Notes From: Commissioner Gardiol, 3/10/23

Vision –

*The following Ivins City Vision is **a synthesis** of what was titled "The Community Vision for the Future listed on page 12 of the 2015 General Plan. **All bullet points from that statement are included in this revision.***

***A vision is aspirational**. As Commissioner Clifford stated at the February 28, 2023, Planning Commission meeting, the Goals, Objectives, Strategies, Tactics, etc. are the measurable/quantifiable implementation methodologies to manifest a body's aspiration/vision.*

*I have included in this Vision a **connection to this area's history and future**. A vision is connected to both. Without our past, it is hard to know who we are – as a people; as a community. Our responsibility to those we will never live to see requires that our Vision hear their voices. As the community continues to grow, it is important that growth be anchored to the past, present, and future for a larger contextual understanding of the impact of our decisions and actions.*

*The Stanford Social Innovation Review defines a community as, "**both a feeling and a set of relationships among people**. . . . members of a community have a **sense of trust, belonging safety, and caring for each other.**" I have written the Vision to reflect this central message that we have heard repeatedly from all sectors of our community.*

*I have included the word '**spiritual'** in the Vision, as spirituality can be experienced in a church, by a campfire, in a symphony hall, a home, a community, or in a canyon. There are no bounds to where connecting with something larger than ourselves resonates with our very core. Our citizens have voiced this as a reason they live here.*

*I have used "stewardship", "ecosystem", "thrive", "collaboratively", "transformed", "draw", "needs", and "permeate" to align with our role to "ensure the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens" – each of these three words is broad and deep. **Creating community is the foundation of our work**; the fabric that ties together our decisions, and actions. A vision is what we wish to be. In this case, as a community. The rest of a General Plan is the what, where, when, and how to make it so.*

Organization:

I have formatted the Chapter 2 content to show alignment with the Vision elements. This format also allows for fluid reference between the Vision and the Goals, Objectives, and potential SMARTER content.

It is assumed that the Planning Commission will continue its review of all General Plan content to:

1. Review Staff's updates to the General Plan chapters;
2. Refer to the General Plan Formatting guide, to insert specific SMARTER elements/measurable benchmarks to complete a strategy. As Commissioner Clifford has stated, a five-year timeframe might be an appropriate reference scope; and,
3. Through Staff, gather from agencies or councils, etc. current data for inclusion in the General Plan's SMARTER information.

Thank you, Commissioners. I offer the following for your review.

Ivins City Vision

Ivins is a community where we feel safe and secure. We belong here. We respect and protect the magnificent landscape that defines the unique and spiritual sense of place honored by the peoples who have lived here for centuries. We carefully plan for change always remembering that we have borrowed the land from future generations. Our growth stewardship creates homes for all who are drawn here. We recognize that any ecosystem, including our community, thrives only with diversity. We craft open, uncrowded spaces to bring people together to recreate, talk, support each other, and work collaboratively for the common good. We have a multitude of recreational opportunities so that all citizens and guests can be transformed by the grandeur of this place. We draw professional and commercial services that support our citizens and our City's financial needs. We encourage and draw arts and cultural experiences that permeate the community's culture.

A. ***VISION ELEMENT*: A COMMUNITY WHERE WE FEEL SAFE AND SECURE.**

a. **Goal:** (***GP Goal 14 – Emergency Services***) Continue to evaluate and establish appropriate Public Safety services so that Ivins City becomes and remains a truly safe and well-protected community.

i. ***Emergency Services Supporting Objectives:***

- Establish and maintain appropriate levels of service for police, fire protection, emergency medical services, and animal control.
- Ensure the proper training and equipment for emergency services personnel.
- Enlist the aid of Ivins City residents in establishing and maintaining a safe community through programs such as Neighborhood Watch and CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams).

b. **Goal:** (***GP Goal 10 – Public Services***) Ensure that public facilities, services, and utilities are adequate to meet the needs of present and future residents of Ivins City.

i. Public Services Supporting Objectives:

- Assess impact fees as necessary to *ensure* that new developments are paying the appropriate costs of the utilities and services.
- Analyze current levels of service for City services and set targets to be maintained as future development occurs.
- Assess user fees as necessary to provide funding for established levels of service.
- Promote energy and water conservation in existing and new developments.
- Through Special Assessment Areas or other means, bring older neighborhoods within the City up to standard in terms of public services.
- Continue to support and promote public transportation.

