

Planning and Zoning Commission Suggestions:

1. Outreach and Community Engagement

- Ensuring equitable outreach to reach all demographics and income levels.
- Following up with public comments and feedback from engagement activities.
- Preparing talking points and bullet points to guide discussions during engagement activities.
- Creating and maintaining an email list for ongoing communication and updates about public meetings and events.

2. Infrastructure and Services

- Sewer mains updated in Old Bisbee (2006) and no longer a moratorium on development.
- Gravity-fed fire hydrant system.
- Better online capacity, high-speed internet infrastructure.
- Parking plan, and how to address it.
- Plans for the wastewater treatment facility.
- FireWise, mitigation, and infill development.
- Addressing abandoned buildings, vacancy tax.
- Identifying policy goals for stormwater infrastructure.

3. Housing and Development

- Affordable housing in historic districts and short-term rental management.
- Growth areas and potential development scenarios.
- Homeownership as an alternative to big cities, and small-town living.
- Encouraging local businesses and expanding opportunities for starting them.
- Infill Incentive Districts and stakeholders.
- Affordable housing and artist studios in Hillcrest.
- Housing plan before attracting remote workers.

- Kit houses (Sears houses in Warren) and partnerships with housing manufacturing companies.
- Review and update of impact fees (fee reductions vs fee waiving).
- Infill development with intentional growth strategies.

4. Economic Development and Tourism

- Business organization chamber.
- Finding the balance between catering to tourists vs. residents.
- Expanding tourism to include outdoor activities, biking, and family-oriented options.
- Supporting local businesses and creating jobs for sustainable development.
- More grocery store options and improved access to food.
- Potential uses for the old fire station as a fire engine museum.
- Future growth in the airport area and challenges with through-the-fence agreements.
- Potential annexation of surrounding areas (Naco, North San Jose, Sunset Acres, Avenida Flores).
- Promoting nature and tourism outside Bisbee (trails, Whitewater Draw).
- Encouraging thrift shops and commercial revitalization in Bakerville.

5. Cultural and Historical Preservation

- Preservation and future plans for Erie Street.
- Designation of Warren as a historic district.
- Recognition of the work done by Step Up Bisbee Naco.
- Promoting art resources in town.
- Headframe as an outdoor theatre and guided hikes to the headframes.
- Museum and interactive experiences with historic fire engines.
- Conference/convention center potential (Old Stock Exchange building).
- Count of hotel rooms in Bisbee to plan for tourism.

6. Sustainability and Environmental Initiatives

- Expanding and promoting trail networks around Old Bisbee for walking, biking, and events.
- Incorporating Growing Water Smart and watershed health in land use planning.
- Incorporating a tree planting ordinance.
- Promoting Project Wildlife yard habitats.
- Incorporating climate-resilient policies in the Bisbee Sustainability Plan.
- Renewable energy potential at the extreme west end of the city limits.
- Promoting water-wise consultation when buying a home and encouraging water conservation.

7. Community Vision and Stakeholders

- Stakeholders: Old Bisbee businesses, Visitor Center, Ward council members.
- Vision for future growth: small-scale, incremental development.
- Balancing what is the future and what is the past in development (e.g., Erie Street plans).
- The role of stakeholders in planning and development (chambers, local businesses).