# GP2040 Community Meeting Notes

September 24, 2012, 5-7 p.m.
Tempe History Museum

**Land Use & Development**

- Need for multi-generational housing
- Preserve Gonzales-Martinez House
- Creative use of alleys
- Concern about lot ties in cultural resource areas (density)
- Promote adaptive reuse of historic buildings
    - Great job with the Mill – for now ☺
- Yes to the observation deck on A-Mountain!
- Integrate development between north and south Tempe; concern over S. Tempe lack of mixed use development (S. of Southern) higher quality restaurants, retail, cultural activities, parks (i.e. amphitheater in Kiwanis Park)
- Provide mixed use development along edges of 85282 neighborhoods
- A lot tie, if granted (please don't in cultural resource areas) should not allow increased density or increase in zoning
- The language for cultural resource areas needs some teeth to actually help preserve those special, irreplaceable areas
- Flood irrigation is a cultural resource and a green/environmental control – please preserve!
- Join Phoenix in their 25% shade by 2030 initiative
- Land use and development prelim goal
- "New" Goal for Preservation and Rehabilitation – needs clearer language as to what it will apply to!
- Heat island impact
- Age in place – from baby to old age
- Walkability – national numbers
    - Let's get so we compare well with these
- Air quality – make improvement a priority

**Open Space, Recreation & Cultural Amenities**

- Orbit or other transport direct to TCA
- Park train and carousel
- Community garden
- Town Lake dog park
- Continue adding interpretive signage for historic building places
- More cultural elements for South Tempe and Kiwanis park (like the Levitt Amphitheater)

**Public Services & Facilities**

- Work with school districts to coordinate long-term planning with regards to shifting demographics
- Recycle program for apartment complexes
- More specific about what the educational goals are

- Work with school districts to repurpose closed school buildings and yards – the City should be flexible in parking and zoning requirement of such reuse

**Economic Development**

- Encourage rehabilitation of historic buildings and structures, such as Hayden Flour Mill and silos
- Please do not pave over Papago Park (fewer impermeable surfaces less pavement)
- Include incentive for diverse, locally owned small businesses and/or franchises in economic development plans
- Require development plans for business parks to have community open space (such as parks), retail and restaurants (preferably local)
- More technology jobs in 85283 and 85284.
- Need more good paying jobs – manufacturing
- Need more cultural venues (i.e. Levitt Amphitheater)
- Want more investment in Kiwanis Park
- Control the "quality" of retail
- Need more community input on development, specifically multi-family

**Conservation (including water resources)**

- Fluoride in drinking water – discuss continuation of practice
- Preserve existing flood irrigation because it is a character defining element of Tempe's older neighborhoods and streetscape
- Partner with private businesses and solar city type companies to maximize the adoption of solar use where it makes sense
    - As a shade structure/power station for Tempe Market Place and AZ Mills – similar to ASU near Sun Devil stadium
- Please plant more shade trees along major bike/pedestrian routes and along our major arteries- cuts down on urban heat island
- Innovations occurring in created distributed system
    - Allowing people to access to distributed energy pilot projects
    - People connect back to the grid; rooftop solar lease program; affordable housing
    - Education – People could make $$ and reduce energy use.
    - Put solar at the Library complex buildings to demonstrate how it works.
- Water harvesting
    - Support for using gray water
    - City's ability to negotiate
    - Rain barrels and rain garden in park and facilities that the city owns; example in Tucson commercial redevelopment could apply rain gardens and gray water use.
- Austin,TX has a cooling district services center (public owned utility)
- Geothermal
    - Underground energy can be taken out; potential redevelopment- self sustaining systems.

**Circulation (Transportation)**

- Roads more pedestrian/bicycle friendly
- Bus turnouts

- Please do not waste any money on a Trolley that would just duplicate what the Orbit already does without ripping up the streets, putting in overhead cables and servicing shops located in a ¾ mile distance
    - This would cannibalize what we already have
    - Invest in your schools instead
- Modern street car to connect neighborhoods and make a permanent investment in the community – remember bus routes can and do change
- Why do people want to ride a Trolley but not a bus?
- Need to define clear targets for bike/walk/transit and define strategies to meet them
    - 10% bike mode share to work by 2030, 15% by 2050
- Request a transfer of Prop 400 modern street card funds to Rio Salado Corridor
- Extend Rio Salado multi-use path
    - West to Phoenix
    - East to Mesa
- Use Trolley to connect Downtown Mill to Tempe Marketplace/future Rio Salado projects
- Increase bicycle friendly streets, particularly in high traffic areas away from the University (more Western Canal type projects)
- On bike ways with no path indicated put signs warning drivers to "share the road"
- Put in bike paths but don't leave excessive narrow traffic lanes promote accidents reduce car lanes where necessary
- Buses should take credit/debit cards or have ticket dispensers available around the City
- Enforce traffic laws on bikes who are not traveling with traffic and are not using bike lanes when available
- Consider providing shade structures over large bike "parking lots" outside of public buildings – to promote bike use
- Please plant more shade trees along bike routes and pedestrian routes – add more water fountains
- Reduce speed limit on major arteries
- Wide (i.e. 8" white bicycle lines separating cares and bicycle helps please continue and do more roads
- Physical barrier between cycle lanes and POV's (cars)
- Dismantle Sky Harbor
    - It could be a rail hub
- Focus on improving mass transit options along Rural Rd – light rail extension
- Orbit to south of US60
- Extended parking
- Overnight paid parking for airport/light rail
    - Price parking lot or Apache /McClintock
- Extend light rail into 85284 zip code
- Charging stations for electric cars