APPROVE the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on January 28, 2026, of the Strategic Planning Advisory Commission Meeting, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Joseph Reyes  
Vote: 5–0 | motion passed unanimously

## 9. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. **DISCUSSION:** Discussion and Planning for the Strategic Planning Advisory Commission Guided Workshops.

**YAZZETTA:** Noted that the meeting would focus on discussion and planning for the Strategic Planning Advisory Commission guided workshops, as there was no director presentation scheduled. An outreach workshop will be held on Saturday, April 4 at the Community Center, with information to be distributed to members and shared with the community. This will be the third year the Town has hosted outreach workshops there, which have had strong attendance. A second workshop is also planned at the Fountain Hills Unified School District Learning Center to help reach a broader audience. Further details will be provided.

- b. **UPDATE:** from the Commission Work Groups

No updates

- c. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration of Future Agenda Items Pertaining to the Strategic Plan.

None

## 10. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

## 11. COMMISSION DISCUSSION/DIRECTION TO THE DIRECTOR

None

## 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**PADGETT-ESPIRITU:** Clarified the process for adding future agenda items, noting that items may be unrelated to the Strategic Plan but must be supported by at least two commissioners. Once supported, the item can be placed on a future meeting agenda.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED BY** Commissioner Paul Smith to APPROVE adjourning the meeting of February 25 ,2026, of the Strategic Planning Advisory Commission, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Polly Bonnett.

Vote: 5-0 | motion passed unanimously

Vice Chairman Geoff Yazzetta adjourned the meeting of the Strategic Planning Advisory Commission at 4:06 PM

**TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS**  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 25, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Strategic Planning Advisory Commission was convened at 16705 E. Avenue of the Fountains in an open and public session at 4:00 PM

Members Present: Vice Chairman Geoff Yazzetta; Commissioner Bernie Hoenle; Commissioner Polly Bonnett; Commissioner Joseph Reyes

Members Absent: Chairman Patrick Garman; Commissioner Randy Crader

Staff Present: Deputy Town Manager David Trimble; Deputy Town Clerk Angela Padgett-Espiritu



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**Town of Fountain Hills  
Strategic Planning Advisory Commission  
February 25, 2026**

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YAZZETTA: Okay. Good afternoon, everyone. I'll call to order the February 25th Strategic Planning Advisory Commission. Rules and procedures for all council sessions and Commission sessions have changed, so just follow along. We'll walk through this one item at a time. We will now be beginning meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. So I would ask everyone to rise, please, and face the flag, which is over there to the right. One second. We'll wait for Joe. Come on, Joe.

ALL: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

YAZZETTA: Thank you everyone. And if you choose, please remain standing for a brief moment of silence. Thank you.

Town Clerk, may I have a roll call, please?

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: Sure. Chair Garman is unable to be with us today. Vice Chair Yazzetta.

YAZZETTA: Here.

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: Commissioner Crader, I believe, is unable to be with us today. Commissioner Reyes.

REYES: Here.

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: Commissioner Bonnett.

BONNETT: Here.

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: Commissioner Hoenle.

HOENLE: Here.

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: Commissioner Smith.

SMITH: Here.

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: We have a quorum.

YAZZETTA: Thank you. The statement of participation, item number 4, does not need to be read aloud, but if anyone were here and was curious about how to participate, that would be -- I believe that's supposed to be up on the screen, too, right? But in any event, no one is here today, so we'll move on to item number 5, a summary of current events by director. And I'm going to look over to my right and Deputy Town Manager

Dave, do you have anything for us?

TRIMBLE: Not a whole lot. The town kind of kicked off budget season yesterday with a work session. We had a budget retreat. Lasted most of the day. It's online, if anybody wants to see anything, but -- then we'll start into the rest of the budget season from there, so that's about it.

YAZZETTA: Thank you very much. We have no proclamations, awards or recognitions. We have no presentations, which brings us down to item 8, which is our consent agenda. So previously, we would have a separate standalone agenda item to approve the minutes. This has been moved into the consent agenda, which is new for our commission, but may I have a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 28th meeting?

BONNETT: I move to approve.

REYES: Second.

YAZZETTA: Town Clerk, may I have a or -- I guess all in favor?

ALL: Aye.

YAZZETTA: I'm sorry. I'm used to doing roll call for council sessions, but we can just do unanimous, right --

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: Yes.

