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Town of Fountain Hills
Strategic Planning Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
May 26, 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: Chairman Patrick Garman; Vice Chairman Geoff Yazzetta; Commissioner Bernie Hoenle; Commissioner Paul Smith; Commissioner Joseph Reyes

Members Absent: Commissioner Polly Bonnett, Commissioner Randy Crader

Staff Present: Town Manager Rachael Goodwin; Town Clerk Bevelyn Bender

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GARMAN: Call to order.

Thank you. Okay. So we're done with the -- number one on the -- on the agenda.

Number two is the invocation. Do we -- do we have to stand to do the moment of silence or seat --- I thought -- seems okay.

So we're going to do a moment of silence, please, which is fitting. Yesterday was -- was Memorial Day, so we'll do that now. Thank you.

Okay. We'll move on with that. I know we had a great Memorial Day ceremony yesterday down by the fountain, so that was great, as far as the town goes. That's what I was thinking of during the moment of silence.

So we're going to move down to roll call.

Bev, can you do the roll call for us, please?

BENDER: Chair Garman.

GARMAN: Here.

BENDER: Vice Chair Yazzetta.

YAZZETTA: Here.

BENDER: Commissioner Crader is absent.

Commissioner Smith.

SMITH: Here.

BENDER: Commissioner Hoenle is absent right now.

Commissioner Reyes.

REYES: Here.

BENDER: And so is Commissioner Bonnett. She is also absent.

Chair, you have a quorum.

GARMAN: We do have a quorum. Thank you.

And was there any comments or any statement of participations given to us, Bev?

BENDER: No, that does not need to be read.

GARMAN: Okay. Thank you. All right. We're flying by. We're down to agenda item five, which is a summary of current events by the director.

Rachel, our town manager, do you have any comments?

GOODWIN: No, no real comments. I just wanted to share that if you were not aware, the adoption of the final budget is set for Tuesday evening before the Council. The tentative budget was adopted last month, so this is the final action for adopting the FY '27 budget that supports all of the different activities that obviously fall under our strategic plan. So that is scheduled for Tuesday night. Yes. Here.

GARMAN: Wednesday night or Tuesday night?

GOODWIN: Tuesday night. Council meeting on Tuesday.

GARMAN: Next Tuesday?

BENDER: June 2nd, uh-huh.

GARMAN: Next Tuesday? I'm sorry. Because I was --

BENDER: Uh-huh.

GARMAN: Okay. So next Tuesday.

Okay. Is that it?

All right. Moving down to proclamations, awards, and recognitions. We don't have any. Hearing, no motions, I don't think we have any proclamations or awards or recognitions. We don't have any presentations either from the town today. So we're going to move down to the consent agenda.

The first item under agenda item eight is a consideration of possible action, which is regarding the approval of the meeting minutes of the Strategic Plan Advisory Commission meeting of March 18th. We were not able to meet in April.

Before we hear any motion, does anybody have any comments, edits, anything related to the minutes from March? Because their verbatim and then the summary was great. So I don't have any comments either reading through them.

Okay. So we do need to have a consideration to approve the minutes. Is there a -- is there a motion on the table?

YAZZETTA: Motion to approve the minutes.

GARMAN: We have a motion to approve the minutes. Do we have a second?

REYES: Second.

GARMAN: Thanks, Joe.

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Any other discussion about March. Hearing, none, we can move on to the vote.

All in favor of approving the minutes for the March 18th meeting, say aye.

ALL: Aye.

GARMAN: I hear Bernie say aye on the way in. Any opposed, say no.

Hearing none, it's unanimous. The minutes are approved for March 18th.

Okay. So we're now moving on to agenda item nine, which is our regularly scheduled agenda for today.

The main pieces we're going to talk about today for our -- for -- for our priorities -- our strategic priorities today, which was safety and quality of life. And then underneath them we have some signature strategies that we're going to discuss today and talk about tasks underneath them.

But we also had a couple events that happened over the last couple of months, which is from one of our work groups. We had some town work groups, and we had a couple of them, and we have a presentation that Geoff was going to talk to us about. So I wanted to -- to prioritize that in our meeting today to make sure we have enough time to talk about that before we move on to the -- a -- under the regular agenda a, discussion -- discussion and possible action. So in other words, all of that was for me to say that I'd like to change the agenda around.

And I need a motion if anybody would be willing to. Provide a motion to start with B and then go on to A.

SMITH: I'll make a motion that we start with B.

GARMAN: All right. Thanks, Paul.

Motion on the table. Is there a second.

HOENLE: I second it.

GARMAN: There's a second Bernie.

Any other discussion? Nope. I wanted to get through that I appreciate it. All right. So let's have a quick vote then.

All in favor of changing the agenda to start with the update from our commission work group. Say aye.

ALL: Aye.

GARMAN: Any opposed? Hearing none. It's unanimous. So we're going to change the agenda for today. Thank you all very much.

So let's start with the commission work groups. And I'm going to hand it over to Geoff to talk about -- was it March and April, right?

YAZZETTA: Just April.

GARMAN: Both in April?

YAZZETTA: Yeah. Yeah.

GARMAN: Okay. Go ahead.

YAZZETTA: Thank you. Chair.

Okay. Good afternoon everyone. Just wanted to give a quick update on the two outreach events we held in the month of April. We had two events. The first was Saturday, April 4th at the community center and the second was Thursday, April 16th at the Learning Center -- the Fountain Hills Unified School District Learning Center.

Just some quick highlights. The purpose of this, and this is the third year we are have held these outreach events. Two years ago, we were looking for the very high level feedback that created the pillars for the upcoming strategic plan.

Last year, we were looking for the strategic -- the different strategies. And this year we're looking more at the ground level tasks that are the action items that will be put into the plan, you know, for the town staff and you know, people to follow through with.

So over the two events, we had over 50 residents that participated and we collected 166 note cards. I went and took those note cards and transcribed them into a Excel spreadsheet, you know, just verbatim. Exactly, you know, as it was written. I then curated that and put them into the different themes that we had. So there's economic development, infrastructure, quality of life, safety, et cetera and from that I pulled the different themes for you know, what those topics are all about.

The file that has the raw data and the curated data has been shared with the commission, which we can take into consideration when we are coming up with those

individual ground level tasks. And then at the end of the presentation, there's a word cloud that kind of shows, you know, the largest are the themes that came up the most and the smallest, those came up, you know, less -- less frequently.

But all in all, you know, the three years' worth of these outreach forums have been very valuable for us, just, you know, as we kind of drill down and create the next iteration of the strategic plan, which, you know, we're going to be presenting in less than a year now.

