



Nogales General Plan Update P&Z Commission Study Session Minutes

Nogales General Plan Update Planning and Zoning Commission Study Session Minutes

Nogales City Hall
July 16, 2020

Attendance:

City of Nogales Mayor and Council

- Jorge Maldonado, Councilman (Present remotely)
- Dr. Marcelino Varona, Councilman (Present remotely)
- Nubar Hanessian, Councilman (Present remotely)

City of Nogales Planning & Zoning Commission

- Jesus Lorenzo Marquez, Commissioner (Present physically)
- Oscar Santacruz, Commissioner (Present physically)

City of Nogales Staff

- John Kissinger, Deputy City Manager (Present remotely)
- Samuel Paz, Planning and Zoning Department (Present physically)
- Veronica Moreno, (Present physically)

General Public

- Jim Barr (Present physically)

The Planning Center (Consultant)

- Maria Masque, Principal (Present physically)

Agenda

- General Plan Process and Policy Volume Overview
- Responses from
- Questions and Answers



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Comments & Proposed Revisions

Planning and Zoning Commissioners in attendance provided no revisions. The public hearing with the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny, recommend, or recommend with changes the General Plan to the Mayor and Council for adoption will be held on July 23, 2020 at the City of Nogales City Hall. During that public hearing Planning and Zoning Commissioners and the public will be able to recommend additional revisions. Below are the revisions and/or questions related to possible revisions

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Mayor and Council

Councilman Jorge Maldonado, asked if the cemetery was addressed in the General Plan and if the general plan is an appropriate document for providing guidance related to the municipal cemetery.

The General Plan Policy Plan adopted contains the following language which remains in the current update:

Implementation Measure

(Land Use Element, Goal 1, Policy 1, page II-2 **Implementation Measure g**)

g) Work with the City Parks and Recreation Department to identify land for the expansion of the Nogales Municipal Cemetery to create a memorial park/memorial garden that serves the function of a cemetery and provides opportunities for passive recreation.

Goal, Policy and Implementation Strategies

(Land Use Element, Goal 2, Policy 1, and Implementation Strategies, page II-12)

Goal 2: Address any Nogales Municipal Cemetery expansion needs as a land use planning effort.

Policy 1: Work with the Cemetery Advisory Committee to design and maintain an aesthetically pleasing and professionally administered Nogales Municipal Cemetery.

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Implementation Measures:

- a) Ensure that any expansions or additions to the Nogales Municipal Cemetery follow the guidance of the Cemetery Advisory Committee and adhere to all applicable City and State policies, ordinances and mandates.
- b) Design expansions or additions so that they:
 - a. Are safe, accessible, and well maintained;
 - b. Offer a peaceful and visually pleasing atmosphere conducive to meditation and reflection;
 - c. Serve as passive recreation;
 - d. Are adequately funded for on-going maintenance and future development;
 - e. Meet the needs of the citizens;
 - f. Operate under the guidance of the Cemetery Advisory Committee according to city ordinances and state statutes;
 - g. Support the Cemetery Advisory Committee's public education efforts regarding cemetery policies and procedures.

Consultant & City Attorney Recommendation

The following Goal and policy can be added to ensure plot availability both within and without the municipally-owned Nogales Cemetery.

Goal 2: Facilitate the supply of cemetery plots for use by families in our community.

Policy: Monitor the inventory of public and private cemetery facilities available for purchase to the public in Nogales throughout the life of this Plan, and as necessary, look for opportunities to increase the supply of cemetery facilities, both within and without the municipally-owned Nogales Cemetery.

General Public

Comments were provided after the meeting adjourned. Although those comments have been recorded, they are not included in this minutes to avoid confusion.