B. ***VISION ELEMENT*: WE BELONG HERE.**

a. **Goal:** (***GP Goal 5 – Unique Identity***) Maintain a strong sense of place and individual identity for the City.

i. ***Supporting Objectives:***

- Guide development in a manner that enhances the City's appearance.
- Protect scenic vistas and the visual quality of entrances to the City.
- Encourage the preservation of farmland and open pastures that recall the agricultural heritage of Ivins City.
- Establish logos, slogans, mottos, street signage, street lighting, street furniture, etc. that are unique to Ivins City.

b. **Goal:** (***Goal 13 – Neighboring Communities***) Establish and maintain friendly, neighborly relationships with the Shivwits people, Washington County, the cities of Santa Clara and St. George, and other Washington County cities and organizations.

C. ***VISION ELEMENT*: WE RESPECT AND PROTECT THE MAGNIFICENT LANDSCAPE THAT DEFINES THE UNIQUE AND SPIRITUAL SENSE OF PLACE HONORED BY THE PEOPLES WHO HAVE LIVED HERE FOR CENTURIES.**

a. **Goal:** ***(GP Goal 2 – Natural Setting)*** Preserve the natural beauty and vistas that give Ivins City its unique identity, including the Red Mountain and the other natural hillsides that surround the City, the natural washes, the lava beds, open spaces, and the night sky.

i. ***Natural Setting Supporting Objectives:***

- Ensure that development patterns and building scales reasonably preserve views of the City's natural setting.
- Provide incentives for preserving open space and the lava beds.
- Discourage development that would mar the hillsides surrounding Ivins City.
- Place existing and future power lines underground and remove existing poles.
- Encourage architecture, lighting, landscaping, and the use of colors that blend with the natural surroundings.
- Preserve the night sky.

b. **Goal:** ***(Goal 12 – Water Development)*** Provide safe, dependable water in sufficient amounts to meet the future needs of the residents, businesses, and amenities of Ivins City.

i. ***Water Development Supporting Objectives:***

- Develop in conjunction with Washington County Water Conservancy District, a fair and equitable comprehensive water conservation program.
- Encourage conservation through efficient use of water and application of developing technologies.
- Promote the economical development of water resources.
- Develop a reliable secondary water system.

- Secure additional water to provide for the projected buildout population.
- Preserve and protect water rights.
- Assess user fees as necessary to provide funding for established levels of service.
- Assess impact fees as necessary to ensure that new developments are paying the appropriate costs of water development, purchase, storage, and delivery.

D. ***VISION ELEMENT*: WE CAREFULLY PLAN FOR CHANGE, ALWAYS REMEMBERING THAT WE HAVE BORROWED THE LAND FROM FUTURE GENERATIONS.**

a. **Goal:** ***(GP Goal 6 – Growth)*** Foster orderly growth compatible with the character of the community and surrounding natural beauty.

i. ***Growth Supporting Objectives:***

- Encourage growth in areas and at levels that can be reasonably sustained by City services and facilities and that minimize the financial burden on residents.
- Identify and protect growth areas that are visually, economically, or geographically related to Ivins City within which annexation must take place before development occurs.
- Apply design standards that preserve the City's quality of life.
- Encourage infill development to efficiently utilize existing urbanized areas and facilities.
- Ensure that development takes place with adequate public facilities and services.

b. **Goal:** ***(GP Goal 8 - Transportation)*** (SEE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN) Provide a road system that moves people and goods safely and efficiently to and through Ivins City and minimizes negative impacts, visual and otherwise, on adjacent property.

i. Transportation Supporting Objectives:

- Consider transportation impacts in land-use decisions and neighborhood developments.
- Preserve the rights-of-way necessary to accommodate future traffic needs.
- Encourage traffic-calming designs through residential neighborhoods.
- Require road connections between subdivisions where practical.
- Require roundabouts at major intersections (those requiring more than four-way stop signs).
- Provide walking paths and bike paths/lanes in an interconnected system that links major destinations.
- Upgrade existing roads, curbs, gutter, and sidewalks.
- Ensure that development impact fees and/or land dedication requirements accurately reflect the City's cost to address the transportation needs for new development.

- Promote the idea of mini traffic circles at intersections to slow traffic and as a means of visually enhancing the grid character of the streets.