So that's my high level update on the events that were held last month. If anyone has any questions, I'd be happy to answer them. And also, thank you to those of you who were present at those events and helped out.

SMITH: Are we going to discuss any of these items or --

YAZZETTA: I was going to open it up, yeah. So if you just let me know if anybody wants to comment about anything Geoff's presenting.

Go ahead, Paul.

SMITH: My main comment is that in reading through all these --

YAZZETTA: Uh-huh.

SMITH: -- before I got here, I came to the conclusion that we've got a different attitude out in the public than we had a year ago, and a -- positive. And I -- and a lot of the things like saying we need this because of our school system being --

YAZZETTA: Uh-huh.

SMITH: -- we need to save the all these different things. We didn't get any of that last two years ago. I don't think so. That's -- that's my comment on the overall view of it.

YAZZETTA: Sure. Yeah. Good observation.

SMITH: Very, very positive stuff.

YAZZETTA: Yeah. And one of the things that was kind of a hot topic, or I guess continues to be is the museum, because that was on a lot of note cards recently.

SMITH: Oh, yeah.

YAZZETTA: That is probably outside the purview of the strategic plan, because we're looking five to ten years in advance, and that is a -- an emergent issue. But you know,

good feedback, you know, just the same from the community.

GARMAN: No other comments on the -- on the -- I was at the one in the community center. I think my -- my -- my wife showed up to the one at the school. Thanks for Bernie for having it at the school. There was a lot of good -- good comments. But as you can see, the spreadsheet is -- I know this is all like a good package. The spreadsheet is really good.

So I like the way if you look, Geoff curated it down to -- or at least itemized it under, like economic development and infrastructure. But there are places on there I know under infrastructure. I think of parks is quality of life as well as infrastructure.

And so is there anything that you think supports or -- or adds to kind of the -- the priorities that we have, the pillars we have, the five pillars we have and the signature strategy underneath them? Is there something that's like, wow, we totally missed the ball on that, or you know, everything that kind of came out of this generally could fit under the structure that we have?

YAZZETTA: Yeah, that's a good question, chair. Thank you. A lot of the feedback that we got was kind of right down the fairway with what we anticipated. You know, the vacant land in the downtown corridor, you know, some of the, you know, needs for you know, additional housing options. Those came up frequently.

I'm trying to look through this and see if anything, you know, was really outside of what we were anticipating, at least as it comes from the five pillar structure that we have.

Not really anything that I can think of.

Again, the museum came up a number of times at both events a month ago. But again, that is an issue that is being addressed as we speak. Yeah. That's -- I can't think of anything that kind of took us all by surprise.

GARMAN: Everybody's quiet today. It's a three -- three day weekend hangover. No, I see a lot of this that fits underneath the -- the current plan. Underline, highlight and go through it.

Okay. All right. Sounds like you did a good job covering it. There's not a lot of questions.

YAZZETTA: Yeah. Thank you.

GARMAN: Thanks. All right. Thanks, Geoff.

Okay. Now we're going to move back up to a, which is our future strategic future strategic plan, signature strategy. Today we were talking about quality of life and safety.

So everybody kind of think about that as we as we dive into this. And I appreciate all -- your all's your comments. If you remember, last June at our workshop, we kind of narrowed it down to -- the ones that I pulled out when we were done there was park development, fire safety and trail development, connecting public areas, were the three -- kind of main, main ideas that came out of our workshop last year.

So I was going to start. I mean, we can go through them one at a time if you'd like. I know park development, we have a whole commission on that. I get that and -- and our resident expert, you were like the -- the OG for that for a long time. We have an extremely successful park system here in Fountain Hills. So and it's --- and you can tell it's really important when we go out and talk to the community, the parks that we have here.

So I will throw one thing out here. So park development. So here's a little paragraph that, I appreciate if you guys have comments or add to it. But this is this is what I wrote, by the way. I've been pecking away at the plan, drafting kind of a plan for you all to look at.

So Fountain Hill Parks are among its most beloved assets, from the iconic fountain and its 560 foot landmark to neighborhood parks, sports fields, and open desert spaces. As the community matures, the town must invest thoughtfully in its park system to meet the needs of all residents, families, seniors, youth, and active outdoor enthusiasts alike. So my first question is, do we have -- and I think this is a yes, but -- and how old is it? The our comprehensive Parks and Recreation master plan, how old is that plan? I know we have one, and it's a good one.

GOODWIN: You're right. We do have one. I want to say it was probably adopted in maybe '18 -- '18 or '19.

GARMAN: Before the pandemic. Really?

GOODWIN: It was, yeah. It was. The only reason I know that is -- is because it's a prerequisite for -- it was a prerequisite for some of our applications that we had to do. So yes.

GARMAN: So we've grown a lot since then as far as thinking, you know, we have plots of land and thoughts on some of these being smaller parks, future parks, stargazing. Try to do a park out in SunRidge Canyon. Right?

So does that plan need updated, do you think over the next --

GOODWIN: Yeah.

GARMAN: -- five to ten five to ten years?

GOODWIN: It's probably due, yeah.

GARMAN: Does the commission update that and then give it over to the town, or how does that.

GOODWIN: Typically it is it will filter through the commission, the Community Services Advisory Commission, it's usually staff initiated, much like this group went out to do public feedback.

GARMAN: Uh-huh.

GOODWIN: There's usually feedback and stakeholder conversations to find out, you know, to identify priorities, et cetera, those types of things. So it's -- it's not a fast thing, right? It's usually a year to 18 months to do.

GARMAN: Any other comments about parks?

YAZZETTA: We've got an award winning park system. What does staff need?

Just kind of open ended question for you, Rachel.

GOODWIN: That is -- you know, and I'm speaking on behalf of staff that I have not asked that question to. So I'm sort of going -- shooting from the hip here, so to speak. You know, as our park system grows and as the demands grow on it, it has been difficult to sort of keep up and maintain it to the quality and the standard that has -- is the expectation of our town.

YAZZETTA: Uh-huh.

GOODWIN: For instance, we do not have full time staff in the parks in -- on evenings or weekends. So as of 2:00, there are no full time staff in our parks. That, you know, from the outside looking in, is a little bit scary in the sense that we have very, very high usage, particularly on weekends.

So how then do we balance the need to maintain our parks in the -- during the same times that the resources are being utilized, i.e., you know, during events, or during high season golf tournaments or whatever else may be going on when ramadas are in use, or the splash pad is being used, those types of things.