YAZZETTA: -- or all at once? Okay. Excellent.

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: Yes, for this, you can.

YAZZETTA: Very well. Moving on to the regular agenda, and this is going to be a pretty short meeting. We do not have a presentation from one of the town's directors today, so this is going to be discussion and planning for the Strategic Planning Advisory Commission guided workshops. So we will be hosting one of the outreach sessions that will be Saturday, April 4th at the Community Center. I will work with town clerk to distribute information to all of you about that. And I will also work with Mike Pelton, who's the town community -- I'm sorry, the communications director to get the word out to the community. This will be the third year in a row that we are holding outreach workshops at the community center. And we have had pretty good attendance

throughout. And this year, we're going to be drilling down to the specific tasks, so that's the ground level for the upcoming iteration of the plan that we've all been working on this whole time. So stay tuned for more information about that. And then I will be working closely with Bernie and getting time at -- what is the name of the meeting room at the school district?

HOENLE: That's the Fountain Hills Unified School District Learning Center.

YAZZETTA: The learning center. Okay. We will have a second session. Instead of having two at the community center, we're going to have one at the community center and one at the learning center, hopefully, to capture, you know, a different audience that we have been getting previously, so more to come on that specific topic. So those are the workshops. Let's see here. The next is update from a commission working groups. No updates to speak of at the moment. And then discussion and possible action consideration of future agenda items pertaining to the strategic plan. Does anyone have anything to suggest? Patrick usually ask for suggestions, but I don't have any. Does anyone have anything they'd like to offer at the moment? Hearing none. Okay. We'll move on to item number 10, which is called to the public. Town Clerk, do we have any speaker cards?

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: No, we do not.

YAZZETTA: Thank you very much. Item 11, Commission discussion and direction to the director. Does anyone have any suggestions to share with our deputy town manager or town manager? Hearing none, we'll move on to future agenda items. That is -- Angela, help me out here. How does that differ from 11?

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: This is a separate item and that -- this is where it requires. This would be future agenda items possibly not related in your case to the strategic plan, but two other items. And also you have to have two people and then we'll add that to the, the following meeting. So let's say, for instance, you want to discuss you wanted somebody from on the coalition. Right. You would bring that up and you have two more commissioners agree to it --

YAZZETTA: Um-hum.

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: -- and then we will have that on the next meeting.

YAZZETTA: Thank you for clarifying.

PADGETT-ESPIRITU: Yep.

YAZZETTA: Okay. Very well. That moves us to item number 13, adjournment. May I have a motion to adjourn, please?

HOENLE: I'll make the motion, we adjourn.

YAZZETTA: Second, please.

BONNETT: I'll second.

YAZZETTA: Thank you.

All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

YAZZETTA: We're adjourned.

HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS VICE CHAIRMAN GEOFF YAZZETTA ADJOURNED THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2026 AT 4:06 P.M.

APPROVED:

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PATRICK GARMAN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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ANGELA PADGETT-ESPIRITU, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZONA HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2026. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULY CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

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ANGELA PADGETT-ESPIRITU, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK



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### **Request to Town Council Regular Meeting (Agenda Language)**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Future Strategic Plan Signature Strategy — Economic Development

### **Staff Summary (background)**

Economic Development Director Amanda Jacobs will discuss the future Strategic Plan Signature Strategy Economic Development with the commissioners.

### **Related Ordinance, Policy or Guiding Principle**

n/a

### **Risk Analysis**

n/a

### **Recommendation(s) by Board(s) or Commission(s)**

n/a

### **Staff Recommendation(s)**

n/a

### **Suggested Motion**

n/a

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**Budget Reference:**

**Funding Source:**

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None



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1. Downtown Planning
2. Outdoor Activities and Tourism
3. Shea Corridor
4. Diversification in Business Development

### **Staff Summary (background)**

### **Related Ordinance, Policy or Guiding Principle**

### **Risk Analysis**

### **Recommendation(s) by Board(s) or Commission(s)**

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**UPDATE:** from the Commission Work Groups.

### **Staff Summary (background)**

### **Related Ordinance, Policy or Guiding Principle**

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**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consideration of Future Agenda Items  
Pertaining to the Strategic Plan.

### **Staff Summary (background)**

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