E. ***VISION ELEMENT*: OUR GROWTH STEWARDSHIP CREATES HOMES FOR ALL WHO ARE DRAWN HERE.**

a. **Goal:** ***(GP Goal 7 – Residential)*** Allow for a variety of housing types in attractive, functional neighborhoods, to meet the needs of all income levels.

i. ***Residential Supporting Objectives:***

- Encourage development that preserves a sense of neighborhood and high moral values.
- Encourage the preservation of areas for a rural lifestyle consistent with the local heritage.
- Encourage residential design that complements the natural beauty and character of the area.
- Encourage low-profile housing.

F. ***VISION ELEMENT*: WE RECOGNIZE THAT ANY ECOSYSTEM, INCLUDING OUR COMMUNITY, THRIVES ONLY WITH DIVERSITY.**

a. **Goal:** ***(Goal 11 – Education)*** Support quality public schools, private schools, charter schools, and higher education.

i. Education Supporting Objectives:

- Search for and utilize joint-use facilities to minimize costs to the City and the School District.
- Ensure that land resources are reserved for future school needs through cooperative long-range planning.
- Encourage state charter schools.
- Encourage the utilization of qualified retirees to enrich public education.
- Support plans for elementary schools, a middle school, high school, a library, and even facilities for higher education in Ivins.

G. *VISION ELEMENT*: WE BUILD OPEN, UNCROWDED SPACE TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO RECREATE, TALK, SUPPORT EACH OTHER, AND WORK COLLABORATIVELY FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

a. **Goal:** ***(GP Goal 1 – General Plan)*** Protect the superior quality of life in Ivins City.

i. General Plan Supporting Objectives:

- Specify the intent of the City Council regarding the planning and regulation of growth, land use and development, and the distribution of densities within Ivins City and surrounding areas.
- Encourage the type of development that enhances the qualities that make living in Ivins City desirable.

H. ***VISION ELEMENT*: WE HAVE A MULTITUDE OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT ALL CITIZENS AND GUESTS CAN BE TRANSFORMED BY THE GRANDEUR OF THIS PLACE.**

a. **Goal:** ***(GP Goal 9 – Recreation)*** Provide a wide range of recreational facilities and opportunities for all ages.

i. ***Recreation Supporting Objectives:***

- Provide recreation facilities and activities to meet a diverse spectrum of recreational interests for Ivins City residents.
- Ensure that future residents will be able to enjoy access to parkland through the acquisition and development of additional park properties.
- Work closely with the School District to develop joint City/School park sites.
- Ensure that development impact fees and/or land dedication requirements accurately reflect the costs to the City of providing parks for new development.
- Create a spectacular trail system by implementing the Ivins City Parks and Trails Master Plan.
- Develop the Ivins Reservoir as a water recreation area and nature park.
- Plan and eventually build a Community Recreation Center.

I. ***VISION ELEMENT:*** **WE DRAW PROFESSIONAL AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES THAT SUPPORT OUR CITIZENS AND OUR FINANCIAL NEEDS.**

a. **Goal:** ***(GP Goal 3 – Economic Development)*** Attract and sustain businesses that will provide employment opportunities for Ivins City residents and enhance its tax base.

i. ***Economic Development Supporting Objectives:***

- Participate in local economic development boards and/or tourism councils.
- Seek to create commercial areas where businesses can thrive and residents can gather.
- Attract businesses that reflect and support our community values and that allow residents to work in Ivins City.
- Encourage patronage of locally-owned businesses.
- Efficiently manage revenue sources to adequately fund services and infrastructure.
- Seek to attract compatible retail, hospitality and professional services.
- Plan for and manage development so growth does not outpace the capacity of public facilities and services.

J. ***VISION ELEMENT:*** **WE ENCOURAGE AND DRAW ARTS AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCES THAT PERMEATE THE COMMUNITY'S CULTURE.**

a. **Goal:** ***(GP Goal 15 – Arts and Culture)*** Encourage and promote arts and culture, artists, art installations, activities, and education to create a welcoming environment and enrich the lives of residents and visitors.

i. ***Arts and Culture Supporting Objectives:***

- Encourage, support, and promote public, private, and public/private art installations in roundabouts, transportation corridors, parks, and other locations accessible to the public.
- Encourage, support and promote private art installations and activities in and around commercial and residential developments.
- Support arts and cultural education.
- Support and encourage the expansion of performing arts.
- Encourage, promote, and develop arts and cultural activities.
- Recognize, support, and promote the artists living and/or working in Ivins City.
- Seek public and private funding for the Arts.
- Develop a comprehensive Arts Master Plan