So how are we maintaining our facilities and keeping track of things when we don't have the staffing support across all times -- days and times, so to speak? Same thing, we're asked a lot for -- for more new and more of what we do. Well, we do events really, really well in this town. There's no shortage of asks for more, which is great. We want to do more. They do really well.

But we are at a at a point where the staff and the budget can't assume any more. So what then? How do we - how do we manage the ask with the existing resources? Park specifically, and I know Patrick was just talking about, you know, we we've been trying to develop some of our earmarked spaces and move forward with introducing new parks into our community.

And so I think there's a little bit of an education opportunity for a lot of our residents, because our parks are great, and we've done a lot to make sure that the parks that we have are top notch.

What we don't have, though, is that -- surprisingly, we don't meet the standards, the national standards for open space per capita. We are very, very low. We're also very, very low on the walkability of folks being able to get to a park without needing a vehicle, without needing a car, to being able to walk to one, to bike to one.

So essentially, the -- the rule of thumb, if you want to call it that, is being able to walk to a park within ten minutes the base, the way our parks are situated they're very heavy and denser to our eastern edge, or if you want to call it that, if you look at a map of the town, a lot of our parks are more situated on our eastern side versus the western half,

which is sort of why the SunRidge Park, when that was originally envisioned, kind of helped underscore that helped kind of balance that out a little bit.

But it is the opportunity to bring -- to utilize our spaces, make sure that all of our parks are maintained well, and then hopefully consider thoughtfully adding where appropriate. And that can sometimes be met with resistance, as we've seen.

YAZZETTA: Uh-huh.

GOODWIN: So kind of wanting to make sure that we are in line with what the community wants as well as can then execute them to the standard we need to.

So does that answer your question?

YAZZETTA: Yes it does. Thank you. Very thorough. As far as staffing after hours or on weekends, is that one staff member? Is it two? Have -- is that a whole other can of worms?

GOODWIN: Theoretically, it would be great to have, even now, even during the day, even during our full time staff hours, we don't have a full time staff in every park.

YAZZETTA: Uh-huh.

GOODWIN: We have some staff that -- a single staff split between two parks. I'll use -- I'll use our dog park as an example. It's not fully staffed. It's not staffed, meaning there's not a person there --

YAZZETTA: Uh-huh.

GOODWIN: -- at all times to kind of monitor what's going on. They move between different parks, and that's okay. There's nothing wrong with that.

YAZZETTA: Uh-huh.

GOODWIN: That's not an unusual model. I think the challenge, again, mostly on weekends that we see is just the uptick in demand and the uptick in use.

YAZZETTA: Uh-huh.

GOODWIN: We do have part time staff as well as a number that go around to help, you know, pull trash, make sure bathrooms are clean --

YAZZETTA: Uh-huh.

GOODWIN: -- you know, make sure just the public resources are being maintained. But let's just say, you know, the splash pad has an issue. Well, that person is now going over to try to figure out splash pad. And while at Golden Eagle, the trash is overflowing because there's a big tournament --

YAZZETTA: Uh-huh.

GOODWIN: -- or there's a big, you know, tennis match or whatnot. So it's one of those things you can't be all places at all the time.

YAZZETTA: Uh-huh.

GOODWIN: So what we've done is we've actually in this current budget, the one that I mentioned earlier is there is a regular full time -- or regular part time position for weekends proposed in that budget to start chipping away at that, because we really can't just come in full force and be everywhere all the time. We have to be thoughtful about how we --

YAZZETTA: Sure.

GOODWIN: -- do that. So we felt like having a regular part time person that was assigned to the parks on the weekends, so that there's some consistency, that they would have a little bit higher level training to address more high level maintenance issues --

YAZZETTA: Uh-huh.

GOODWIN: -- as opposed to just, you know, keeping the wheels on, just running, you know, trash and bathroom

YAZZETTA: Uh-huh.

GOODWIN: -- maintenance kind of thing. So I think that will help. And then we will work and try to balance that out and see what kind of impact that has. If it -- if it turns the tide and keeps us even and we're on good -- then we'll stay there.

YAZZETTA: Uh-huh.

GOODWIN: If not, we'll have to look at what the next step might be. But no, it's not a it's not a -- it's not a throw everything at it. We will take it incrementally.

YAZZETTA: Understood. Thank you.

GARMAN: Does Fountain Hills -- and I think it does, but do we have a specific park capital improvement plan or is it just part of the larger --

GOODWIN: It is part of the larger. And in each project gets proposed as part of the overall CIP. So if you've ever watched one of ours -- Kevin takes a portion of it and talks about the park projects, and then Justin sort of steers towards the infrastructure and other projects through the community.

So we break it out sort of between public works and parks.

GARMAN: Okay. So we don't know any kind of given time, there's like a specified or prioritized section. It's like, hey, this is what we'd like to do now and into the future to improve our parks. Like facility upgrades and deferred maintenance and things like that?

GOODWIN: It is -- so we try to build out a five year outlook when it comes to that, and some of it is handled through CIP, some of it's handled through our regular budget, and some of it's handled through our facility reserves. And so it really kind of can fluctuate. Sometimes things come up that we weren't expecting. A good example of that is the new youth bike park that was presented and championed.

Right? Right, Bernie? You want to talk about that?

HOENLE: It was a combination effort. We've always been working with bikes, and kids, in the schools, and there wasn't a real beginning place for families to come out. So we worked with the town, we worked with other donors, and we got some matching. We found a place where it would be with the help of Kevin, and right now it's moving forward. It turned out from a \$25,000 effort to about a \$200,000 park.

GOODWIN: Uh-huh.

HOENLE: So it should be under contract soon if it's not already.

GOODWIN: Yeah, it's moving pretty quick from what I heard. I haven't heard a recent update, but I know Kevin's been pretty -- pretty vested in it.

HOENLE: It's over there near where the dog park is, and it's next to where the other skateboard park is.

GOODWIN: Yes. So if you said is that was that on our high five year horizon? No. But

the opportunity presented itself, and it made sense, and it complimented what we have, and where we're trying to go. So we were able to make that happen.

But yeah, there is -- to your point, there is a horizon. And we do try to plan for that with the flexibility of taking on opportunities if they arise.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What -- has this town selected a guy to kind of run the program?

GOODWIN: Not yet. It is in -- it's -- it's budgeted for -- or is proposed in the budget for next year. So that will be It would be --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

GOODWIN: Yeah. We would -- our IT administrator would drive that process to make sure, you know, there's other compliance issues and types of things like that. But yes, he'll drive that process.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That would keep track of all your capital improvements --

GOODWIN: Uh-huh.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- probably in section --

GARMAN: Comments as we get down in parks?

