TOWN OF PATAGONIA
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MEETING MINUTES
NOV 3,2026
Zoom Meeting I.D. 957-511-4862 Password 338501

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Laurie Monti.
2. ROLL CALL: Present: Gary Retherford, Victor Romo, Brad Boschetto, Laurie Monti, Nancy McCoy

   Absent: Keven McKay

   Community members present: Robert Proctor

   Town staff present: Town Manager Ron Robinson, Deputy Town Manager Carmen Fuentes
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPT 1,2026 MEETING

   A motion to approve the minutes was made by Gary Retherford, seconded by Nancy McCoy, and approved unanimously.
5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC A. R. S. §38-431-01(H): AT THIS TIME, THE PUBLIC WILL ONLY BE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS LISTED FOR PUBLIC INPUT PURSUANT TO TOWN CODE SECTION 2-5-6. ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE, SUBJECT TO A REASONABLE TIME SET BY THE COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THE ARIZONA OPEN MEETING LAW. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CALL TO THE PUBLIC, INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE MAY RESPOND TO CRITICISM MADE BY THOSE WHO HAVE ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE, MAY ASK STAFF TO REVIEW THE MATTER, OR MAY ASK THE MATTER BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT DISCUSS OR TAKE LEGAL ACTION ON MATTERS RAISED DURING AN OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THE MATTERS ARE PROPERLY NOTICED FOR DISCUSSION AND LEGAL ACTION.

NEW BUSINESS

6. PRESENTATION BY BOB PROCTOR. POTENTIAL COLLABORATIONS WITH FLOOD AND FLOW COMMITTEE ON PATAGONIA MUNICIPAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION.

   Mr. Proctor reported that the Flood and Flow Committee should have a Drought Preparation Plan by the end of the year, and then the Committee will look at flood control. He then gave an overview of the new project being developed by a steering committee of stakeholders for the Watershed Management Alliance. This is a three-year project funded by the Bureau of Reclamation at $100,000 a year. The work of the Alliance will consist of developing action plans for monitoring, conservation and restoration of the Sonoita Creek Watershed – including Sonoita and Harshaw Creeks, Red Rock and Temporal Canyons - the waterways that form Patagonia's municipal water supply. Committee member Brad Boschetto agreed to be on the steering committee of the Alliance.

7. MAINTENANCE OF THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN AND SENIOR CENTER GARDEN- INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION.

The Butterfly Garden is taken care of by Lou Schatz and Deb Goff. Caleb Weaver oversees the Memorial Garden and informs the Town when maintenance needs to be done there. The Legacy Garden at the Patagonia Library is maintained by library staff.

OLD BUSINESS

8. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION OF WORKING GROUPS FOR 2026-27.

A discussion was held about the importance of getting more information to community members about the activities and decisions by the Town government. Victor Romo and Nancy McCoy led a discussion on feasible actions the P&D committee could take to increase community knowledge, interest, and engagement in Town government activities. These include posting timely announcements and information language that is easily understood on the Town website, bulletin boards, the PRT, and Patagonia Local. Mr. Romo provided information on how other Towns are using social media to interact with the public. Other recommendations were to update and expand the Town's website so it is more user friendly. Ms. McCoy said that she would post items from the P&D agendas on Patagonia Local, as well as the meeting minutes. Town Manager Robinson noted lack of funds and staff time limit the Town's ability to expand communications and that a committee is being formed to address Town communications. Chairperson Laurie Monti requested that a P&D member be included in this committee.

9. UPDATES FROM TOWN COUNCIL AND TOWN MANAGER

The town will be holding a conservation easement for land Borderlands Restoration previously owned around Three Canyons, now known as the Wildlife Corridor. Nine 36+ acre lots in Rail X will also be going into a conservation easement held by the Town.

10. STAFF OR MEMBER REPORTS: AT THIS TIME THE TOWN STAFF OR A COMMITTEE MEMBER MAY REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE. SUCH ITEMS MAY NOT BE ACTED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE AT THIS TIME, BUT MAY BE SCHEDULED AS A FUTURE AGENDA ITEM.

There were no staff or committee member reports.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: AT THIS TIME THE COMMITTEE MAY BRING FORTH TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND SET THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

There were no future agenda items. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1st at 6PM in the Town Council Chambers.

12. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Chairperson Laurie Monti, seconded by Nancy McCoy, and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.