

## Town of Patagonia, Arizona Flood and Flow Committee

**MISSION:** *The watershed is a vital component of this community's well-being. The Sonoita Creek Flood and Flow Study Committee will (i) make recommendations to the Patagonia Town Council with respect to best practices within its jurisdiction to manage erosion, to enhance water flow, to create optimal flood mitigation and to promote the long-term health of the riparian corridor, (ii) look at the entire watershed area to influence upstream conditions and to mitigate downstream consequences, and (iii) educate the public.*

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Carolyn Shafer-F&F **Chairperson** &  
Patagonia Area Resource Alliance: **PARA**  
Aaron Mrotek-The Nature Conservancy: **TN**  
Robert Proctor-Friends of Sonoita Creek **FOSC**  
Kate Tirion-Deep Dirt Farm: **DDFI**

Kurt Vaughn-Borderlands Restoration Network:  
**BRN**  
Howard Buchanan-Tucson Audubon Paton  
Center: **TAPC**

## Minutes of August 11, 2022 Meeting

**Members Present:** Bob, Kate, Kurt, Aaron, Carolyn

**Members Absent:** Howard

**Guests:** Ron Robinson (Town Manager), Chris Thiel (USFS), Peter Leiterman (TNC), Ashley Hullinger (WRRRC UoA), Tomas Goode (South32), Glenn Ingram (NextGen), Ben Lomeli (FOSCR), Dave Christiana (FOSC), Alex Johnson, Kerry Schwartz

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Carolyn.

1. Call to the Public - no one spoke
2. Bob moves to approve the July 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; Carolyn seconds; unanimously approved.
3. Carolyn provides an update that the Research Team (Bob, Howard, Carolyn) met with the Planning & Development Committee and this Committee's recommended changes to the Town's General Plan were accepted with minor corrections for accuracy. Planning & Development intends to add growth forecasts and then forward the proposed Minor Amendment to the Town Council; there will be a public meeting and then it is expected the Town Council will accept the proposed changes from both committees.
4. Kate provides an update on the Patagonia Regional Flood Control Team advising that there has been no communications from either the County or Kimley, Horn.
5. Carolyn provides an update on the Cross Creek Floodplain Team. Carolyn read an email from County Public Works Director Jesus Valdez requesting that the Committee provide the name of an engineer to review the floodplain application.

Town Manager Ron advises that South32 Melanie Lawson had advised him that South32 will provide the Town with the permit application documents at the same time that information is forwarded to the County. Carolyn moves that when South32 shares the floodplain application plans, those plans will be reviewed by the sub-team which will make a recommendation to the Committee to either accept or to discuss retaining the services of an engineer for review; Bob second; motion passes unanimously.

6. Ashley Hullinger provides an update on the UA WRRC project to draft the Town of Patagonia “Drought Response Plan for Water Resilient Communities.” Ashley first advised that there will be a meeting of the three communities that Ashley is working on Sept 21 and 22. Ashley then shared a slideshow of the program where data is being collected and will be available to all; Ashley will share the link with the sub-team and then it will be shared with the full Committee. Bob Proctor will be the point of contact for the Forest Service to share its data with the Town.
7. Carolyn advises that the Flood & Flow Committee’s recommendation addressing concerns regarding the proposed Paseo Verde project to the Town Council to forward a letter to the County’s Zoning Commission was accepted.
8. Kate moves and Bob seconds to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m.