So do we have a -- a specific plan for just the Fountain Park area? Is it split off? Because that's like the most iconic portion. And that's what draws in some tourism and other things.

GOODWIN: Uh-huh.

GARMAN: It seems like, you know, Lakeline and all of that. Do we have something that's hey, this is what we need separate from everything else, just for the -- the fountain park?

GOODWIN: So each park has its own assessment and is scored independently, with all of its different amenities and bits and pieces, so that there is a maintenance process for that, as well as a repair -- repair, replace, upgrade, whatever that gets scored. Each gets scored annually so that they can track.

And then in terms of greater improvements, i.e. what I'll call capital level improvements, the lake liner is obviously the biggest one and is on -- certainly on the

radar, no doubt about it.

There are a number of few -- smaller projects that have come along that we've taken on as we've seen as we face challenges. I'll give you an example. One is getting ready to start here in the next coming week or two, where they're going to be leveling out and trying to improve what I'll call is the -- the Great Lawn, the area where we hold most of our festivals.

That footprint is -- is pretty uneven. We have the -- the drainage swale through there. You have a number of other things. We're working to make that more level, more accessible, so that we have a greater space to accommodate more folks and a bigger, bigger footprint down there.

So that is one improvement that they're working towards. But most of them are being identified either by challenges as we grow and the usage of the space changes and the demands on the park change. So that -- and so those are being identified as we move forward. So that's why it's usually a three to five year vision for each of the parks.

GARMAN: Yeah. Go ahead, Bernie.

HOENLE: I think one of the things that contributed to improve that area is not necessarily at the Fountain Park, but it's the pavilion. I think it's taken some of the load off of a few activities that they would have tried to have at the park.

GOODWIN: Absolutely. The pavilion has been a great add.

HOENLE: So, I think it's the combination so.

GOODWIN: Well, and keeping that in mind, the pavilion was more almost a three year effort before it came, before it was ever realized in the CIP, before it was ever budgeted for and then came to fruition, really in the last year. As the space was redone, the shade structure was added, the lighting was just added. So it has become a much more usable gathering space from what it once was.

GARMAN: The pavilion is the --

GOODWIN: Centennial --

GARMAN: -- Centennial.

GOODWIN: The Centennial Circle. Yep, that's -- that's the Centennial Pavilion. Uh-huh.

But it's the home of a number of events, concerts and things like that.

GARMAN: Okay. I'm going to keep going until I see red lights flash. Okay. Chime in whenever you want.

Do we have spaces? I would call them programing spaces. We just talked about the pavilion, but identified spaces at our parks where events can take place, whether it's sunrise yoga. I know we have high school graduations and do we have those throughout?

Or is it just, you know, we always do high school graduation here? Or do we have a plan that we're doing yoga over at 4 Peaks Park and we're doing -- you know what I mean for different age groups, and different -- just kind of a coordinated effort of -- I would call them programing spaces or program spaces.

I think Bernie wants to wants to comment.

What you think? Go ahead.

HOENLE: Two of them, one, the disc golf tournament. I mean, that's a pretty big deal. It uses most of the park. And then the other one is the cross country school meets that --

GARMAN: Uh-huh.

HOENLE: They run around the park, and it's a fairly large student event that comes around at least once, sometimes twice a year.

GOODWIN: I would tell you, we -- we have a very --

GARMAN: And I'm not just talking about events. I'm talking about locations, you know? Park locations --

GOODWIN: Sure.

GARMAN: -- that are dedicated to programs.

GOODWIN: Yeah. We have a very I think we have a very wide variety of programmatic areas that are based on community asks and community evolution. I mean, we have very traditional spaces, like our rentable ramadas for your picnic, your birthday party or whatnot. All parks have those.

We also have some, you know, some are more larger than others. Specifically, I'm

thinking of -- Golden Eagle has a much larger one down by the basketball courts. And then we have more traditional ones with two or three picnic tables. You know, those are designed more for public use.

The larger ones, especially like the one that was just added adjacent to the splash pad, is designed to be available for both public use as well as rentable for larger events. And hopefully we will be working towards hosting more community wide programming under there, whether it's, you know, family game nights or music or other things like that. But that one was designed as a multi-purpose and multifunction space.

But as -- again, as our community has grown, as our community asks, have changed, what was once popular and traditional is no longer. So being able to adapt our spaces is really what's key.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sorry about that.

GOODWIN: That's all right. I think a good example of that is the avenue, the linear park on the avenue, you know, is used for a lot of different things. We were able to develop the concert series on it. We do host yoga out there seasonally. It's also the home of the farmer's market.

So it's the ability to adapt our spaces as the use asks fluctuate. And I think that's what we've done a good job of.

GARMAN: What do you think? Do you think that there's anything I had written down here? Fountain Hills theater --

BENDER: You may want to turn on your mic.

GARMAN: Thanks. Thanks. I had written down the Fountain Hills Theater and you know, cultural performing arts, public arts programs. And I was trying to link it back to opportunities for public, private partnerships, which I brought up before.

GOODWIN: Uh-huh.

GARMAN: And is there anything like that under parks? Under the parks program or any of those other things I mentioned where there's -- there's -- you have something big. The town just doesn't have the, I don't know, tax base or the budget to support, but it might be able long term, five years, ten years, 15 years, 20 years of public -- private

partnership can make it into a reality.

Any of those wish -- wish lists out there?

GOODWIN: I'm sure there's lots of wish lists out there. What really has traction and the has withstood the test of time is really the question. You know, we have our performing, we have the theater, which is a really great asset for community of our size. They do a great job. You know, we have a number of, you know, the community band, the community chorus and another --

So the arts are, you know, well represented here. Having, you know, a dedicated performing arts space is not something that we have explored.

Obviously one of the most popular topics that has come and gone well before I got here, and probably well after I leave, is the idea of a pool. Public pool. I know that there was a -- at one point there was some traction with a partnership, like with the YMCA and the school district that obviously did not get legs for whatever reason. That was, again, before my role here.

So there is there's no shortage of interest. I think that the question really comes back to what can the community actually sustain? And so it's a little bit -- we got to broaden that just a bit before we can, I think, drill down as to what could actually work.

Obviously we have a lot of community projects and spaces. You know, whether it's the community garden, whether it's the dark sky facility, all of those are partnerships.

Those are usually -- you know, they're based with the town in partnership, but there has to be a cooperative agreement. There has to be other mandatory things that are met.

Even -- even the library is an IGA with the county. So there's a lot of partnerships that exist in our community as it is today. So where that goes is really a very open question.

GARMAN: You said one was an IGA?

