

City of Mesa

Downtown Vision Ad-Hoc Committee

57 E. 1st Street
Lower Level Council Chambers
Mesa, AZ 85201
Tuesday, September 30, 2014
4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jo Wilson, Chairman
Debby Elliott
Marco Meraz
Lorenzo Perez
Steve Chucuri
Charles Huellmantel
Rich Marchant, (Participated by phone until 4:17
due to bad connection)

STAFF PRESENT

Mayor Giles
Vice Mayor Glover
Natalie Lewis
Jim Smith
Sara Sorensen
Andrew Calhoun
Angelica Guevara
John Wesley
Gail Vangen

Meeting Minutes:

1. The first meeting of the Downtown Vision Ad-Hoc Committee was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Chairperson Jo Wilson.
2. Chairperson Wilson verified that Oath of Office statements had been taken. Committee Member Marchant (participating telephonically) will complete his oath as soon as possible.
3. Chairperson Wilson discussed the Purpose Statement for the Committee; there were no questions by the Committee.
4. Each Committee member and Mesa City staff introduced themselves and generally expressed appreciation for being asked to participate and confidence in the future of Downtown Mesa. Mayor Giles and Vice Mayor Glover thanked the Committee members for their time and participation and reinforced the importance of the work they are doing for Downtown Mesa.
5. Chairperson Jo Wilson outlined the following procedural matters:
 - a) The downtown agencies and city staff who have expressed interest in providing presentations to the Committee. The Committee acknowledged and accepted the listing, requested an update on the Mesa City Center concept, and expressed interest in hearing from Economic Development relative to downtown research/market information and incentive program. Chairperson Wilson directed staff to work organize presentations for the next meetings, based on Committee feedback.
 - b) Chairperson Wilson suggested the next meeting to be Tuesday, October 14, 4 p.m. with location to be determined by staff. The third meeting of the Committee will be Tuesday, October 28, 4 p.m. in the Lower City Council Chambers. The Committee agreed with these two meetings, though one member for each meeting suggested a

conflict. The Committee Chair acknowledged that while she encouraged attendance to all meetings, realizes that individuals have challenging schedules. Chairperson Wilson also provided an overall proposed schedule/timeline for the Committee:

- October-December 2014—generally planning two Committee meetings per month to hear presentations from downtown agencies and key city staff areas such as arts and culture and economic development.
- January-February—generally planning to focus this time on broader community outreach and feedback, with level of committee participation to be determined, as appropriate.
- March-April—Committee to meet as needed to formulate recommendations with a goal to work with staff to prepare a summary report that may be presented to City Council in late April.
- There were no comments on the general schedule. Chairperson Wilson requested staff to return to next meeting with a more detailed outline.

6. There were no items from citizen present.
7. Chairperson Wilson asked the Committee for feedback on items to discuss at the next meeting. It was agreed that the first meeting should cover the Open Meeting Law, Conflict of Interest, the definition of “boundary” for the City of Mesa’s downtown area that the Committee wants to establish, and also include two or three presentations, preferably related to Central Main Plan, Mesa City Center, Light Rail and possibly (if prepared) start of information available from Economic Development.
8. There was a motion and a second to adjourn meeting at 4:40 p.m.