GOODWIN: An intergovernmental agreement. So we have an agreement with the county to use -- they operate, but use our space.

GARMAN: Is our space -- and that is our space plan for the Performing Arts center at some point.? No?

GOODWIN: No, I'm not sure where that would be.

GARMAN: Well, I know. Yeah. Joe.

REYES: Actually I kind of see this area as having different venues, if you will, for continued promotion of the arts. And the one of the most recent that stands out was I did I finally took a tour through the -- our beautiful in fact you know, big project right here.

And even though we couldn't see because it's still under construction behind the walls, the amount of seats and the staging area that is envisioned and being built there purposely could be used for a venue for small plays and things of that nature. That was brought up by the People that were giving us the tour.

So I think we kind of take different places and people will use them in different ways, from small to large. It would be nice if you had a very large space, like a lot of communities do, and either have outdoor, but we've got the super one with, you know, the Super Bowl one here with our -- our fountain. And from there, we have our unique elements as we have smaller parks throughout. And I think that's -- that's a good thing for us.

But -- but still even within buildings look for more of that if we ever develop more. Side note.

GARMAN: Okay. Thanks for being a good sport, Rachael, and answering all our questions. I'm just going to move on now if it's okay.

The last two are kind of connected. That's a little bit of a pun. Number two is fire safety and trail development. And then number three is connecting public areas and town.

So here's something. You all heard me talk about this before going back a year or so. So I kind of looked -- looked back at what I called -- what I'm calling don't quote me on this, but the-- the Fountain Hills Wash Corridor Initiative, WCI for short.

So you know, I looked at do we have the ability you know, legally and operationally to have a wash initiative in, in Fountain Hills.

So what I kind of came up with is -- like to put these two together, fire safety trail development, conduct connecting public areas. So if you think this is a two-step process.

So first something that we talked about your staff has talked about, Rachel, is a systemic brush removal. I think they call it like fuel reduction program in publicly owned washes and corridors. So that would be under wild -- wildlife -- excuse not wildlife -- wildfire safety.

So going through kind of the washes, especially the main washes that might be, you know, dangerous and high risk for wildfires coming you know, into the town through the washes and kind of those, those wild areas. So removing brush, cleaning those up. And then while the town is doing that -- remember, this is a long term plan. It's not something tomorrow.

But while -- while the town goes through and does that systematically, it would pave the way for the development of a multi-use trail system that would utilize those same corridors that were just cleaned up to connect our parks and neighborhoods, and even the existing trail systems. It doesn't need to be in every wash. And I'm not talking about asphalt, I'm talking about granite pebbles and that -- in that kind of pathways.

But it seemed like over time we could work together to reduce the risk of wildfires and fire in general in our town, and at the same time kind of create, or meet one of the goals that we hear, which is connecting public spaces with these pathways.

Any thoughts on that? That's something I've been thinking of.

Paul?

SMITH: You want me to say something now? No, I don't -- excuse me. I don't remember when exactly, but a few months ago, in the last year, we had a presentation from Parks and RECs, and they talked about -- or he talked about doing or working toward a, a the goal of a trail system that connected all the parks in town. And most of that was the use of the washes. And I think that kind of all goes together.

In other words, you're not going to use the wash unless you clean it up. And if you clean it up, then you don't have the fire safety -- or the fire problem. So I think we need to keep -- keep talking about that. I think that's -- it all kind of goes hand in hand. I think.

GARMAN: You know, this concept of -- concept of using, you know, washes and kind of drainage corridors throughout the, the valley here. You know, it's been done. It's been

done successfully in other towns. You know, my -- my -- my kids live off the greenbelt here in Scottsdale, and that's a wash. It's 11 miles, never miles long. It's beautiful, right?

So you know, you eat an elephant one bite at a time. So I think that that's an ability in our washes to be able to, first of all, minimize wildfire safety and -- and minimize wildfires and then help connect. Now, you could do this over time. And you have to start, you know, before you get there you would identify the town would have a plan. They would look at the town government would look at -- look at the washes that might be best suited for this.

You know, thoroughfares that might be affected. And you know, run it through. So it's all public. Of course, this has to go through the Council and everything else like that, but I think it's something that would connect some of the things that people have said before. I know one of the word charts in here was connecting our public spaces. And Rachel, you've said that quite a few times as well, trying to connect them. And you can't do that until you start.

So one thing I wanted to add before I turn it over. Yep. Don't -- don't -- don't --

GOODWIN: Go for it.

GARMAN: It. I'm going to keep it clean. Don't -- don't -- don't be too rough. There's a polite way.

Anyways the town owns these corridors, right? We already own the washes. We already are supposed to be maintaining, you know, dams and washes and things like that in the town. Anyways wildlife wildfire risk is real, and it's important. And fires have occurred in some of our washes.

So and I think our town has already started that in some of these washes. We've already started some -- not the -- but re cleaning the washes and making them a little easier to get through. I had some of the washes, like the -- did you already start on the Ashbrook wash and some of these others that I had found?

So anyways, I think the town has all of the tools necessary to do a project, a multi-year, maybe multi-decade project like this. We -- we own we -- we have the ability to do this.

And I know one of the negative things is not in my backyard, people might not want to see people walking through their wash, but it's not their wash. It's a public wash.

All right. That's me done talking. Go ahead, Rachel.

GOODWIN: I'll start with the fact that you are supporting something that the community services staff, the park staff have long supported, and even our public works. It has been a concept that has been talked about and serves a -- you know, as a conversation starter and has served as a conversation starter for quite a while. That being said, we have a couple of hurdles that go beyond this body that go beyond the Council, even -- because there is a voter initiative that voted in our community. I want to say in the late 90s to not use or develop the washes. That includes for purposes like this.

We also have current ordinances on the books that say that there's no public access to our washes. You shouldn't be down in those. So both of those actions are directly opposed to, you know, directly challenge what we just what you just talked about. So there is a, there's a larger set of hurdles that have to be sort of considered as this idea is continued to evolve.

So is that gentle enough?

GARMAN: Yeah. 1990's go back a while.

GOODWIN: Uh-huh.

GARMAN: That's interesting. You know we're talking not just I mean for peaks and you know wash to -- to problem and things like that. I mean we're talking Darrow and Golden Eagle, and Shadow Canyon, all these big washes that come down through town. I know we have I found like at least eight or nine or ten or twelve or more, like they can have a test case.

But I know I didn't have my light on that whole time.

Geoff, go ahead.

YAZZETTA: The voters, there was a specific ballot item that said the washes shall not be used for any purpose aside from runoff during the storms?

GOODWIN: Barring any direct language because I don't know it off the top of my head.

Essentially, yes.

Now, I hesitate to do this because she's going to yell at me. But I know Bev was here when that initiative happened.

Bev, am I speaking out of turn, or am I forgetting any of the details that might come to mind for you?

BENDER: It came to us in an ordinance, and the Council approved it based upon the petitions that the -- the public presented to them. So they put it into the town code.

YAZZETTA: I see.

BENDER: Yes.

GARMAN: Now the town has to maintain the washes, right? We don't lose wildfire safety initiatives, right? So.

GOODWIN: Correct.

GARMAN: That's even -- even one thing that I know was asked over the last year when some of your folks came in, was to start an initiative to at least start taking the fuel, as they say, fuel out of the out of the washes. Are you allowed to do that? Maintain them?

GOODWIN: So that's been going on for the last two years. But that's staff led or contractor -- you know, we have a contractor that's working with us to do that.

Understanding that the washes have not been maintained for a number of years -- a lot of years.

GARMAN: Yeah.

GOODWIN: So much to your point earlier, it's not a -- it's not a one and done kind of thing. It is a multiyear effort to get the washes addressed and maintained to, to that standard understanding also that the standard that the town will trim them, maintain them, remove ladder fuels, that type of thing isn't always the same standard that folks would, you know, they would like.

They sometimes there's an expectation of, you know, clear cutting. Well, that leads to a different problem. You know, a healthy native tree, let's just say Palo Verde is far more beneficial there, as long as it's healthy and trimmed and maintained. Is actually a

preventative more than it is an accelerant. But there is, you know, there's some misperceptions that say the washers should be clear.

Again, that leads to a different problem. So -- because when it does rain and there's nothing to slow it down, we have a lot of erosion and a lot of other problems that cause harm from that.

So it's finding that middle ground that maintains them properly, as well as maintains them from, from both floods and fire, so to speak. All of that being said, that is happening, but it doesn't allow -- it doesn't negate the ordinance that says public access is prevented.

GARMAN: Go ahead Geoff.

YAZZETTA: Well, that's a pretty large obstacle, you know, for us as a commission because, you know, Council would need to take some action to reverse that motion. And if they were to do that, I think they'd have to do some type of pilot project to demonstrate the viability of these.

GARMAN: Uh-huh.

YAZZETTA: You know?

GARMAN: Uh-huh.

YAZZETTA: While it may be a great idea, and it sounds like staff would be supportive of it, you know, maybe that's something that we could include where it's like, hey, let's, you know, take a small bite at the apple in this upcoming plan. And you know, following that, you know, figuring out how to branch it out to other and maybe it's not appropriate for every other single wash in town. But yeah.

GARMAN: And that would. Yeah. Exactly. Yeah. Thank you.

Go ahead Joe.

REYES: So -- so it seems like on the one hand, by virtue of promoting the brush fire safety in the last couple of years, plus, we definitely have started to take that and embrace that. And it's not a one and done. It's more of that to program from here forward.

And on the other hand, there are sometimes opportunities to utilize those common

spaces or those washes for -- let's call them, recreation or public use. Except for the fact that we have this little problem where we've put that as out of bounds for some years. I propose this more of a question.

So how would one -- or a body go about bringing about a change to either change and allow for controlled public usage, which the town would define what that is, or at least to evolve and start to come up with ways to partner with others, because we have a string of connection that starts here and goes as far as you want to go, and -- including neighboring cities, right?

GARMAN: Yeah, yeah.

REYES: I seem to recall also in a visit that there's a conservatory or some a couple of groups that have already and are continue to do maintenance and expansion of the trails to improve them for the public use, with an eye always to continuing to string the one to the next. So that goes along with your plan.

But how would is that something that we under our planning here could promote? Or do we need a sponsor like the community development? I don't know who would do it. Parks and rec, combination thereof?

Could you help us out?

HOENLE: And I think that's where the challenge is going to be, since we're a commission working for the town, where it crosses the line for advocacy. So there are different things that need to be considered along the way.

SMITH: Wasn't the botanical garden built in a wash?

GARMAN: It's on the side of a -- it's on the side of the wash. Yeah, it's in a wash. It's on the hill side of the.

SMITH: The question is how do we do that with that ordinance?

GARMAN: That's a good point.

GOODWIN: I'd say my best guess is it was there before the ordinance. But I don't know that to be a fact. And nor do I know if it's in one of our recognized -- once again, it's adjacent. So the answer is, I don't know.

GARMAN: But could the town -- I'm sorry --

GOODWIN: Uh-huh.

GARMAN: I -- like I said, I'm a big believer in doing things gradually. I'm not saying, you know, this, this is going to be overnight, but you have to start someplace. And it seems to me that the town already has a good grasp of the inventory of the washes.

They know where the parks are. They know where the streets that cross the washes.

They know where. A good place to start with one wash or two washes or something like that. And kind of have a plan to, to get going to see if people are, you could tolerate it going through and what it would look like, how it would be limited or what, you know, all of that gets worked out over time through the Council and through the People in our town.

But does -- do we need to -- do the people need to vote on it, or can the Council change an ordinance based off the strategic plan? You know.

GOODWIN: The Council can change an ordinance. I would want to -- before I give you a definitive answer, I'd want to go back and double check how this evolved and get a little more concrete information for you, which I'm happy to do. I think, Joe, to kind of piggyback on what you asked, there's a couple of paths that could be explored is the honest answer.

Obviously, just like Bernie said, this is an advisory commission, right. So a recommendation can come out of this body that says, hey, Council, we -- we -- we think you should explore this. They can say, cool, we will. Or they can say no thanks.

It might be prudent to do a couple of other things, just like Geoff was just talking about the you know, we did community outreach to find out what people are interested in. I would suggest potentially reaching out and working with the Community Service Advisory Commission. Right? That's -- their sort of purview is our in our parks and rec space -- to say what has been done.

Because I can tell you, I know that the -- the -- the hiking group, why is that name is the Sonoran Conservancy, and that bill Craig has looked at this before. I know that he has drafted things. I know that these things exist.

So it may be smart to reach out to that commission and maybe develop a joint initiative

or some sort of crossover to say, hey, this, this has legs. What have you done? Where have you seen potential? How can we you know have more force in numbers? And of course, the ultimate, of course, is to represent what the community wants. And being able to have community advocacy is a very, very big part of that. To show why this is needed, why it's wanted, and to what extent our community really supports it. That holds a lot of weight if it's going to come out as a recommendation, whether through our plan, or you know, as a separate initiative to the Council.

GARMAN: Right. And we I mean, we ghostwrite this. This is the council's plan.

GOODWIN: Uh-huh.

GARMAN: This is the town's plan. So we write this, we socialize it, Council votes on it, accepts it.

GOODWIN: Uh-huh.

GARMAN: So it becomes their plan.

GOODWIN: Correct.

GARMAN: I would say I -- I just think there's some goodness in there. You guys could tell. I've been thinking about this for way too much of my time when I probably should be working. But things like that, where there's prone to flooding, like, you know, the I don't know all the names, but I'm sure it's like, I think it's Ashbrook from the Mount. The Eagle Park?

GOODWIN: Uh-huh.

GARMAN: Behind the school?

GOODWIN: Uh-huh.

GARMAN: That wash, right?

GOODWIN: Yep. That's Ashbrook.

GARMAN: And you guys have had to recondition that over time because of the flooding that comes down through there. And where does it go when it heads past town? Does it go to Fountain Park? Does it go to Four Peaks Park? Where does that wash?

GOODWIN: Ashbrook goes all the way through. Yeah, it runs all the way to our eastern border.

GARMAN: I mean, you know, and those people are used to work being done in that wash because of the flooding and the reconditioning to help with the flooding. Anyways. All right. Any other comments on that? I have big plans. Right? We'll start it. Bite the elephant -- eat the elephant one bite at a time.

By the way, there's you know, this has been successfully done throughout the valley and lots of different places. And I'm not talking about just like paved trails, but places -- Queen's Creek is doing this quite a bit. Cottonwood does this, Cave Creek? I don't want to compare it to the greenbelt. Everybody rolls their eyes. But that greenbelt is pretty awesome.

So you know, use this wash. Make it so it's it -- it helps, you know, channel the water when it rains, and then it removes vegetation. So it's not a fire risk. And oh, by the way, people can walk and bike in there to get different places. Win, win, win, win.

Okay. So that was the three things today. By the way we're -- looks like we're doing decent on time. The three things we're going to talk about for safety and quality of life park development, fire safety and trail development and conduct connecting public areas.

Does anybody have anything else they want to bring up, especially maybe fire safety? I mean, I have a whole laundry list on that, but we're running out of time.

Geoff.

YAZZETTA: I know there was a fire wise event that was hosted. I think it was earlier this year coming from LA and knowing plenty of people that lost their homes during the fires last year. How are we doing with just like outreach about brush clearance and making sure that, you know, the defensible space at private residences is maintained?

GOODWIN: Yeah, that's a great question because it is on a -- you know, sort of everybody's mind as the temperatures tick up and all of those things.

We actually just engaged with Mike Pelton, who does a lot of our social media and our PIO, to film and promote a number of different education messages about what defensible space is, what is truly -- what is a risk? What is it that a homeowner can look for?

Again, it's not necessarily a healthy tree and a wash. It's -- it's the low dry grasses that, you know, dry out on, you know, on property at the, at the, you know, floor of a property, so to speak, or along the rocks or along your edge. It's where items might blow and collect. Maybe it's dead grasses or palm fronds or wherever else you know. I know in my -- my property, it's always right in the corner of my driveway.

Well, if that's where things naturally collect, that's your greatest area of risk. Because that's where embers will blow if there happen to be a fire.

My point being here is that we're trying to use our social media resources, as well as our other outlets, to remind folks about what they can do, what they can proactively do to protect their space, what that defensible space is, the fact that the fire department will come out and help evaluate your property and give you recommendations on what you can do.

There are a lot -- a lot of tools and resources available for our property owners and homeowners here to help them feel empowered. And we want to help try to again share those, give those recommendations so that again, they can take those proactive steps.

YAZZETTA: Thank you.

GOODWIN: Sure.

GARMAN: It seems to me that maybe the town has a -- a plan. What do I call this? To connect -- oh, a connect public spaces plan identifying gaps in pedestrian and multi-use path networks between parks.

I know that's been something that we've talked about for years, right? Is -- is there a map? And it's like, boy, if we could snap our fingers, this is what we would do to connect our parks.

GOODWIN: So we have the -- I think it's called the active transportation plan, which is --

GARMAN: Yeah, that's --

GOODWIN: Yes. And so that identifies -- it's not just limited to parks, it's limited. You know, it connects a number of different areas, whether they be, you know, commercial corridors, retail areas, recreation spaces, whatever.

Connection to the parks was prioritized in that roadmap because our park spaces are very popular. And I want to say it was built on a ten year plan that we're probably coming up on, and each year we make a little bit more progress. It's --you know, you can see where we've infilled sidewalk areas --

GARMAN: Uh-huh.

GOODWIN: -- to, again, to connect sidewalks that -- sidewalks to nowhere, so to speak. The Saguaro Corridor is a good example. We've made a lot of progress and headway on sidewalk connections along the Saguaro Corridor. Both all the way up towards where it connects to Fountain Hills Boulevard. That was a huge grant paid, you know, federal grant that paid for a lot of sidewalks through there as well as we're doing smaller infill down on the lower portions.

So we are making progress as the to answer your question but that plan was built on, you know, based on available funds, based on priority areas and it -- it's -- it's a slow go. It's a slow go as the answer sometimes. Sometimes --

GARMAN: Grants and --

GOODWIN: Yep.

GARMAN: Bernie.

HOENLE: Yeah I think about five years ago they updated and included more on the pedestrians and bike lanes, stuff like that.

GOODWIN: They did, your right.

HOENLE: That tied in.

GOODWIN: Yes. Because we did develop -- I want to say Justin mentioned something like eight miles of new shared road space without actually changing the width of the road.

GARMAN: Okay. Does anybody have any other comments on this? Safety quality of life? Going to move on.

Okay. Hearing none we're going to move on to, I guess it's c under our regular agenda, which is discussion and possible discussion and possible action, future agenda items.

My plan was just as an overview, and then I'll see if anybody has any comments is and

this is going to take place of future agenda items number 12 as well.

But we were going to have our annual workshop in June. So we'll use our meeting in June for our hour and a half workshop like we've done the last two years. My plan was to circulate best way possible, but through electron send out a draft -- kind of just a draft plan, a template that's filled in to a certain extent for things for us to talk about.

We'll go through the different priorities, signature strategies, some of the tasks that we identified throughout the, throughout the year. I mean, it could be a lot of stuff.

So I was going to send that out ahead of time and hopefully people could leaf through it, read through it, circle some stuff, highlight here or there and come to the our workshop in June ready to talk about specific areas. You know, it's hard to talk about the whole thing, but there might be things that you're passionate about, that you're interested in, that you want to make sure is in there or not in there. But -- but I will circulate a document for that in June.

And then I'll take everything that we've, we talk about in June, all the, all the comments and make edits so that when we come back to our meeting in August, because we would skip July, we'd come back in August and I'd say, hey, here's a plan that I think you all can look at and we can start to circulate -- socialize with the town and the Town Council, more importantly, the Town Council, because I know the town Council is going to want to make edits to it as well.

This is post -- is the election the last week in July or something like that, like, right? So I figured it'd get us past that maybe even into the new the town Council is that -- that's both too, right?

So some of those might go into November, but into the fall, we can start having opportunities to socialize. And I say this again, I know it's different. You know, it used to be I was able to talk meet in a group setting with the Mayor. And the Mayor said, oh, yes, I can see this. This is I think this is the way it should go. This is the way it should go. Let's socialize it with the rest of the Council. And she acted like a shepherd to help shepherd the plan through and give advice on what people might be looking for.

I kind of throw myself on the court, you know, this year I'd love to take the plan after we

get through it at the end of the summer and just walk in each individual Council person's work area and say, let's talk about this for a little bit.

I know that's not the way politics are done these days, so but I don't think we can have a Council workshop every month to socialize it. And I can't wait till February 27th either.

GOODWIN: Why? What's February 27th?

GARMAN: Isn't that when they have their annual work --

GOODWIN: Oh, when their -- their retreat, yes.

GARMAN: Off-site retreat. Yeah.

GOODWIN: So let me ask a different question, just to make sure I'm on the same, same track when you're looking. Hopefully this is looking to be adopted by the end of this calendar year. Is that right?

GARMAN: End of 20 -- during '27. Last time we got approved in March.

GOODWIN: Okay.

GARMAN: So we socialize it during the fall. It was ready to go come December. They didn't. Something happened with the meeting in December. We came in the new year, and the first time we could get in front of them for a vote was in March, and they approved it in March.

GOODWIN: Okay. So no --

GARMAN: SO '27.

GOODWIN: Gotcha. Knowing that you have a little bit of a hurdle in that it is an election year, you already kind of noted that and that the new Council members won't be seated until December.

GARMAN: So unless -- they could get a lot of votes in July and --

GOODWIN: They can, but they won't be seated.

GARMAN: Okay.

GOODWIN: The new Council isn't seated until the first meeting in December. So we may know who the elected is or who the. But our guess is based on the number of candidates running. There will be some level of runoff that will take us into November. That being said, of course, you know, sharing it and getting feedback with members of

Council that may be moving off the dais, I still think it's valuable to get their input. I still think it's valuable to -- but then we're going to need to make sure that we build in time for the new electeds as well, and work from there.

I do think format wise, we can certainly set we can hold a number of meetings as long as we don't have the quorum where we have small groups, maybe two or three at a time, to kind of get some feedback.

GARMAN: That would be great. Thank you for that.

GOODWIN: I think we can certainly set that up. I think it would be critical to have a number of staff involved, too, because if there's questions about certain things or specific areas we want to make sure that there's the right folks around the table to either offer input or give some other guidance, but I think we can work towards that.

GARMAN: That is outstanding. Thanks.

So any comments on what I just laid out? At least over the -- through now into June and into August.

Yeah, Bernie.

HOENLE: It's more of a question than a comment. Are you going to include summaries of the different outreach efforts?

GARMAN: Do you mean outreach to the Council she just talked about? Or do you mean the workshops? Community workshops. You mean like -- yeah, absolutely. If you want. Yeah. Yeah, yeah. With the last two we've had -- how many have we had the last couple years?

YAZZETTA: We've had two per year.

GARMAN: Two per year. Yeah. Yeah, yeah. And the number -- I have to put the number of people we've interacted with and you know all of that as well. Yes, okay. All right. So that's -- that's the plan. You guys are going to get a draft before the June and promised not the day before our June workshop. So please print it out, whatever you need to do and be brutal with it, and then come prepared to -- to -- to discuss it at our workshop here in June.

All right.

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GOODWIN: (Indiscernible)

GARMAN: I can look on my phone to when Angela sent it out to us. You're not allowed to take vacations. It's -- it's an election year. I'm sorry. Just kidding.

Nothing pops up. Let me look at my other phone. So normally it would happen on Wednesday, the 24th of June. That's the meeting that I have from Angela. At 4:00, Wednesday the 23rd of June.

Cancel all your vacation plans for that week. I'm just kidding. I'm smiling when I say that.

Okay. So we're going to move down to call to the public is now at the end, and we don't have any public here, and then we haven't had -- submitted anything. So we don't need to review that.

We're going to go down to 11, which is commission discussion direction to the director. And we've been talking about this, is there any comments that any of you have going forward between now want me to consider as we head into June? By the way, you're all allowed to send me comments as long as you CC or put Angela on it. You know, you can -- one on one. You know, we can we can you can comment and we can put something we can talk about what we're going to do on the agenda or something like that. But so you just go through agenda -- or go through go through Angela whenever you do that. That would be my request.

Okay. We talked about future agenda items on number -- on letter c, so we talked about what we're going to do over the next couple months. And that's good.

All right. Sorry we're past the hour. We went a little over. Is there a motion on the table as far as adjournment goes for this month?

YAZZETTA: Move to adjourn.

GARMAN: Okay. We have a motion. Is there a second?

REYES: Second.

GARMAN: I have a second to adjourn. Hearing any -- not seeing any red lights, any comments about this month's meeting? Next month's meeting?

Okay. So we'll proceed to a vote. All in favor of adjourning the meeting for today. Say

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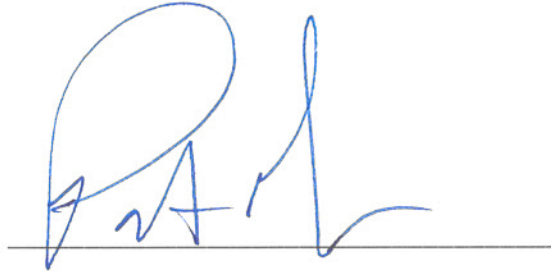
ALL: Aye.

GARMAN: Any opposed? Nope. Unanimous. The meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS
MAY 26, 2026 STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, CHAIRMAN PATRICK GARMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION HELD ON MAY 26, 2026, AT 5:12 PM.

APPROVED:



PATRICK GARMAN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



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 REGULAR MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION, FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZONA HELD ON MAY 26, 2026. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULY CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.



ANGELA PADGETT-ESPIRITU, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK