



# **Foothills Planning Area Citizen Advisory Group Report**



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## **Executive Summary**

The Foothills Citizen Advisory Group Report is the second of seven citizen reports that will be prepared by Long Range Planning Staff in an effort to update the Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan (plan). Since its adoption in December of 2001, the plan has been amended numerous times, but it has not been the subject of a detailed citizen review. In the summer of 2006 a new edition of the Comprehensive Plan was published, compiling all amendments from 2002 through June 2006. It was determined that staff should take the plan back to the citizens of each Planning Area and Sub-Regional Planning Areas to determine if the Plan needing updating to meet current and future needs of residents. This updating of the Plan will be a valuable precursor to the efforts by Yuma County to develop the Yuma County 2020 Comprehensive Plan by the end of 2010.

The update of the Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan for the Foothills Planning Area began with the publication of a background study in November of 2006. The background study examined demographic, housing, and economic development between 2000 and 2006 trends in the planning area. A copy of the Foothills Planning Area Background Study can be obtained online <http://www.co.yuma.az.us/dds/PDF/PZ%20FoothillsStudy.pdf>.

On February 21, 2007 an annual meeting for the Foothills Planning Area was held at Yuma East Country Club. Approximately 150 area residents attended this annual meeting. A synopsis of the background study was presented and residents identified a wide variety of issues and idea that they felt were important to the future of the area.

A Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) made up of residents of the planning area was formed to review the Comprehensive Plan and to provide information and comments to be utilized in a process of updating the Plan in the Foothills Planning Area. Membership in the CAG was composed of area residents who volunteered at the annual meeting to participate in a series of meetings that would review the Plan. Yuma County Long Range Planning staff (staff) used nominal group techniques to derive information, set priorities and build consensus among the members of the CAG members. This effort led to this report and the recommended changes it provides for improving the plan.

A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was also established to review the plan in tandem with CAG. The TAC was composed of representatives of major institutional and business stakeholders in the planning area. The TAC members participated fully with CAG in reviewing the plan and making recommendations for changes, however they were not included in the consensus building process regarding and final acceptance of the CAG Report.

A series of four Citizen Advisory Group meetings were held between April and June of 2007. At these meetings the CAG and TAC members reviewed the goals, objectives and policies of the plan and the following elements of the Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan: Land Use Element-Foothills Sub-Regional Planning Area: Open Spaces & Recreational Resources, Circulation, Environmental, Water Resources, and Safety. Prior to each of these meetings staff reviewed comments from the annual meeting and prepared a list of comments and potential changes to the element being discussed that would address the concerns raised at the annual meeting.

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The CAG reviewed these proposed changes and a consensus was reached on whether the CAG should recommend the adoption of the proposed changes as presented, as modified versions the proposed changes, or not to recommend the changes. The CAG made additional recommendations for changes that they felt were warranted. Staff then compiled the recommended changes into an amendment format that could be reviewed by county decision makers for possible action to update the plan.

The Foothills Citizen Advisory Group is recommending 20 changes to Chapter 3 – Goals, Policies, and Objectives. A number of these changes are related to the CAG’s desire to see the development of parks and recreational facilities in the Foothills. Another notable recommendation is the desire of the CAG for a “dark skies” ordinance which would regulate outdoor lighting.

At all of the CAG meetings in the Foothills the issue that drew the most interest and concern from members of the public was the provisioning of fire and emergency services in the Foothills area. Many residents felt that a fire district needs to be set up to serve the Foothills area. The CAG requested that staff conduct a study to examine the current state of fire and emergency services within the Foothills. Possible alternatives for delivering these services, including the setting up of a fire and emergency services district, was also requested to be studied.

Input from members of the community is critical in the completion of an accurate study of fire and emergency services. In order to gather this community input a Fire and Emergency Services Citizen Advisory Group was created. This group first met immediately prior to the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Foothills CAG meeting.

The development of parks and recreational facilities was the other issue that CAG identified as very critical to the future of the Foothills area. CAG members came to a consensus that in order to ensure a continuing high standard of living in the Foothills that the development of parks and recreational infrastructure is necessary.

The first step towards the goal of parks and recreational development that was identified by the CAG is conducting a detailed study of the parks and recreational needs of the Foothills, the feasibility of various types of parks and recreational facilities, and to examine different methods on how parks and recreation improvements could be funded. The CAG has also identified particular types of parks and recreational facilities they want studied.

The CAG recommends two short term actions towards improving parks and recreation facilities in the Foothills be taken. The first is requiring, through the Yuma County Subdivision Regulations, that new larger subdivisions be required to include some parks and recreational facilities as well as establishing through a home owners association or an improvement district a mechanism to pay for their upkeep. The CAG recommends that certain parcels of state trust land be designated as Open Space & Recreational Resources. The CAG foresees these as sites for parks and recreational facilities. What types of facilities, how they would be paid for, or when and who would build them is unknown at this point. However the CAG feels that it is most important to identify and preserve sites for future parks and recreation development, so that in the future when all the questions of what to build and how to pay for such facilities are resolved, that optimal site for parks and recreation development will still be available.

When transportation issues were discussed, the CAG overwhelmingly identified the extension of 40<sup>th</sup> Street to connect with Avenue 8E in order to create better connectivity between the Foothills and the City of Yuma and Interstate 8, as the most important issue. The CAG also recommends the development of a network of multi-use paths separate from roadways in the Foothills.

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**Location of Foothills Planning Area**

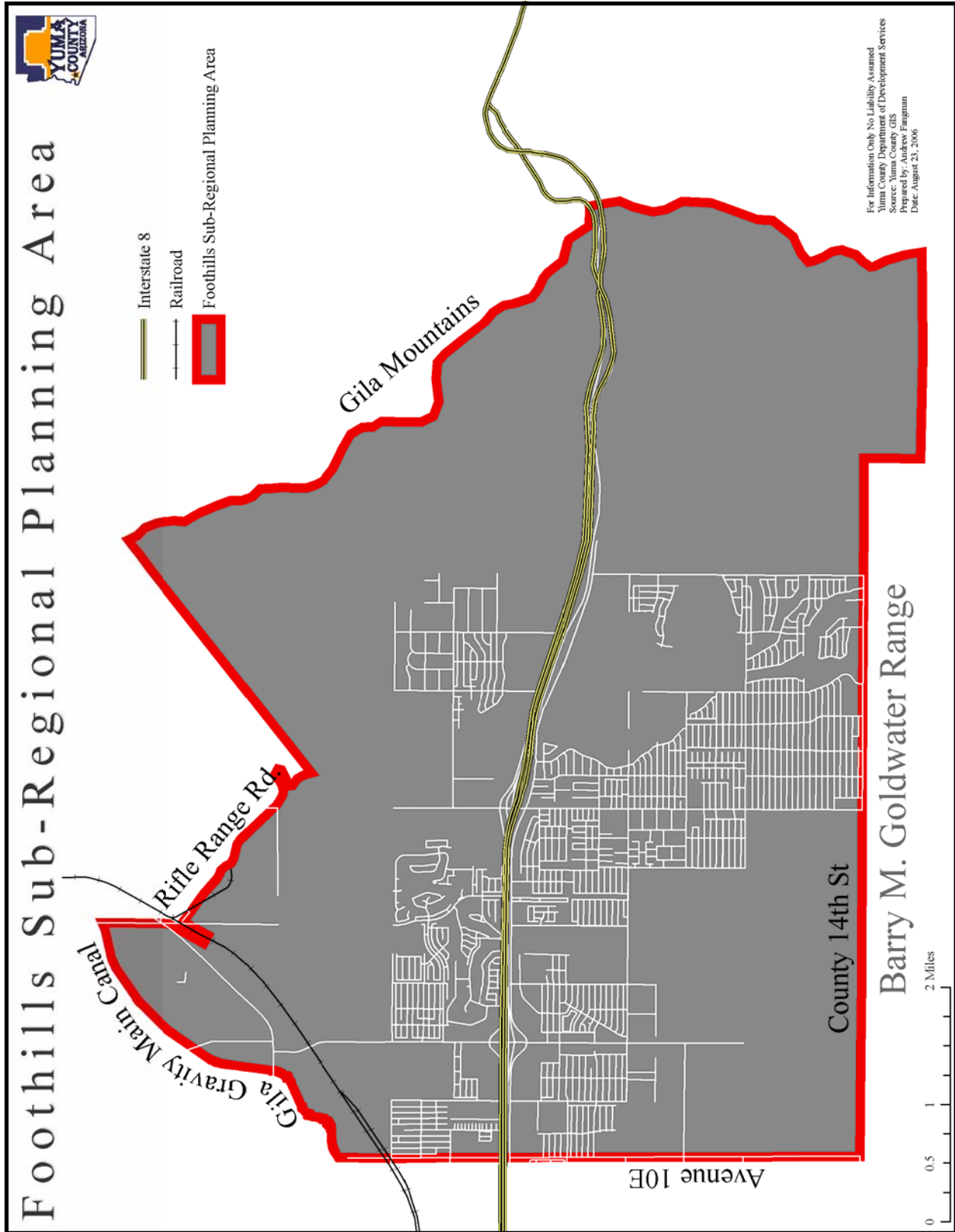


Figure 1: Foothills Planning Area



## **Overview of Planning Area Update Process**

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The Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan (plan) was originally adopted on December 10, 2001. Yuma County has seen significant growth and change since 2001. For this reason it necessary to examine and determine if the various elements of the plan are still adequately meeting the needs of the community, and how any deficiencies may be addressed by updating the plan.

The plan divides the County into planning areas. In order to ensure that the plan reflects current and future needs of Foothills Planning Area residents, a citizen-based process to review and update the Comprehensive Plan was undertaken. Recommendations from this effort will be brought forward to decision makers. The Foothills Planning Area is the second planning are in which this process will be applied in. The Foothills Planning Area is roughly defined as the portion of the County between the Avenue 10E and the Gila Mountains, and between the Barry M. Goldwater Range and the Gila Gravity Main Canal see Figure 1 on Page 8 for a map showing the exact boundaries of the Planning area.

The first step in the process of reviewing and updating the plan was the preparation of the Foothills Planning Area Background Study. This study, published in November of 2006, examined demographic, housing, and economic development trends in the planning area between 2000 and 2006. The purpose of the background study has to provide an understanding of the current conditions in the planning area and how it was changed since 2000.

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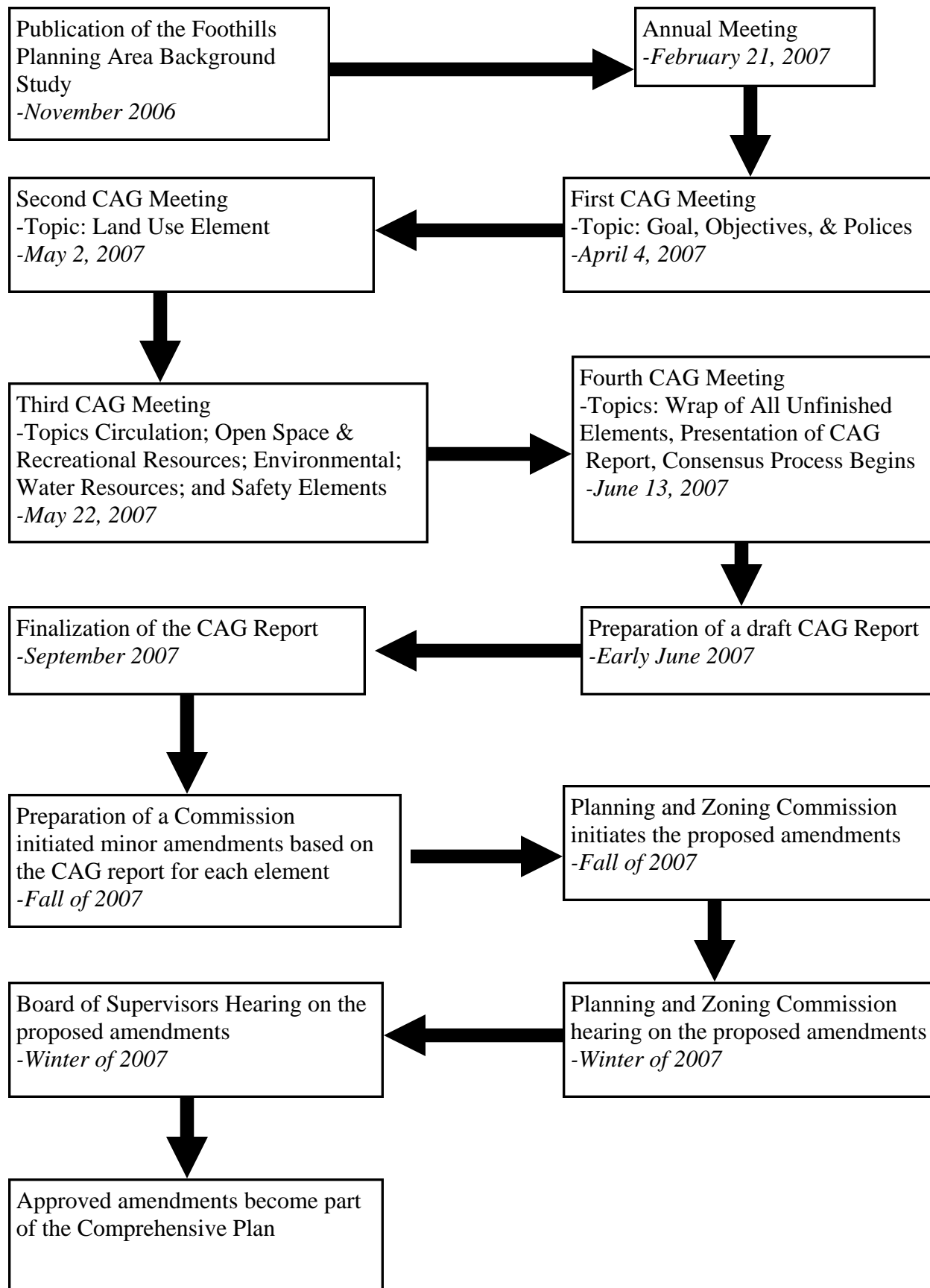
The involvement of citizens in the planning process was initiated with an annual meeting that was held on February 21, 2007. At this meeting approximately 150 areas residents heard a brief presentation on the background study and then participated in exercises to identify the issues and ideas of concern to area residents. At this meeting, residents were asked to volunteer to serve on a Citizen Advisory Group which would using the list of issues generated at the annual meeting conduct an element by element review of the Comprehensive Plan to ensure the needs of the Foothills Planning Area were being meet.

The Citizen Advisory Group and Technical Advisory Committee met in series of four meetings to review the Comprehensive Plan. Through this series of meetings the Citizen Advisory Group reached an consensus on numerous amendments that they felt would improve the plan to better address the current and future needs of the Foothills Planning Area.

If the Planning and Zoning Commission decide to initiate these proposed amendments they will then begin the standard process for adoption of amendments to the plan. This process is composed of a hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. If approved by the Board of Supervisors these amendments will then become part of the Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

The following page contains a flow chart detailing the plan update process from the preparation of the background study to possible adoption of any recommended changes

***Foothills Citizen Advisory Group Report  
Overview of Planning Area Update Process***



## **Annual Meeting, February 21, 2007**

On February 21, 2007 an annual meeting for the Foothills Planning Area was held at the Yuma East Country Club in Yuma, Arizona, with approximately 150 area residents in attendance. The agenda for the annual meeting can be found in Appendix A on page 57. The purpose of the annual meeting was to gather all the issues the Foothills residents were concerned about. The meeting was also held so that residents interested in serving on the Citizen Advisory Group could be identified. The entire planning area update was explained to public at this meeting.



*Figure 2: Presentation of the Background Study*

### **Breakout Groups**

The annual meeting was divided into four breakout areas. Each area included a table, maps, the background study and copies of the current Plan. Large writing pads were included along with technical staff to record and facilitate discussion.

The topics of these four breakout areas included; 1) community facilities, 2) economic development, 3) land use and 4) transportation. Other, related topics were also included in the group discussions at each breakout area. The issues raised by participants were recorded on large sheets of paper. These were used in an exercise later in the meeting in which residents would use dot stickers to indicate which issues they felt were the most important to the area.

### **Presentation of the Background Study**

The annual meeting began with a presentation of the Foothills Planning Area Background Study. The background study contains information regarding demographics, land use, and economic development in the Foothills Planning Area. At this meeting the most relevant and interesting findings of the study were presented. Since 2000, 7,029 housing units have been constructed/placed in the Foothills Planning Area. This represents 78.5% of housing units that were constructed/placed in unincorporated Yuma County as a whole during the same period of time. There were 4,675 building permits issued for site-built single family homes in the planning area between 2000 and 2006, which accounted for 82.8% of single family home building permits issued by the County. A full copy of the study can be obtained online at: <http://www.co.yuma.az.us/dds/PDF/PZ%20FoothillsStudy.pdf>.



*Figure 3: A Breakout Group*

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Annual Meeting**

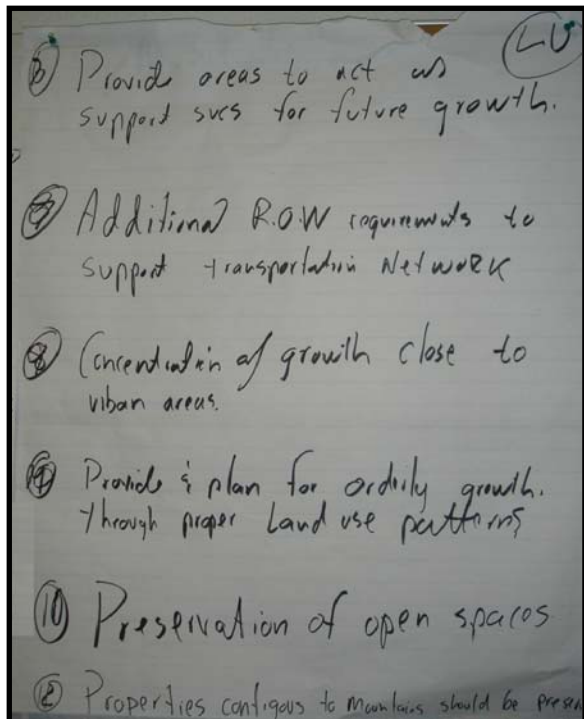


Figure 4: Citizen Generated Issues

## Issue Preference

After all meeting attendees were given time to participate in all five break out groups, everyone was given five dots. People were asked place a dot next to the issues that were generated during the breakout groups, that they thought were the most important to the area. A summary of each of breakout group and the results the dot placement exercise was then presented to the entire group.

A Table 1, starting on page 13 lists all the comments received, from the break out groups. The table also lists the number of dots placed by each issue.

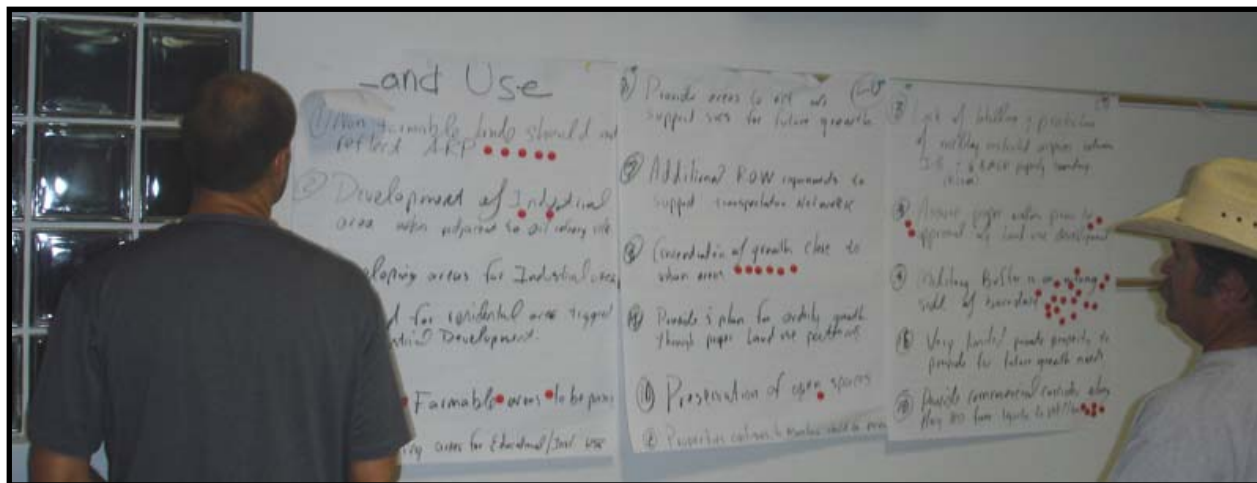


Figure 5: The Placing of Issue Preference Stickers

## Recruitment of a Citizen Advisory Group

The Citizen Advisory Group was assembled from a list of interested parties generated at the annual meeting. The purpose and role of a citizen advisory group was explained at the meeting. Those interested then placed their name on a list indicating their interest. The function of the Citizen Advisory Group was to suggest, review, and ultimately reach a consensus on recommended changes to the Plan.

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Annual Meeting***

***Issues and Ideas From the Annual Meeting***

<b>Issue Raised at the Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Number of Dots</b>
Build an interchange at Avenue 15E	3
Create a commercial node at Avenue 15E and I-8	1
Relieve traffic congestion along the Frontage Roads	6
Widen 40th St all the way to Foothills Blvd	30
Extend 48th St to the west	1
Build a stoplight at 48th St and Foothills Blvd	1
Prevent the use of Fortuna Rd as a truck route	54
Insufficient parking for trucks around the truck stop at the Fortuna interchange	0
The frontage roads need to be swept more often	0
Legality of height of two story home on 48th St	0
Impact of potential oil refinery	0
Opposition to extending Co. 14th St. into the City of Yuma	1
Prohibit the overnight parking of 18 wheelers on residential streets	2
Certain streets should be designated as "No Parking"	0
Need a Dark Sky Ordinance	2
Low density development	0
Establishment of public fire protection district	15
Lower property taxes	1
40th St needs street lights	1
Create standard widths for residential streets	2
Speed limits should have to conform to state standards	2
Extend Hunter to 40th St	1
Extend Co. 14th St into the City of Yuma	14
Improve public transportation in this area with handicapped facilities	4
More street lights	2
Improve the time of stop lights	1
Community center	5
Park and recreational facilities	16
Use retention basins as parks	3
Open Space requirements	1
Multi-use paths	12
Maintain county control of parks	1
Recycling	12
Playgrounds	1
Open Space requirements for larger developments	2
Athletic fields	1
More shopping centers	3
Proposed high school site should be further to the south	4

Table 1: Issues Raised at Annual Meeting

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**Annual Meeting**

<b>Issue Raised at the Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Number of Dots</b>
Limit development to small businesses	0
More restaurants	2
Activities for younger families	0
Home health care services	0
Aesthetic standards for commercial development	4
Preserve state trust land for open space & recreation	12
Bike trails in the Mesa del Sol area	1
More aesthetic requirements	4
Housing affordability	0
Hire a competent building permit department	2
Water supply be should ensured prior to approval of development	0
Adequate Sewage treatment should be ensured prior to approval of development	0
Traffic congestion	0
Off road vehicles are destroying state trust land	0
All new residential development should have sidewalks	0
Speed bumps in residential areas	0
More stringent enforcement of the zoning ordinance	0
Expansion of commercial zoning beyond Fortuna, Foothills, and the Frontage roads	0

Table 1: Issues Raised at Annual Meeting (Cont.)

## **Chapter 3—Goals, Objectives, and Policies**

The goals, objectives, and policies contained in Chapter 3 are the foundation upon which the rest of the Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan is based. Achieving these goals is the focal point of the other elements of the Plan.

Chapter 3 defines a goal, objective, and policy as follows:

- **Goal:** An end toward which county activities are directed. A goal is abstract, not fully measurable and broadly addresses an outcome identified in the Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan.
- **Objective:** A specific target which supports the stated goal.
- **Policy:** A statement prescribing a specific course of action to implement a stated objective.

### **April 4, 2007 Meeting**

A meeting of the Foothills Advisory Group to discuss Chapter 3-Goals, Objectives and Policies was held on April 4, 2007, at the Yuma East Country Club.

Thirty members of the CAG and the TAC attended this meeting. The meeting participants reviewed all of the Goals, Objectives and Policies in the plan that either specifically or generally affected the Foothills Planning Area. A copy of the meeting agenda and meeting notes can be found in Appendix B starting on page 51.



*Figure 6: CAG Members*

## **Meeting Conclusions**

Staff reviewed all comments received from the public at the annual meeting and selected all the issues and ideas that could be addressed in Chapter 3. A suggested modification to Chapter 3 to address each issue relevant raised at the annual meeting was prepared by staff. The suggested modifications are shown in Table 2 starting on page 16.

This table of suggested changes to the Plan was the basis of discussion for the first Citizen Advisory Group meeting. The CAG reviewed and discussed each issue raised at the annual meeting and the suggested modification to the goals, objectives, and policies associated with it. A consensus on whether to accept, reject, or modify the suggested change was then reached. The results of this discussion is shown in Table 2 on pages 16 to 21.

**Foothills Citizen Advisory Group Report**  
**Goals, Objectives, and Policies-CAG Recommendations**

***CAG Review of Goals, Objectives, & Policies***

#	Comments	How Comment Could be Implemented	CAG Recommendation
1	More parks and recreational facilities are needed	Page 3-14 - Add a new goal that calls for providing enhanced parks and recreational opportunities in the Foothills and add an objective that calls for the preparation of a Foothills Parks and Recreation Study. Develop a policy to assure that new development will consider parks and recreation facilities in their development plans.	<p>Changed the proposed policy to state: <i>“The Foothills parks and recreation study will identify potential funding options for potential parks and recreational facility enhancement in Foothills area, which will include the identification of potential funding sources for identified parks and facilities.”</i></p> <p>Added a policy that states <i>“establish a parks and recreation department that will provide parks and recreation programs and facilities to enhance leisure opportunities.”</i></p>
2	Parks and Recreation needs identified: Community center Playgrounds Athletic fields A dog park Multi-use paths Open space Passive use parks	Page 3-14 - Add a new objective under the new goal of enhanced parks and recreational opportunities in the Foothills that calls for a Foothills Parks and Recreation Study, that will include a needs analysis and feasibility study to evaluate the alternatives and costs for parks and recreation facilities.	Implement as recommended.
3	Open Space requirements are needed	Page 3-15 - Add a new objective under the proposed goal of enhanced parks and recreational opportunities in the Foothills That calls for new residential development to occur in a manner that enhances parks and recreational opportunities. Add a policy that calls for the Subdivision Regulations to be amended to include open space requirements for residential developments over a certain size.	Added text stating: <i>“Establish requirements for improvement and maintenance.”</i> To the proposed policy.
4	Use retention basins as parks	Page 3-15 - Add a new policy under the proposed goal of enhanced parks and recreational opportunities in the Foothills Planning Area that calls for the subdivision regulations to require open space to be set aside for recreational uses and that some retention basins in residential areas be used for recreational uses.	Implement as recommended.

Table 2: Discussed Changes to Goals, Objectives and Policies



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**Goals, Objectives, and Policies-CAG Recommendations**

#	Comments	How Comment Could be Implemented	CAG Recommendation
5	Maintain county control of parks	Under the currently adopted Yuma County Zoning Ordinance there is no authority to prohibit private parks.	N.A.
6	More street lights	Page 3-15 - Add a new goal that calls for street lighting at appropriate levels in the Foothills. Under this new goal add an objective that calls for Yuma County to determine where additional street lighting is needed and appropriate. Add a policy that calls for the desirability of adding street lighting requirements to the subdivision regulations to be studied.	Remove the proposed policy that calls for an increase in street lighting where necessary, from the CAG recommendations.
7	Yuma County needs a dark sky ordinance	Page 3-15 - Under the new goal, of street lighting at appropriate levels add an objective that calls for the preservation of dark skies. Add a policy that calls for Allowing streetlights to the maximum extent practicable to illuminate only the roadways in the Foothills. Add a policy calling for the minimization of light trespass.	Replace the policies under the objective of maintaining dark skies with the following: <i>“Policy: Establish a Comprehensive Lighting Plan for the county that contains the following elements:</i> <i>1.) Locations, such as around schools, walkways, etc. where lighting is needed and is appropriate to the area, will be identified.</i> <i>2.) Shielding requirements</i> <i>3.) Comprehensive light trespass standards”</i>
8	Reduce traffic congestion	Page 3-15 - Add a new goal that calls for improvement of transportation in the Foothills. Under this new goal add an objective that calls for the reduction of traffic congestion. Add a policy that calls for the consideration of the impact on traffic flow and congestion when changes in land use designation are considered.	Add a policy under the objective of reducing traffic congestion that states: <i>“Policy: Improve major arterials in advance development by using development impact fees.”</i>

Table 2: Discussed Changes to Goals, Objectives and Policies (Cont.)

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**Goals, Objectives, and Policies-CAG Recommendations**

#	Comments	How Comment Could be Implemented	CAG Recommendation
9	Improve the timing of traffic signals	Page 3-16 - Add a new policy under the proposed goal of improvement of transportation that calls for the optimization of traffic signal timing to reduce traffic congestion.	Implement as recommended.
10	Speed limits should have to conform to state standards	The only state standard for speed limits is contained in A.R.S. §28-701 which sets a speed limit of 25 miles per hour in all business and residential districts. A.R.S. §28-703 allows for Yuma County to set a different speed limit in business and residential districts if an engineering and traffic study determines that such a variation from standards is safe and reasonable. Yuma County will continue to follow the standards set forth in state law.	N.A.
11	Certain streets should be designated as no parking	Page 3-16 - Add a new objective under the new goal of improvement of transportation that calls for on-street parking to be regulated in a manner that enhances quality of life. Add a policy that calls for a study of on street parking guidelines.	Remove recommendation for a policy that calls for studying the restriction of on-street parking in residential areas, from the CAG recommendations.
12	Prohibit the overnight parking of 18 wheelers on residential streets	Page 3-16 - Add a new policy under the new goal regarding transportation improvements, to study the benefits and impacts of prohibiting overnight parking of trucks and semi-trailers on residential streets will be studied.	Add motor homes and recreational vehicles to list of vehicles that can not be parked overnight on residential streets
13	Create standard widths for residential streets	The Yuma County Subdivision Regulations and Public Works Standards already contain width requirements for residential streets. No change is necessary.	N.A.
14	Improve public transportation in the Foothills with handicapped accessible facilities	Public transportation in Yuma County is managed by the Yuma County Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO). Add a policy statement supporting improvement of public transportation in the Foothills with handicapped accessible facilities.	Implement as recommended.
15	All new residential developments should have sidewalks	The Yuma County Subdivision Regulations require sidewalks in all subdivision with an average lot size of 6,000 square feet or smaller. Existing neighborhood without sidewalks were likely developed prior to the implementation of this regulation.	N.A.

Table 2: Discussed Changes to Goals, Objectives and Policies (Cont.)

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**Goals, Objectives, and Policies-CAG Recommendations**

#	Comments	How Comment Could be Implemented	CAG Recommendation
16	More retail development, particularly restaurants, are needed	Page 3-16 – Add a new goal that states calls for future commercial growth to enhance quality of life. Under this new goal add an objective that calls for commercial development to occur in appropriate locations. Add a policy that calls for the desirability of more retail development, particularly of restaurants, to be a key consideration in approval of any future change in land use designation.	Implement as recommended.
17	Limit development to small businesses	Page 3-16 – Add a new policy under the proposed goal dealing with commercial development which calls for maintaining an adequate supply of developable land that is suitable for small businesses.	Implement as recommended.
18	Expansion of commercial zoning beyond Fortuna Rd., Foothills Blvd., and the Frontage Roads	Page 3-16 -- Add a new policy under the proposed goal dealing with commercial development calling for new commercial development that is not adjacent to Fortuna Rd, Foothills Blvd., and the Frontage Roads will be identified.	Implement as recommended.
19	An adequate water supply should be ensured prior to the approval of development.	Page 3-17 - Add a new goal that states a goal calling for additional residential growth to not cause degradation in the quality of life. Under this new goal add an objective that calls for the residential growth rate to not exceed the capacity of infrastructure to serve it. Add a policy that that calls for the impact of residential development on water treatment plants to be examined	Add a policy that states: <i>“study the possible implementation of a development impact fee to support the development of water infrastructure.”</i>
20	Sewage treatment capacity should be ensured prior to the approval of development	Page 3-17 - Add a new policy under the new goal relating to residential development that calls for the impact of residential development on sewage treatment plants to be examined.	Add a policy that states: <i>“study the possible implementation of a development impact fee to support the development of sewage treatment infrastructure.”</i>

Table 2: Discussed Changes to Goals, Objectives and Policies (Cont.)

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**Goals, Objectives, and Policies-CAG Recommendations**

#	Comments	How Comment Could be Implemented	CAG Recommendation
21	Housing affordability should be maintained	Page 3-17- Add a new objective under the new goal relating to residential development that calls for affordable housing to be maintained. Add a policy the calls for housing affordability to be considered in any future residential land use designation change.	Implement as recommended.
22	Lower density residential development	Page 3-17 - Add a new objective under the new goal relating to residential development. Add a policy that makes density a key consideration in residential land use changes	Implement as recommended.
23	Aesthetic standards for new developments are desired	Page 3-17 - Add a new goal that calls for the aesthetic improvement of development taking place in the Foothills. Add an objective that calls for a regulatory method for establishing aesthetic standards to be identified. Add a policy to study various options for implementing aesthetic standards.	Implement as recommended.
24	Create more opportunities to recycle	Page 3-17 - Add a new goal that calls for recycling to be made easier. Add an objective that calls for recycling facilities to be made available. Add a policy to provide for collection points for recyclable goods.	Implement as recommended.

Table 2: Discussed Changes to Goals, Objectives and Policies (Cont.)

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#	Comments	How Comment Could be Implemented	CAG Recommendation
25	Establishment of a public fire protection district	Page 3-18 - Add a new goal that calls for a feasibility study for a public fire protection district in the Foothills. Add an objective identifying if and how a public fire protection district could be established. Add a policy to study the various options for establishing a public fire protection district and the potential impacts of such an action.	Add a goal, objective, and policy to state: <i>“Goal: Improve fire protection and emergency response services in the Foothills in a more cost effective manner.</i> <i>Objective: Prepare a study of various options of providing fire protection and emergency response services in the Foothills.</i> <i>Policy: Yuma County will update the safety element of the plan to identify and compare various options for improving fire protection and emergency response in the foothills and provide analysis of the feasibility of each of these options.</i>
26	Concern over the legality of the height of a two story home	The Yuma County Zoning Ordinance establishes maximum building height, which varies by zoning district but does not govern the number of stories a home may have. Convents and deed restrictions may also address height and stories, but Yuma County cannot enforce these. Any enforcement of convents must be pursued through the civil courts.	N.A.
27	Lower property taxes	The Comprehensive Plan has no regulatory authority regarding property taxes.	N.A.

Table 2: Discussed Changes to Goals, Objectives and Policies (Cont.)

## **Chapter 4D.5B—Foothills Sub-Regional Planning Area-Land Use Element**

Chapter 4D.5B, includes Map 4D-4 Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designations which depicts the land use designation for the planning area. The Land Use Element is critical to providing guidance for future growth and development in the County. Specific intentions and functions of the Land Use Element include: representing countywide interests in where land uses should be located as well as the evolution of land use patterns; setting forth the general categories, distribution, location and extent of land uses; and providing maps to illustrate the location and distribution of land use categories.



*Figure 7: CAG Members*

### **May 2, 2007 Meeting**

A meeting of the Foothills Citizen Advisory Group to discuss Chapter 4D.B5—Foothills Planning Area-Land Use Element was held on May 2, 2007, at the Yuma East County Club.

Twenty-two members of the CAG and the TAC attended this meeting. A copy of the meeting agenda and meeting notes can be found in Appendix C starting on page 57.

### **Discussion on Long & Short Term Issues**

Staff reviewed all ideas and issues received from the public at the annual meeting and selected all the ideas and issues that could be addressed under Chapter 4D.5B. A list suggesting modifications to Chapter 4D.5B to address each issue raised at the annual meeting was then prepared by staff. A list of long and short term issues was developed for insertion into Chapter 4D.5B which would reflect the concerns of the CAG on what the most important long and short term land use issues facing the Foothills area are.

The CAG reviewed and discussed each long or short term issue raised in Chapter 4D.5B which was then reached. A list of the issues on which a consensus was reached can be found on the following page.

## **Long & Short Term Issues Identified by the CAG for Insertion into Chapter 4D.5B**

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### **Short Term Issues:**

Code Enforcement - There is a need for enhanced code enforcement by to abate debris and illegal dumping activities.

### **Long Term Issues:**

Commercial - Expansion of commercial development beyond Fortuna Rd., Foothills Blvd., and the Frontage Roads corridors.

Residential - New residential development should be of a density that is compatible with the existing density of development in the Foothills area.

Open Space - Certain state and federal lands, particularly in and in the immediate vicinity of the Gila Mountains should preserved as open space.

Public Infrastructure - Public infrastructure needs such as parks and recreation facilities, a community center, sewage treatment, water treatment, and fire protection must be addressed. Residents cite the need for developing a planning document that outlines infrastructure shortfalls and recommendations.



*Figure 8: CAG & TAC Members*

### Changes to Suggested Land Use Element, Map 4D-4

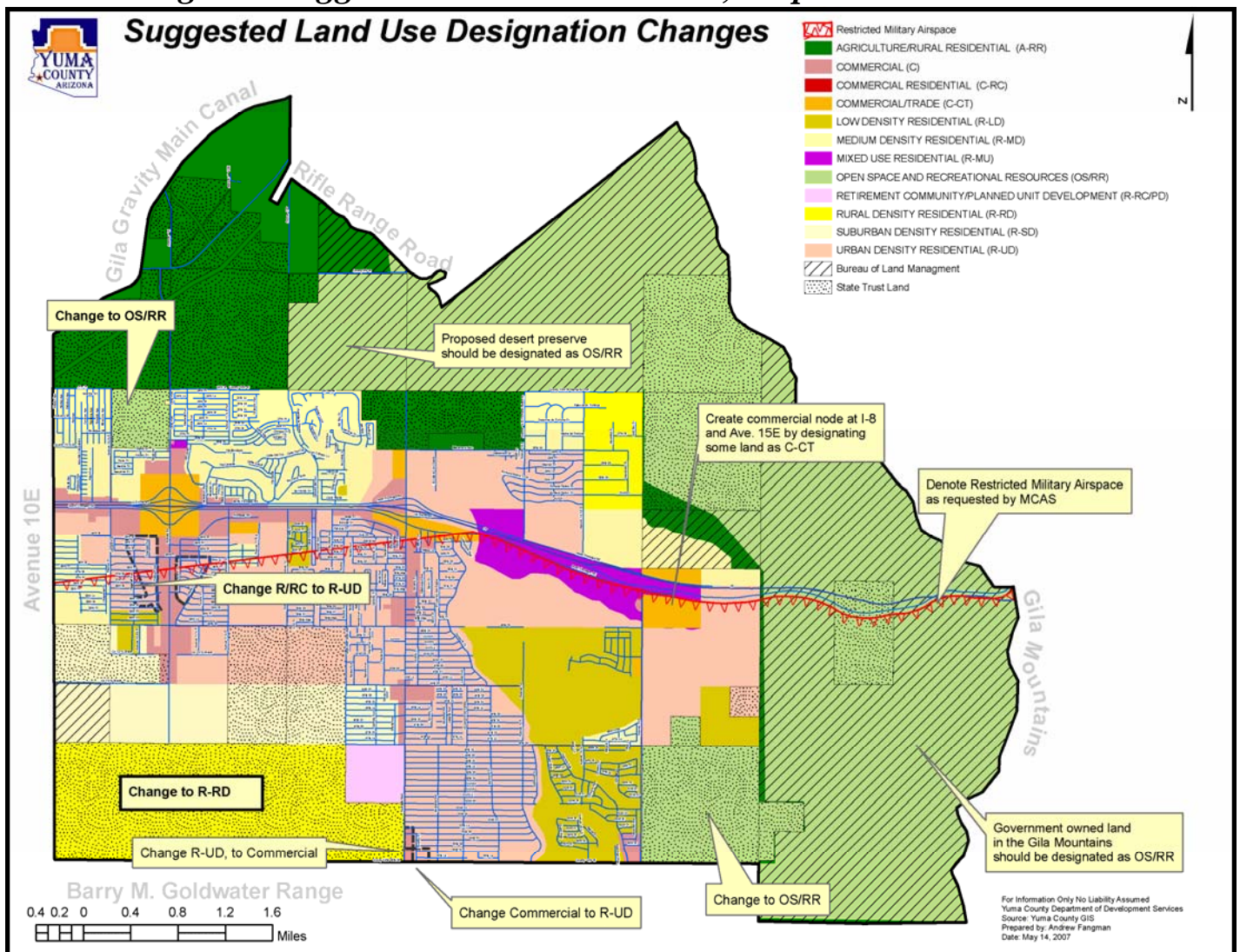


Figure 9: Discussed Changes to Map 4D-4

## Discussion on Map 4D-4

Map 4D - 4-Land Use Designation was reviewed by having CAG members write down desired changes to land use designations on sticky notes and attaching them to a large poster sized copy of Map 4D-4. The entire group then reviewed each suggested change to the map. A consensus on whether to accept, reject, or modify the suggested change was then reached. Figure 9 depicts all the changes to land use designations on which consensus was reached.



## **May 22, 2007 Meeting**

A meeting of the Foothills Citizen Advisory Group to discuss Chapter 6—Circulation Element of the Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan, was held on May 22, 2007, at the Yuma East Country Club.

Twenty members of the CAG and the TAC attended this meeting. A copy of the meeting agenda and meeting notes can be found in Appendix D starting on page 65.

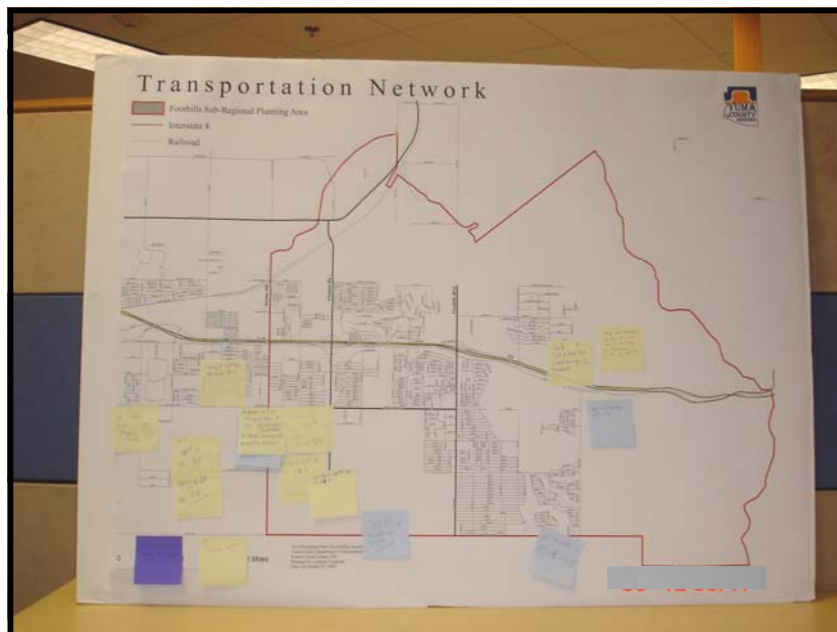
## **Circulation Element**

The Circulation Element is contained in Chapter 6 of the Comprehensive Plan, it overviews existing transportation plans. Key issues and concerns stemming from public participation are then addressed. Attention is thereafter given to future transportation projects and visual corridors.

## **Discussion on the Circulation Element**

Chapter 6—Circulation Element was reviewed by having CAG members write down their concerns regarding transportation on sticky notes and then placing those sticky notes on the relevant location on a map of the planning area. The CAG then reviewed on all these comments and came to a consensus on what the most important transportation issues facing the planning area were.

Based on input from the CAG on transportation issues facing the Foothills Planning area, new sections 6.6 and 6.6.2 are being proposed for addition to the circulation element of the Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan. The verbatim comments from the CAG members regarding transportation issues can be found in Appendix D on Page 70.



*Figure 10: Map Which CAG Members Used Mark Transportation Priorities*

## **Proposed Section 6.6 Citizen Advisory Groups Recommended Transportation Improvements**

In 2007 Citizen Advisory Groups composed of area residents for each planning area reviewed the Comprehensive Plan and made recommendations on updating it to reflect the concerns of area residents. The Citizen Advisory Groups were set up as part of a mid-decade review of the Plan. This process began with a town hall style annual meeting. Each Citizens Advisory Group also made recommendations on transportation improvement projects for their planning area. These recommendations should be considered when Yuma County offers input on the development of the Regional Transportation Plan and other transportation improvement plans. Full details of the Citizens Advisory Groups recommendations can be found in the Citizens Advisory Group report for each planning area.

### **Proposed Section 6.6.2 Foothills Sub-Regional Planning Area**

- ◆ The consensus among CAG members was that the most urgently needed transportation improvement is the **extension of 40th Street to connect with Avenue 8E.**
- ◆ The **extension of County 14th Street to connect with Araby Road.**
- ◆ The **development of a network of multi-use paths** separate from roadways.
- ◆ Adding **fencing along the Frontage Roads.**



*Figure 11: CAG & TAC Members*

## **May 22, 2007 Meeting**

A meeting of the Foothills Citizen Advisory Group to discuss Chapter 5– Open Space and Recreational Resources, Chapter 7—Environmental Element, Chapter 7A—Water Resources, and Chapter 7B—Safety Element, of the Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan, was held on May 22, 2007, at the Yuma East Country Club.

Twenty members of the CAG and the TAC attended this meeting. A copy of the meeting agenda and meeting notes can be found in Appendix D starting on page 65.

## **June 13, 2007 Meeting**

A meeting of the Foothills Citizen Advisory Group to continue discussion on Chapter 5– Open Space and Recreational Resources, Chapter 7—Environmental Element, Chapter 7A—Water Resources, and Chapter 7B—Safety Element, of the Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan was held June 13, 2007, at the Yuma East Country Club.

Fifteen members of the CAG and the TAC attended this meeting. A copy of the meeting agenda and meeting notes can be found in Appendix E starting on page 72.

### **Language to Insert Short & Long Term Issues**

In 2007 Citizen Advisory Groups, composed of area residents, for each planning area reviewed the Comprehensive Plan and made recommendations on updating it to reflect the concerns of area residents. The Citizen Advisory Groups were set up as part of a mid-decade review of the Plan, this process began with a town hall style annual meeting. Each Citizens Advisory Group then identified a list of short and long term issues regarding [Name of Element] that they considered critical to their planning area. The county shall work towards addressing the short and long term issues whenever possible. Full details of the Citizens Advisory Groups recommendations can be found in the Citizens Advisory Group report for each planning area.

### **Discussion on Chapters 5, 7, 7A & 7B**

Chapter 5– Open Space and Recreational Resources, Chapter 7—Environmental Element, Chapter 7A—Water Resources, and Chapter 7B—Safety Element were reviewed by having CAG members write down long and short term issues regarding each chapter on sticky notes. These sticky notes were then placed on large pieces of paper that contained sections for long and short term issues for each of the four chapters. In order to insert these short and long term issues in to the Comprehensive Plan standard language has been developed to add to each chapter that creates a place for the CAG generated short and long term issues in the Comprehensive Plan.

## **Open Space & Recreational Resources Element**

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The Open Space & Recreational Resources Element is contained in Chapter 5 of the Comprehensive Plan and addresses the following:

- Provide references to define open space.
- Review and inventory existing lands designated open space and recreational resources.
- Address strategies to acquire and conserve open space and recreational resources.
- Outline plan criteria so the Yuma County Parks and Recreation Department can operate more effectively.

## **Discussion on the Open Space & Recreational Resources Element**

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Based on input from the CAG on issues relating to open space and recreational resources facing the Foothills Planning area, a new section 5.10, which details long and short term issues identified by the CAG is being proposed for addition to the opens space and recreational element of the Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan. A map on page 29 depicts specific locations that the CAG would like to see specific parks and recreational improvements.

### **Short Term Issues**

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- A study of parks and recreation facility needs in the Foothills, identified the need for Athletic fields, playgrounds, passive use parks, active use parks, dog parks, a community center, multi-use paths, and community facilities in the foothills area. The feasibility of the CAG identified site for specific improvements will be addressed in this study. The study should also identify potential funding options for potential parks and recreational facility enhancement in the Foothills area.
- The Subdivision Regulations should be amended to require parks and a mechanism to pay for their upkeep to be made part of all larger subdivisions.
- Need a means to discourage inappropriate ATV usage

### **Long Term Issues**

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- Construction of the facilities identified as needed in a study of the parks and recreational needs of the Foothills area.
- Development of a funding mechanism to pay for the construction of parks and recreational facilities.
- Impact fees to pay for the development of parks and recreational facilities.
- Examination of the possibility of working with the Yuma Union High School District to develop joint use recreational facilities at the potential new high school on Fortuna Road.

**Foothills Citizen Advisory Group Report**  
**Open Space & Recreational Resources Element**

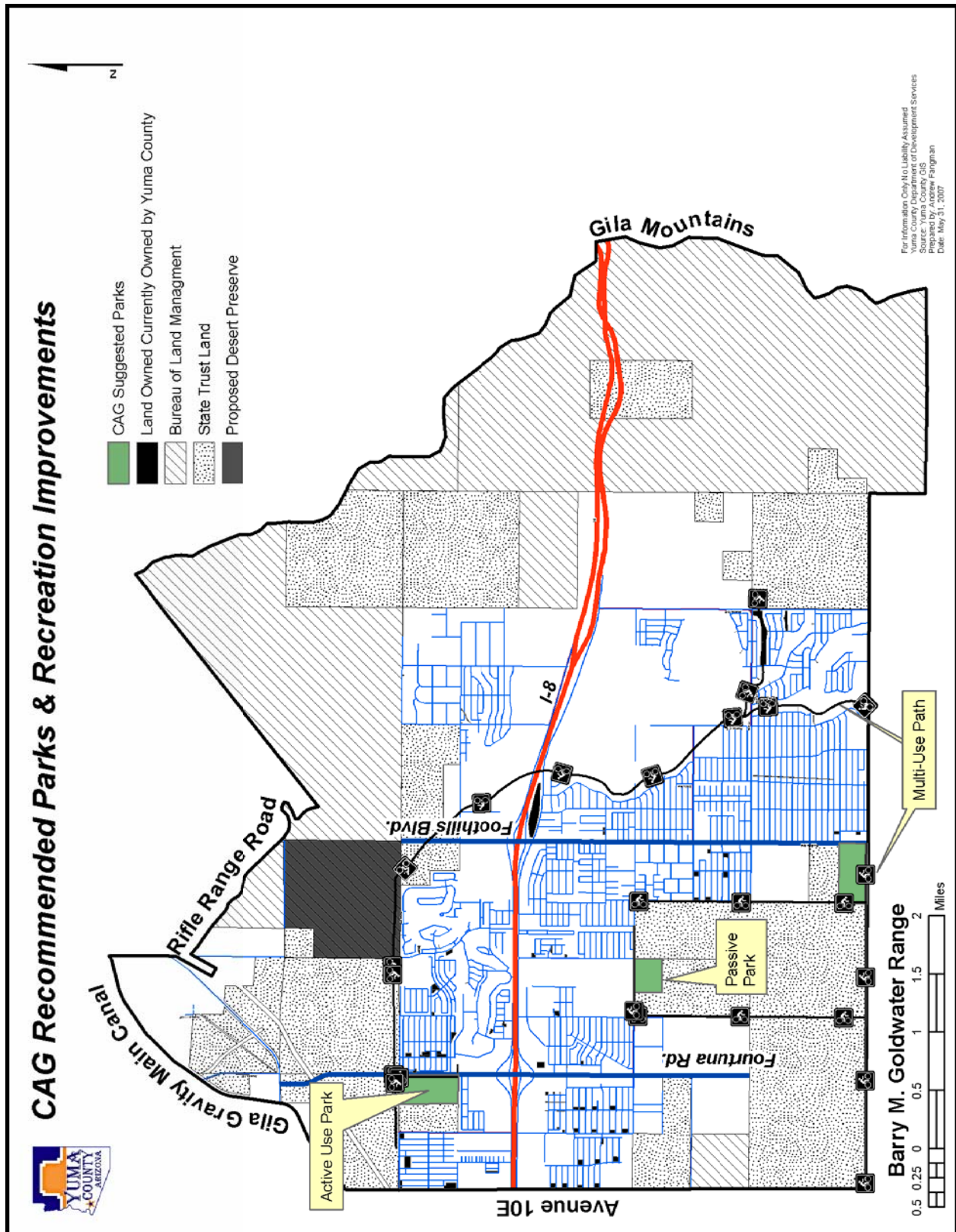


Figure 13: CAG Recommended Parks & Recreation Improvements

## **Environmental Element**

The environmental element of the Comprehensive Plan is contained in Chapter 7. The stated purpose of the environmental element is to:

- Ensure compliance with existing State and Federal Environmental Laws, Regulations, and Executive Orders.
- Recognize the value and condition of existing natural resources in the county and their ecological value.
- Determine the extent to which development activities are required to comply with the goals, objectives and policies contained within The Plan.
- Promote the use of natural resources in the county in a manner that provides for continued economic viability.

## **Discussion on the Environmental Element**

Based on input from the CAG on environmental issues facing the Foothills Planning area, a new section 7.6, which will detail the long & short term issues identified by the CAG is being proposed for addition to the environmental element of the Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan. The verbatim comments from the CAG members regarding environmental issues can be found in Appendix D on Page 71.

### **Short Term Issues**

- The dumping of trash in the desert.
- The need for water and energy conservation programs.

### **Long Term Issues**

- Need for a dark sky ordinance.
- Need for a waste transfer station in the Foothills area.
- Need for more places for residents to drop recyclable goods.



*Figure 14: Open Land in the Foothills*

## **Water Resources Element**

The Water Resources Element is contained in Chapter 7A in the Comprehensive Plan and addresses the following:

- Authority to address water resource issues
- Existing water plans
- Existing conditions and trends
- Wastewater management

## **Discussion on the Water Resources Element**

Based on input from the CAG on issues relating to water resources facing the Foothills Planning area, a new section 7A.10, which will detail long and short term issues identified by the CAG is being proposed for addition to the open space and recreational element of the Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan. The verbatim comments from the CAG members regarding open space and recreational resource issues can be found in Appendix D on Page 71.

### **Short Term Issues**

- Sewage treatment capacity is being at or exceeded in certain areas of the Foothills.



*Figure 15: Yuma East County Club, Host of all the CAG Meetings*

### **Long Term Issues**

- Water infrastructure development needs to keep pace with residential Development.
- Sewer infrastructure development needs to keep pace with residential Development.

## **Safety Element**

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The Safety Element is contained in Chapter 7B of the Comprehensive Plan and overviews existing safety plans, assesses the nature of these hazards and lists projects and actions to minimize their impact. The Element does not address in-depth responder capabilities, specific procedures used in emergencies or detailed emergency operational strategies.

## **Discussion on the Safety Element**

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Based on input from the CAG on issues relating to water resources facing the Foothills Planning area, a new section 7B.6 , which will detail long and short term issues identified by the CAG is being proposed for addition to the safety element of the Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan. The verbatim comments from the CAG members regarding safety issues can be found in Appendix D on Page 71.

## **Establishment of a Fire and Emergency Services Citizen Advisory Group**

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At all meetings in the Foothills the issue that drew the most interest and concern from members of the public was the provisioning of fire and emergency services in the Foothills area. Many residents feel that a fire and emergency services district needs to be set up to serve the Foothills area. The CAG has requested that county staff conduct a study to examine the current state of fire and emergency services within the Foothills. Possible alternatives for delivering these services, including the setting up of a fire and emergency services district was also requested to be studied.

Input from members of the community is critical in the completion of an accurate study. In order to gather this community input a Fire and Emergency Services Citizen Advisory Group was formed. This group first met immediately prior to the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Foothills CAG meeting. A separate report on this CAG's activities will issued when it is finished.

## **Short Term Issues**

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- Completion of the study on fire and emergency services.

## **Long Term Issues**

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- Implementation of the recommendation of the fire and emergency services study.
- Encourage participation in Citizen Emergency Response Teams.



## **CAG Proposed Text Changes**

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The following pages detail how the text of the Yuma County 2010 Comprehensive Plan needs to be modified in order to implement all the CAG recommended changes. These proposed changes are in strike-bold format. Text to be added is shown in all bold and all uppercase like **THIS**, and text to be removed is shown with a line through it like ~~this~~.

**Sub-Regional Planning Areas** - The goals for the Yuma, Foothills and South County Planning Area reflect the overall consensus of issues raised by Citizen Advisory Groups (CAGs) and residents. However, some issues **AND GOALS** are unique and specific to identifiable communities. These concerns **AND GOALS** are presented below.

**City of Yuma/Yuma County Joint Land Use Plan Sub-Regional Planning Area**

Continue to promote the provisions identified in the Joint Land Use Plan.

**Foothills Sub-Regional Planning Area**

- Create a balance of mixed land use to provides for adequate commercial development.
- Maintain autonomy by discouraging annexation.
- Protect the Gila Mountain view shed and Fortuna Wash from development.
- Improve connecting roads to and from the City of Yuma.

**GOAL: ENHANCE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FOOTHILLS.**

**OBJECTIVE: YUMA COUNTY WILL PREPARE A STUDY OF PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY NEEDS FOR THE FOOTHILLS SUB-REGIONAL PLANNING AREA.**

**POLICY: THE FOOTHILLS PARKS AND RECREATION STUDY WILL IDENTIFY THE NEED FOR ATHLETIC FIELDS, PASSIVE PARKS PLAYGROUNDS, DOG PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE FOOTHILLS AREA.**

**POLICY: THE FOOTHILLS PARKS AND RECREATION STUDY WILL IDENTIFY POTENTIAL FUNDING OPTIONS FOR POTENTIAL PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY ENHANCEMENT IN FOOTHILLS AREA, WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR IDENTIFIED PARKS AND FACILITIES.**

**POLICY: ESTABLISH A PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT THAT WILL PROVIDE PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES TO ENHANCE LEISURE OPPORTUNITIES.**

**POLICY: IDENTIFY PUBLICLY OWNED LAND SUITABLE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT.**

**POLICY: IDENTIFY RIGHT OF WAY CORRIDORS SUITABLE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-USE PATHS.**

**POLICY: THE FOOTHILLS PARKS AND RECREATION STUDY WILL INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PREPARING A FOOTHILLS PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN.**

**OBJECTIVE: NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD OCCUR IN A MANNER THAT ENHANCES PARKS AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES.**

**POLICY: WHEN PRACTICABLE AND DESIRABLE, UTILIZE RETENTION BASINS AS NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS.**

**POLICY: ESTABLISH SUBDIVISION STANDARDS FOR OPEN SPACE IN LARGE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS. ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE.**

**GOAL: STREETS SHOULD BE ILLUMINATED AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL.**

**OBJECTIVE: YUMA COUNTY WILL WORK TO BETTER LIGHT STREETS IN FOOTHILLS AREA.**

**POLICY: CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT AND NEEDS FOR ADDING STREETLIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW SUBDIVISIONS OF HIGHER DENSITIES IN YUMA COUNTY.**

**OBJECTIVE: YUMA COUNTY WILL ADOPT POLICIES THAT PRESERVE “DARK SKIES” IN SPECIFIED AREAS OF THE COUNTY.**

**POLICY: ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE LIGHTING PLAN FOR THE COUNTY THAT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:**

- 1.) LOCATIONS, SUCH AS AROUND SCHOOLS, WALKWAYS, ETC. WHERE LIGHTING IS NEEDED AND IS APPROPRIATE TO THE AREA, WILL BE IDENTIFIED.**
- 2.) SHIELDING REQUIREMENTS**
- 3.) COMPREHENSIVE LIGHT TRESPASS STANDARDS**

**GOAL: IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION IN THE FOOTHILLS AREA.**

**OBJECTIVE: REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE FOOTHILLS AREA.**

**POLICY: THE IMPACT ON TRAFFIC FLOW AND CONGESTION WILL BE IDENTIFIED WHEN CHANGES IN LAND USE DESIGNATION ARE CONSIDERED.**

**POLICY: IMPROVE MAJOR ARTERIALS IN ADVANCE DEVELOPMENT BY USING DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES.**

**POLICY: TRAFFIC SIGNAL TIMING WILL BE ADJUSTED IN A MANNER THAT REDUCES CONGESTION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.**

**OBJECTIVE: YUMA COUNTY WILL REGULATE ON STREET PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN A MANNER THAT ENHANCES THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF RESIDENTS.**

**POLICY: THE BENEFITS OF, IMPACTS OF, AND SUPPORT FOR PROHIBITING OVERNIGHT PARKING OF TRUCKS, SEMI TRAILERS, MOTOR HOMES, AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS WILL BE STUDIED AND THEN PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.**

**OBJECTIVE: YUMA COUNTY WILL SUPPORT IMPROVEMENTS IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE FOOTHILLS.**

**POLICY: SUPPORT EFFORTS BY THE YUMA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (YMPO) AND OTHER ENTITIES TO IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE IN THE FOOTHILLS AREA.**

**POLICY: SUPPORT THE INCLUSION OF HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS IN THE FOOTHILLS AREA.**

**GOAL: SUPPORT FUTURE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT THAT ENHANCES THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF FOOTHILLS RESIDENTS.**

**OBJECTIVE: COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD OCCUR IN APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS.**

**POLICY: SUPPORT THE CREATION OF MORE RETAIL DEVELOPMENT AND DINNING ESTABLISHMENTS IN FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLANS.**

**POLICY: ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS BY PROVIDING AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF LAND CLASSIFIED FOR SMALL SCALE COMMERCIAL USAGE.**

**POLICY: IDENTIFY AREAS APPROPRIATE FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT THAT ARE NOT ADJACENT TO FORTUNA RD., FOOTHILLS BLVD., AND THE FRONTAGE ROADS.**

**GOAL: FUTURE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD NOT CAUSE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF FOOTHILLS RESIDENTS TO DECLINE.**

**OBJECTIVE: RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD NOT OUT PACE THE DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT IT.**

**POLICY: NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE OF A DENSITY THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE EXISTING DENSITY OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE FOOTHILLS AREA.**

**POLICY: THE IMPACT ON WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN CONSIDERING ANY FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION CHANGE.**

**POLICY: STUDY THE POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF A DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.**

**POLICY: THE IMPACT ON SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN CONSIDERING ANY FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION CHANGES.**

**POLICY: STUDY THE POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF A DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SEWAGE TREATMENT INFRASTRUCTURE.**

**OBJECTIVE: AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE FOOTHILLS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED.**

**POLICY: THE IMPACT ON HOUSING AFFORDABILITY WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN CONSIDERING ANY FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION CHANGE.**

**OBJECTIVE: A LOWER DENSITY OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN FOOTHILLS IS DESIRED**

**POLICY: THE IMPACT ON RESIDENTIAL DENSITY WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN CONSIDERING ANY FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION CHANGE.**

**GOAL: IMPROVE THE AESTHETIC QUALITY OF DEVELOPMENT IN FOOTHILLS.**

**OBJECTIVE: IDENTIFY A REGULATORY METHOD BY WHICH THE AESTHETICS OF NEW DEVELOPMENT COULD BE REGULATED.**

**POLICY: YUMA COUNTY WILL STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING AESTHETIC STANDARDS IN THE FOOTHILLS AREA.**

**GOAL: IMPROVE RECYCLING FACILITIES AND MAKE THEM EASIER TO USE.**

**OBJECTIVE: FACILITIES FOR RECYCLING SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE.**

**OBJECTIVE: PREPARE A STUDY OF VARIOUS OPTIONS OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES IN THE FOOTHILLS.**

**POLICY: YUMA COUNTY WILL UPDATE THE SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE PLAN TO IDENTIFY AND COMPARE VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR IMPROVING FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN THE FOOTHILLS AND PROVIDE ANALYSIS OF THE FEASIBILITY OF EACH OF THESE OPTIONS.**

**South Mesa Sub-Regional Planning Area**

More efficient land utilization for residential development. ~~Develop higher residential densities in the Suburban Development Study Area (SUDSA - inclusive of the JLUP).~~ Utilize Planned Area Development (PAD) techniques or designate suburban and commercial nodes that are surrounded by low density agriculture. Redefine zoning requirements to allow for agricultural conservation and low intensity agriculture that promotes a rural ambiance.

- Protect the Gila Mountains and views from encroachment and development.
- Identify and prioritize transportation system improvement needs, such as extending 40th Street into the City of Yuma, in order to accommodate year-round citizens and the influx of seasonal visitors.
- Examine public services and infrastructure that are not currently provided at adequate levels. Identify specific shortfalls and deficiencies to the county in order to document and cause the necessary project development that can improve levels of service.
- Develop methods to accommodate the substantial numbers of seasonal visitors during the winter months. Support commercial services that meet the needs of both the year-round and seasonal residents.
- Promote and construct more recreational facilities.

**SHORT TERM ISSUES:**

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT - THERE IS A NEED FOR ENHANCED CODE ENFORCEMENT BY THE COUNTY TO ABATE DEBRIS AND ILLEGAL DUMPING ACTIVITIES.**

**LONG TERM ISSUES:**

- **COMMERCIAL - EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT BEYOND FORTUNA RD., FOOTHILLS BLVD., AND THE FRONTAGE ROADS.**
- **RESIDENTIAL - NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE OF A DENSITY THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE EXISTING DENSITY OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE FOOTHILLS AREA.**
- **OPEN SPACE - CERTAIN STATE AND FEDERAL LANDS, PARTICULARLY IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE GILA MOUNTAINS SHOULD BE PRESERVED AS OPEN SPACE**
- **PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE - PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS SUCH AS PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES, A COMMUNITY CENTER, SEWAGE TREATMENT, WATER TREATMENT, AND FIRE PROTECTION MUST BE ADDRESSED. RESIDENTS CITE THE NEED FOR DEVELOPING A PLANNING DOCUMENT THAT OUTLINES INFRASTRUCTURE SHORTFALLS AND RECOMMENDSTIONS.**

**South Mesa Sub-Regional Planning Area**

- Preservation and promotion of agricultural lands and activities and low density housing.
- Implement more effective code enforcement by the county in order to abate junk, trash, other debris and illegal temporary land uses.

## **5.10 CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUPS IDENTIFIED SHORT AND LONG TERM ISSUES**

**IN 2007 AND 2008 CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUPS COMPOSED OF AREA RESIDENTS, FOR EACH PLANNING AREA REVIEWED THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS ON UPDATING IT TO REFLECT THE CONCERNS OF AREA RESIDENTS. THE CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUPS WERE SET UP AS PART OF A MID-DECADE REVIEW OF THE PLAN. THIS PROCESS BEGAN WITH A TOWN HALL STYLE MEETING. EACH CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP IDENTIFIED A LIST OF SHORT AND LONG TERM ISSUES REGARDING OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCES THAT THEY CONSIDERED CRITICAL TO THEIR PLANNING AREA. THE COUNTY SHALL WORK TOWARDS ADDRESSING THE SHORT AND LONG TERM ISSUES WHENEVER POSSIBLE. FULL DETAILS OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE FOUND IN THE CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP REPORT FOR EACH PLANNING AREA.**

### **5.10.1.3 Foothills Planning Area Short Term Issues**

- A STUDY OF PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY NEEDS IN THE FOOTHILLS, IDENTIFYING THE NEED FOR ATHLETIC FIELDS, PLAYGROUNDS, PASSIVE USE PARKS, ACTIVE USE PARKS, DOG PARKS, A COMMUNITY CENTER, MULTI-USE PATHS, AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE FOOTHILLS AREA. THE FEASIBILITY OF THE CAG IDENTIFIED SITES FOR SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THIS STUDY. THE STUDY SHOULD ALSO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL FUNDING OPTIONS FOR POTENTIAL PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY ENHANCEMENT IN FOOTHILLS AREA, WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR IDENTIFIED PARKS AND FACILITIES.**
- THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS SHOULD BE AMENDED TO REQUIRE PARKS AND THE MECHANISM TO PAY FOR THEIR UPKEEP TO BE MADE PART OF ALL LARGER SUBDIVISIONS.**
- INAPPROPRIATE ATV USAGE.**

### **5.10.1.4 Foothills Planning Area Long Term Issues**

- CONSTRUCTION OF THE FACILITIES IDENTIFIED AS NEEDED IN A STUDY OF THE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF THE FOOTHILLS AREA.**
- DEVELOPMENT OF A FUNDING MECHANISM TO PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.**
- IMPACT FEES TO PAY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.**
- EXAMINATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF WORKING WITH THE YUMA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DEVELOP JOINT USE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE POTENTIAL NEW HIGH SCHOOL ON FORTUNA ROAD.**



## **6.6 CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUPS RECOMMENDED TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS**

**IN 2007 AND 2008 CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUPS COMPOSED OF AREA RESIDENTS FOR EACH PLANNING AREA REVIEWED THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS ON UPDATING IT TO REFLECT THE CONCERNS OF AREA RESIDENTS. THE CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUPS WERE SET UP AS PART OF A MID-DECADE REVIEW OF THE PLAN. THIS PROCESS BEGAN WITH A TOWN HALL STYLE MEETING. EACH CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP ALSO MADE RECOMMENDATIONS ON TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THEIR PLANNING AREA. THESE . RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN YUMA COUNTY OFFERS INPUT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLANS. FULL DETAILS OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUPS RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE FOUND IN THE CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP REPORT FOR EACH PLANNING AREA.**

### **6.6.2 FOOTHILLS PLANNING AREA**

- ◆ THE CONSENSUS AMONG CAG MEMBERS WAS THAT THE MOST URGENTLY NEEDED TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS IS THE EXTENSION OF 40TH STREET TO CONNECT WITH AVENUE 8E.**
- ◆ THE EXTENSION OF COUNTY 14TH STREET TO CONNECT WITH ARABY ROAD.**
- ◆ THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NETWORK OF MULTI-USE PATHS, SEPARATE FROM ROADWAYS.**

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### **7.6.1.3 FOOTHILLS PLANNING AREA SHORT TERM ISSUES**

- **THE DUMPING OF TRASH IN THE DESERT.**
- **THE NEED FOR WATER AND ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS.**

### **7.6.1.4 FOOTHILLS PLANNING AREA LONG TERM ISSUES**

- **NEED FOR A DARK SKY ORDINANCE.**
- **NEED FOR A WASTE TRANSFER STATION IN THE FOOTHILLS AREA.**
- **NEED FOR MORE PLACES FOR RESIDENTS TO DROP OFF RECYCLABLE GOODS.**

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##### **7A.10.3 Foothills Planning Area Short Term Issues**

- **SEWAGE TREATMENT CAPACITY IS BEING MET OR EXCEEDED IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE FOOTHILLS.**

##### **7A.10.4 Foothills Planning Area Long Term Issues**

- **WATER INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS TO KEEP PACE WITH RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.**
- **SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS TO KEEP PACE WITH RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT .**

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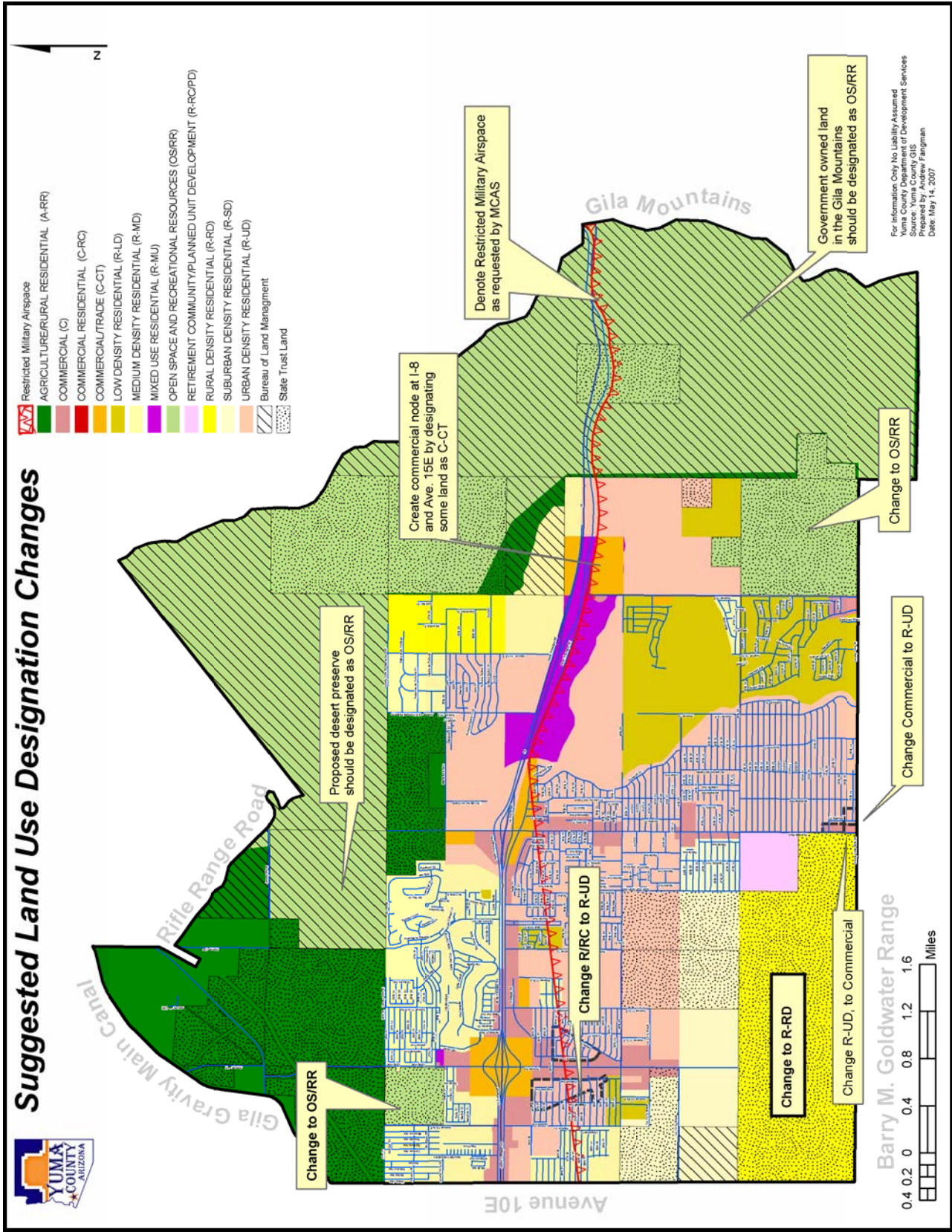
**7B.6.2 FOOTHILLS PLANNING AREA SHORT TERM ISSUES**

- **COMPLETION OF THE STUDY ON FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES.**

**7B.6.2 FOOTHILLS PLANNING AREA LONG TERM ISSUES**

- **IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES STUDY.**
- **ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN CITIZEN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS.**

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# **Appendix A**

# **Annual Meeting**



# **Foothills Planning Area Annual Meeting Agenda**

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DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2007  
TIME: 6:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Yuma East Country Club, 11357 East 35<sup>th</sup> Place, Yuma, Arizona

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STAFF: Development Services - Long Range Planning  
Anne Eichberger, Manager  
Russell Lambert, Planner II  
Juan Rubio, Planner II  
Andrew Fangman, Planner II  
Angelica Gomez, Office Specialist II

## **Welcome and Introductions.**

## **Process Overview.**

## **Presentation - Foothills Planning Area Background and Findings.**

### **Breakout Sessions:**

- Land Use**
- Transportation/Infrastructure**
- Community Facilities**
- Economic Development**

**Presentation Summaries for Breakout Session Findings:** Presentation to the entire group

**Issues Prioritization.** - Dots Voting for Top Priorities

**Wrap Up.**

**Adjourn.**





## **Foothills Planning Area Annual Meeting**

**WHAT:**

An annual meeting is scheduled for all interested parties on the future of the Foothills Planning Area. There will be a presentation of the state of the planning area. This will be followed by a discussion on the direction of the area's future.

**WHY:**

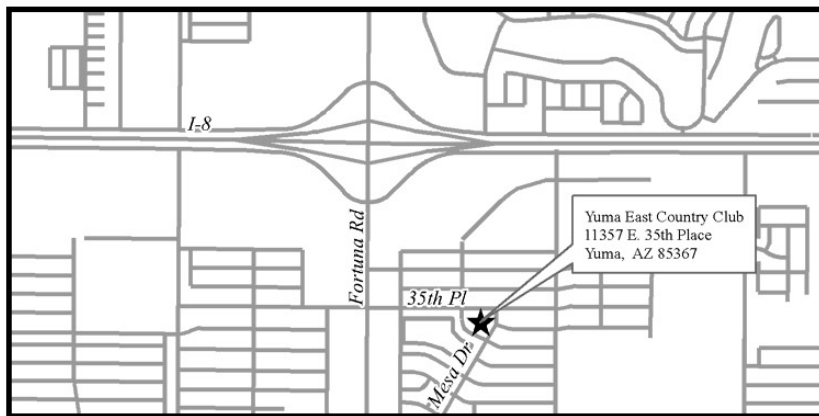
Yuma County's Comprehensive Plan was first adopted in December of 2001. This meeting will be the kickoff of a process that will update the 2010 Yuma County Comprehensive Plan for the Foothills Planning Area. This periodic review and update is also necessary to reflect changes in local needs, new data, correct errors, and/or clarify intent of the Planning Area. A report on the current condition of the planning area can be found at:

[http://www.co.yuma.az.us/dds/PDF/PZ\\_FoothillsStudy.pdf](http://www.co.yuma.az.us/dds/PDF/PZ_FoothillsStudy.pdf)

**WHEN:** 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM -- February 21, 2007

**WHO:** All those interested in the nature of future development in the Foothills

**WHERE:** Yuma East Country Club, Inc.  
11357 E. 35th Place  
Yuma, AZ 85367



Location of Meeting

For Information please contact the Yuma County Department of Development Services, Long Range Planning Section at (928) 817-5000 or visit us at 2351 West 26th Street, Yuma, AZ 85364.



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YUMA COUNTY FoothILLS  
CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING NOTES

Staff members present were Anne Eichberger, Manager, Long Range Planning, Andrew Fangman, Planner II, and Angelica Gomez, Office Specialist II. The meeting was held at the Yuma East Country Club, Yuma Arizona.

Anne Eichberger, Planning Manager, Long Range Planning, welcomed the public, introduced staff, provided a few housekeeping items and noted that Planning and Zoning Commissioner Joe Melchionne was present. Ms. Eichberger informed the members that they were meeting to discuss updates to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan as it affects the Foothills sub-regional planning area. She stated that the information needed was in the notebooks located on the table. She mentioned that they will be discussing the proposed changes to Chapter 3 of the Goals, Objectives, and Policies. She read the definition of the Goals, Objectives, and Policies to the members. Ms. Eichberger informed the members that the next meeting will be a hands on meeting which will allow the members to draw on the maps for the foothills planning area. She indicated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be oriented on transportation, environment and parks and recreation . The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will consist of identifying in the plan a consensus of building an agreement.

Andrew Fangman, Planner II, Long Range Planning, stated that the result of this project is an amendment to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan, which will then be forwarded to the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Board of Supervisors for approval .

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #1 and how it could be implemented. He asked if there were any questions. **Barbara Cavanugh**, 13673 S. Karimme Avenue asked how long will the process take. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that a parks and recreation master plan has already been developed for Yuma County and the study can take about 12 months. **Dick Messinger**, 11546 E. Via Montana, has an issue on spending money to do all these studies. **Alfred Leavitt**, 13678 E. 50<sup>th</sup> Street, asked if the proposed park to the north will be annexed into the City. **Mr. Fangman** stated that the County is developing the environmental impact assessment for this, but the County will be taking full ownership of the property in the next 6 months. **Ms. Eichberger** commented that you can change the wording to do a study with a CIP project for local neighborhood parks. **Mr. Messinger** stated that by doing this you will spend more money.

**Mr. Fangman** informed Mr. Messinger that there will be more meetings that relate to this. **Lauren Lewis**, 12504 E. Del Norte, asked if there is an existing parks department. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that there is not a fully staffed parks department and indicated that Ed Grossenheider is responsible for developing the parks and recreation master plan. Ms. Eichberger stated that Hugh Hendren is currently the Assistant Director for public works at this time.

**Ms. Lewis** recommended this be addressed to establish a department. **Mr. Fangman** questioned if this is what the members want to do. **Al Spencer**, 13302 E. 55<sup>th</sup> Lane,

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recommended adding the word establish a parks department. **Ms. Eichberger** indicated that public works maintains all types of facilities and asked the members if they thought recreation programs should be provided by Yuma County. She stated that certain programs have funding for these types of projects. **Don Canada**, 13518 E. 54<sup>th</sup> Street, indicated that the department needs to be built with people that can carry these projects out. **Ms. Eichberger** read the new wording for the implemented comment.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #2 and how it can be implemented. He asked if there were any questions. **Mr. Spencer** stated that pathways to walk dogs needed to be included in this policy. **Mr. Fangman** stated it would fall under a multi-use path and it can be set up under the subdivision regulations. **Ms. Lewis** stated that some areas have no side walks and people ride their bikes and walk their dogs on the street. **Mr. Fangman** indicated that these areas are difficult to address due to funding. **Ms. Lewis** asked at what time period is it late to affect improvements on a subdivision. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that when the final plat has been approved. She indicated that anything before this could be held up to standards.

**Mr. Canada** recommended this be put in as a policy dealing with new development. He indicated that there are a lot of communities that have this policy in their plan already. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that Yuma County does not have this tool yet. **Mr. Canada** asked if staff can work on getting this policy done before it is too late. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that at the present time staff is reviewing the subdivision regulations which are going to be sent out for public review in the next four to six weeks. She indicated that this can be sent to the CAG members electronically for their review.

**Ms. Eichberger** stated that it was staff is who look out for these issues and stated that it is done through the amendment process. She informed the members that they can also review these amendments that come in. **Ms. Eichberger** explained the difference between the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #3 and how it can be implemented and asked if there were any questions. **Garland Smith**, 10217 S. Summer, questioned if the members can designate open space. **Mr. Fangman** stated that it can be done in the definition part and it can set certain requirements. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that when you require open space of a subdivision it is not automatically public open space. She indicated that the home owners association usually maintains these in whatever way they want.

**Mr. Smith** recommended that there should be a designated site to build a fire station and indicated that there is only one station for the entire foothills area. **Mr. Tallman** stated that he has been working with FEMA trying to organize a Foothills fire protection district. **Ms. Lewis** questioned if this comment was preserving open space around 15E. **Mr. Fangman** stated she was correct. **Ms. Cavanaugh** stated that the current plan calls for high density urban in what is now the state land open area north of the Goldwater Range and noted it was a beautiful area. **Mr. Fangman** stated that in the next meeting they will be discussing this area.

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**Mr. Fangman** read comment #4 and how it could be implemented. He asked if there were any questions. **Ms. Dee** questioned if property owners pay tax on the retention basins. **Mr. Rick** stated that they pay a certain fee for maintenance. **Ms. Lewis** questioned if staff was referring to new or existing areas. **Mr. Fangman** stated that subdivision regulations only apply to new areas. **Ms. Lewis** asked if it is possible to use existing retention basis for parks at this time. **Mr. Fangman** stated that he did not know. **Ms. Lewis** asked how viable a retention basis is as a recreation space. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that if retention basins were used as parks they would need to be maintained and they would have to have improvements.

**Alfred Leavitt**, 13678 E. 50<sup>th</sup> Street, commented that a community facilities district is a method of funding this and was not aware if it is done in Arizona. **Ms. Eichberger** stated she was not aware of this in Yuma County. **Mr. Leavitt** commented that the land next to the Barry M. Goldwater Range has a buffer. **Ms. Eichberger** informed the members that the Joint Land Use Study adopted in 2006 established a buffer for the BMGR and it excluded the Foothills area and the Joint Land Use plan. **Commissioner Melchionne** stated that the State was mandating a buffer zone around military bases and this is how they came up with idea. **Mr. Smith** questioned where the Foothills start at. **Commissioner Melchionne** stated it is 10E.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #5 and how it could be implemented and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions from the members.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #6 and how it could be implemented and asked if there were any questions. **Bob Helfrieh**, 12101 S. Ironwood, stated that in the annual meeting only five people wanted street lights. **Mr. Fangman** stated that a Dark Sky Ordinance does not call for street light. **Mr. Helfrieh** commented that the only place you are going to need street lights are your major arterial streets. **Mr. Leavitt** stated that barn yard lights are not legal and people use them in their front yard. The members decided to drop this policy regarding calling for more street lighting.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #7 and how it could be implemented. He indicated that some property owners are allowed under a new policy to be grandfathered in if their lights were put in before September of 2006. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that if you increase regulations on people that have certain rights, then you must compensate them. **Mr. Fangman** stated that the County can regulate street lights. **Camille O'Neil**, P.O. Box 26238, stated that something needs to be added before new development occurs.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #8 and how it could be implemented. **Mr. Leavitt** stated that if the high school comes in there will be a lot of traffic congestion.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #9 and how it could be implemented. **Mr. Tallman** gave an example of poor traffic improvement. **Mr. Fangman** stated that there will be discussing this in a different meeting. **Ms. Eichberger** indicated that a perimeter road defines your grid and these roads are set at quarter sections. She stated that what she understands from the members is that the arterial roads should be developed in advance of the development. **Mr. Tallman** stated that people do not respect road signs.

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**Ms. Dee** asked if you can tax raw land. **Ms. Eichberger** stated when the final plat has been approved and the improvements have been made then the next step was dedication of the road. **Mr. Tallman** asked where the main grid roads are. **Mr. Fangman** stated that County 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> are considered main grid roads. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that in the third meeting staff will be talking about the regional transportation plan. **Ms. Sheet** asked when the third meeting would be held. **Mr. Fangman** stated it would be on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #10 and how it could be implemented. He indicated that the County does conform to state standards with regards to speed limits. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that if there is no speed limit posted to call the public works department.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #11 and how it could be implemented. **Mr. Tallman** stated that when there is a party in the neighborhood there is no room to park. **Mr. Fangman** asked the members if there is an issue with parking. The members agreed to keep this comment.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #12 and how it could be implemented. **Mr. Tallman** asked if this would prohibit motor homes. **Mr. Fangman** stated that many trucks idle around neighborhoods and property owners get upset when this happens. He indicated that this is a complicated issue and they should contact the department when it happens so they can look into this. **Mr. Fangman** asked the members if they would be interested in reviewing the subdivision standards. The members agreed.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #13 and how it could be implemented. He indicated that this already exists in the public works standards and there is no need for changes.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #14 and how it could be implemented. There were no comments from the members.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #15 and how it could be implemented. **Mr. Tallman** questioned if a subdivision is less than 6,000 feet would the developer need sidewalks. **Mr. Fangman** asked the members if they would want to change the sidewalk standard. **Ms. Cavanugh** stated that if the standard is changed it will change the character of the land. **Mr. Fangman** indicated that when this was done in 1988 it was set as 6,000 square feet. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that this only pertains to new development. The members agreed to keep it at 6,000 square feet.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #16 and how it could be implemented. **Mr. Leavitt** wanted to know the status on the shopping center off Foothills Blvd.. **Mr. Fangman** stated that the major amendment was approved and they have not heard from them since last year. **Ms. Eichberger** asked the members if they would like to identify dining areas as part of this policy. **Ms. Cavanugh** asked if there is enough commercial development so there is no strip zoning. **Mr. Fangman** indicated that this was one of the arguments when this case was presented at the Board of Supervisors. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that the next meeting will enable the members to indicate where they want to put commercial areas. **Mr. Leavitt** asked if the pink area is commercial.

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**Mr. Fangman** stated that nothing specific has come forward and indicated that you can build commercial where there is commercial land.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #17 and how it can be implemented. He indicated that this will bring more development for small business. **Mr. Leavitt** asked if C-1 is for arterial roads. **Mr. Fangman** stated that there should be more areas for C-1 style development.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #18 and how it can be implemented. There were no comments from the members.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #19 and how it can be implemented. He indicated that this will call for water treatment plants to be examined. **Commissioner Melchionne** commented that before a developer builds they should be required to show that the water is there. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that they have to show they are certified for having an adequate water supply from the department of water resources.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #20 and how it can be implemented. **Ms. Scheet** asked if there is a policy in existence at this time. **Mr. Fangman** stated that there is nothing in the Comprehensive Plan specifically requires consideration of sewage issues when considering changes in land use designation. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that the Comprehensive Plan is non regulatory. **Ms. Lewis** commented on the importance of having water and sewer here in the foothills is. **Mr. Messinger** stated that we have a lot of water and would like to see someone look out for our water supply.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #21 and how it could be implemented. There were no changes from the members.

**Mr. Fangman** read comment #22 and how it could be implemented. He indicated that this was similar to comment #21. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that when you have gaps in income levels this is when you need to develop these types of homes. **Mr. Tallman** stated there are affordability issues when you sit everything on one acre lots. **Ms. Eichberger** gave a brief example on the map of what she was talking about.

**Ms. Eichberger** read comment # 26 and comment #27 and stated that the County cannot do anything about these issues.

**Ms. Eichberger** read comment #22, 23, 24, and 25 and asked if there is any opposition to these comments. **Mr. Tallman** stated to leave the fire protection district, he would like to see a fire district in the Foothills and would like to get together with staff to discuss this. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that they would set up a meeting and will then contact Mr. Tallman.

Meeting adjourned....at 8:06pm.



**Appendix C**  
**May 2, 2007**  
**Meeting**



## **Citizen Advisory Group Meeting #2**

**Foothills Planning Area**  
**Yuma East County Club, Yuma, Arizona**

**May 2, 2007, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

### **Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Distribution of a table showing how changes suggested at CAG meeting #1 could be implemented**
- 4. Update on information exchange on fire and emergency services in the Foothills**
- 5. Review and Discussion of changes proposed changes to Chapter 4D.B5 – Foothills Sub-Regional Planning Area- Land Use Element Long and Short Term Issues**
- 6. Work session (using post-its) on other potential improvements to the Chapter 4D.B5 – Foothills Sub-Regional Planning Area Map**
- 7. Drawing session for Specific Changes to the Land Use Map**
- 8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 22, 2007**  
*Review of Chapter 6 – Circulation Element, 5 – Open Space & Recreational Resources, Chapter 7 – Environmental Element, Chapter - 7A Water Resources, and Chapter - 7B Safety Element*

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YUMA COUNTY FOOTHILLS  
CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING NOTES  
May 2, 2007

Staff members present were Anne Eichberger, Manager, Long Range Planning, Andrew Fangman, Planner III, Fernando Villegas, Planner II and Angelica Gomez, Office Specialist II.

The meeting was held at the Yuma East Country Club, Yuma, Arizona.

**Anne Eichberger**, Planning Manager, Long Range Planning; welcomed the public, introduced staff and provided a few housekeeping items. She indicated that staff will be reviewing Chapter 4D of the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Eichberger gave a brief explanation of the meeting that she and Mr. Tallman attended regarding fire emergency services and the possibility of establishing a new fire district in the Foothills area which can improve the cost effectiveness of that area. She indicated that this discussion would be more appropriate for the next meeting where staff will be discussing the Safety and Environmental Elements.

**Bob Tallman**, 13155 52<sup>nd</sup> Drive, stated that he has been in contact with ISO, which is an Insurance Services Office. He indicated that they would not give him information on the rating of Rural Metro, because the information is proprietary and he would have to get the information from them. He gave a brief explanation of Rural Metro's rating and how it affects the premiums on insurance. Mr. Tallman indicated that the Greater Arizona Development Authority is giving grants for special districts and formations for what they are requesting. He indicated that they do qualify as county to develop a study.

**Al Spencer**, 13302 E. 55<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that when he lived in Long Beach, the rating was a Class 1.

**Cathy Scheet**, 11416 E. 36<sup>th</sup> Place, asked Mr. Tallman what the rating is for the City of Yuma.

**Mr. Tallman** stated that it is 3 and Rural Metro obtained a 5 and noted that the information was proprietary and could not be given. He stated that the City of Yuma does not provide ambulance services either for this area and indicated that the County should apply for the grant and it will help to fund a fire district

**Ms. Eichberger** stated that she met with Nancy Ngai, Community Planning Coordinator, Grants, and they felt this is too premature at this time, because they have posed the question. She indicated that they are in a planning phase and when it is done they will bring a recommendation to the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

**Mr. Tallman** stated that they only offer this grant every three to four years and they need a letter of intent to get the process going.

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**Mr. Spencer** stated he will help Mr. Tallman write the letter before the deadline.

**Mr. Fangman** went through the short and long term issues with the members and read the comments received at the annual meeting.

**Mr. Spencer** asked who they need to call to enforce the zoning code.

**Ms. Eichberger** stated that they needed to call Development Services and ask for Zoning Enforcement.

**Camille O'Neill**, P.O. Box 26238 was concerned with the overlap into an area that is residential. **Mr. Fangman** stated that this is an example of a change needed to be done later in the meeting.

**Garland Smith**, 10217 S. Summer Avenue stated he was concerned with CC&R's.

**Mr. Fangman** stated that some home owners association are required to have CC&R's and he indicated that it is important to keep HOA's active. **Ms. Eichberger** stated the County enforces the law, not CC&R's. **Mr. Fangman** continued with the short and long term issues.

**Ms. Scheet** asked Mr. Fangman if he was familiar with Proposition 303 which is a grant program that was passed in November of 1998 and asked if Yuma County has any application for proposition 303. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that she new of a land exchange for a park to be developed in the Foothills area and asked Mr. Fangman to give a brief explanation on this.

**Ms. O'Neil** stated she would like to see more underground systems instead of them being put next to residential areas.

**Ms. Eichberger** stated that it is difficult to force utility companies to do this but did indicate that they can control what goes on in subdivisions.

**Mr. Fangman** continued with the next step in the meeting and explained to the members what they needed to do with the sticky notes.

**Mr. Spencer** had a question on the location of the restricted air space.

**Paula Backs**, MCAS, gave a brief explanation on the restricted air space. She indicated that a shelf had been put in of 3,500 feet for the Foothills area.

**Mr. Fangman** stated that this area is reserved for the pilots to get on and off of the range. **Ms. Backs** stated that they do most of their exercises within the Barry M. Goldwater Range and indicated that there are two targets on 9E and 12E.

**Mr. Spencer** was concerned with the southeast corner of the map being displayed and asked if a park could be put in that area.

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**Mr. Fangman** stated that the mentioned area is state land.

**Ms. Eichberger** asked the members to begin writing their concerns or solutions on paper regarding land use.

**Mr. Fangman** went through the Land Use designation map and read the concerns and issues that the members identified.

**Ms. Cavanaugh** asked what the definition of mixed use is. **Mr. Fangman** gave a brief explanation of mixed use. **Mr. Spencer** questioned if there would still be an interchange. **Ms. Lewis** stated that there is a need for more commercial in the foothills. **Mr. Fangman** asked where the members would like to see more commercial. The members agreed to see more commercial in the mentioned area.

The members had a concern with RV lots. **Ms. Eichberger** stated that this allows certain types of things. She indicated that urban density residential is the only land use designation that supports this high of a density for RVS lots.

There were more discussion on commercial. **Mr. Fangman** stated that there are a couple of minor amendments for 40<sup>th</sup> to 44<sup>th</sup> street that are requesting these properties to be changed to commercial. **Ms. Backs** asked if they have to get the neighbors approval on this.

**Mr. Fangman** stated staff would have to ask the attorney, Ed Fehely. **Ms. Backs** stated that some people do not want this strip to go to commercial. The members agreed that this strip should be changed to commercial.

There was a question from the members regarding horses and if they were allowed in this area. **Mr. Fangman** stated that if they were allowed you would see a type of ranchette home. **Ms. Lewis** stated that she would like to see five acre minimum lots.

The members would like to see more parks throughout the County and also a dog park. **Ms. Lewis** stated that all parks should have bike lanes. **Ms. Piper** is concerned with the schools and parks not having walk areas. She indicated that the kids run on the dirt when they are out in P.E. class.

**Mr. Fangman** continued with the rest of the concerns. the members did not have anymore Questions or comments and were satisfied with what they requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m.

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**Appendix C - Verbatim Sticky Note Comments**

<b>Comment on Sticky Note</b>	<b>Where on Map Comment was Placed</b>
Interchange at 15E & I-8	The intersection of Ave. 15E & I-8
Bicycle lanes	Margin of map
Using access roads as public walking./biking trails	Margin of map
What about creating a “parks” district like the fire district	Margin of map
No development east of 15E	Gila Mountains
Less Development close -(100’) of Fortuna Wash	Gila Mountains
Rather not have commercial	The intersection of Ave 15E & I-8
No Commercial! No Interchange!	The intersection of Ave 15E & I-8
Less development around Fortuna Wash	Fortuna Wash
Concern to changes land use on state land between 15E & Gila Mountains, bordering on B. Goldwater Range to 48th	Northeast corner of County 14th St. & Avenue 15E
Obtain land between proposed desert preserve and other gov’t land designated as OS/RR	North of County 10th St and Avenue 14E
Developers need to designate parks for their developments—neighborhood parks	Intersection of 28th St and Avenue 14½ E
Too sensitive for commercial	Intersection of Avenue 14 & I-8
No development within 100’ of the washes	Fortuna Wash
Preserve washes for access for trails, bikes & hiking	Fortuna Wash
Open space procurement & designate wash land or adjacent land for parks, bikes, and walking trials.	Fortuna Wash
Protect the wash, limit development, perhaps add walking trails, etc.	Fortuna Wash
Change zoning: prevent commercial encroachment on residential areas near Foothills & County 14th St.	Margin of Map
This area is zoned commercial, however the easternmost section already has homes built on it (Including mine!) Needs to be changed to reflect actual use.	Dorothy Drive & County 14th St.
Require underground utilities in existing and planned subdivisions	Foothills Blvd. and 48th St.
Concerned over type of business to be developed here	Foothills Blvd. & County 14th St.
Commercial is too close to the wash	Fortuna Wash, north of I-8
Join both areas for active recreation or bike & walking trails. No ATV’s	Area east of proposed desert preserve

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**Appendix C - Verbatim Sticky Note Comments**

<b>Comment on Sticky Note</b>	<b>Where on Map Comment was Placed</b>
Could there be some swings and a slide (I drive my grandchildren into Yuma to find) Maybe a bench...	Proposed desert preserve
Investigate Proposition 202 in regards to state trust land grants for open space/conversation use	State trust land at 40th St and Hunter Ave
Within Phoenix Dr, 35th Place, Mesa Dr., and 38th Place. Change from Commercial Residential to Urban Density Residential	Mesa Dr. and 35th Place
Rural Residential 1/2 mile from BMGR	State land west of Foothills Blvd. and south of 48th St
Rural Residential 1/2 mile from BMGR	State land west of Foothills Blvd. and south of 48th St.
Show public school sites, i.e. new high school proposed south of 40th St. & east of Fortuna Rd.	40th St. & Fortuna Rd.
Mandate retention basin “parks”	Margin of map





**Appendix D**  
**May 22, 2007**  
**Meeting**



## **Citizen Advisory Group Meeting #3**

**Foothills Planning Area**  
**Yuma East Country Club, Yuma, Arizona**

**May 22, 2007, 6:00 PM**

### **Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Introductions and Overview**
- 3. Review of changes to Land Use Map suggested at the CAG #2meeting**
- 4. Discussion and workshop on Chapter 6 – Circulation Element**  
*Review of transportation improvements suggested at the Annual Meeting*  
*Workshop in which the CAG will identify desired transportation improvements*
- 6. Discussion on Chapter 5 – Open Space & Recreational Resources**  
*Review of transportation improvements suggested at the Annual Meeting*  
*Workshop in which the CAG will identify desired open spaces & recreational resources improvements*
- 7. Discussion on Chapter 7 – Environmental Element**  
*An opportunity for CAG members to discuss any changes that they wish to see to Chapter 7*
- 8. Discussion on Chapter - 7A Water Resources**  
*An opportunity for CAG members to discuss any changes that they wish to see to Chapter 7A*
- 9. Discussion on Chapter - 7B Safety Element**  
*An opportunity for CAG members to discuss any changes that they wish to see to Chapter 7B*
- 10. Next Meeting. June13, 6 PM @ Yuma East Country Club**  
*Review of draft CAG Report and proposed changes to the plan*

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**Appendix D - May 22, 2007 Meeting**

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CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING NOTES  
May 22, 2007

Staff members present were Andrew Fangman, Planner III, Fernando Villegas, Planner II, and Angelica Gomez, Office Specialist II.

The meeting was held at the Yuma East Country Club, Yuma, Arizona.

**Andrew Fangman**, Planner III, welcomed the public, introduced staff and provided a few housekeeping items. He reviewed all the changes with the members that were recommended in the last CAG meeting to the land use map.

**Al Spencer**, 13302 E. 55<sup>th</sup> Lane, asked if the new high school can be shown on the map. **Mr. Fangman** stated he would need to talk to the assessor's office, because it is not in the GIS database.

**Grace Deede**, 14548 E. 50<sup>th</sup> Street was concerned with all the commercial signs along 40<sup>th</sup> street on Fortuna and asked what can be done to stop this from happening. **Mr. Fangman** stated there are certain things that the County can do, but real estate signs have certain rights. **Ms. Deede** stated these are commercial signs and not real estate signs. **Mr. Fangman** indicated that he would check to see if the signs are in compliance.

**Ms. Gray** asked if there are any plans on building more elementary schools in the Foothills area.

**Planning & Zoning Commissioner Briggs** stated that there are 20 acres or more reserved at the end of Fortuna Rd. **Mr. Fangman** stated that it does not show up on the County's database.

**Cathy Scheet**, 11416 E. 36<sup>th</sup> Place, questioned what the designation for County 14th and 15E was. **Mr. Fangman** stated it is currently designated as Commercial.

**Mr. Fangman** proceeded with the Circulation Element and went through the changes made by CAG members. He informed the members that YMPO receives grant money to assist certain projects in the area.

**Ms. Scheet** questioned if this is the only way the city builds certain roads and then identifies it in the Regional Transportation Plan. **Mr. Fangman** stated that every government entity adds their projects to this list.

**Lucy Shipp**, ADOT, stated the County uses HURF Funds for their projects. She indicated that the State provides a certain percentage of gas funds to counties and cities.

**Mr. Spencer** asked if YMPO has total control of these funds. **Ms. Shipp** indicated that the County has its own funds and prioritizes its projects.

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**Mr. Fangman** asked the members to write down their transportation issues and then post them on the map.

**Bob Tallman** 13155 E. 52nd Drive, was concerned with the road construction on County 14<sup>th</sup> Street or 56<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Mr. Fangman** stated that when the project is complete, it will direct you all the way into town.

**Ms. Scheet** stated that the members wanted to see 40<sup>th</sup> Street go all the way through. **Mr. Fangman** stated that this project is to be done in 2022.

**Ms. Shipp** informed the members that the City and County have separate roadway plans and gave a brief explanation why 40<sup>th</sup> Street is not listed on the plan.

**Mr. Fangman** went through all the issues and concerns the CAG members had.

**Paula Backs, MCAS** stated she would like to see heavy trucks use county roads more often instead of using main street roads.

**Mr. Fangman** asked the members if there were any changes needed to be made to the Environmental Element, Safety Element and Water Resources Element. The members has no changes on these elements.

The members agreed on all changes presented and there were no more comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

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**Appendix D - Verbatim Sticky Note Comments—Open Space & Recreational Resources**

<b>Comment on Sticky Note</b>	<b>Where on Map Comment was Placed</b>
Limit ATV's	BLM land north of County 10th St
ATV's would make too much air & noise pollution in a park for neighborhood children to play safely	Proposed desert preserve
Playground	Proposed desert preserve
Park next to library	Foothills—I-8 interchange
Paths for bikes and walkers, no ATV's	Fortuna Wash
Yes, trail through wash	Fortuna Wash
Bikes & pedestrian trails only! No motorized vehicles including motorcycles, ATVs, quads, etc.	Fortuna Wash
Multi-use path excellent	Avenue 12E and 40th St
Passive use park excellent	Avenue 12E and 40th St
Dog parks in retention basin	Margin of map
Fencing between open space and road and BMGR. Prevent access to road across to BMGR	BMGR boundary
Joint park near high school	Fortuna Rd. & 40th St.
Separate bikes from high traffic roads, i.e. County 14th St.	County 14th St.
Soccer fields & swimming pool!	State land and Fortuna Rd. and County 10th St.

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**Appendix D - Verbatim Sticky Note Comments—Circulation Element**

<b>Comment on Sticky Note</b>	<b>Where on Map Comment Was Placed</b>
Yes! I-8 & Avenue 15E Interchange is needed	I-8 and Avenue 15E
Any new interchange at Avenue 15E will need to be funded by developers (not by ADOT)	I-8 and Avenue 15E
No interchange at Avenue 15E	I-8 and Avenue 15E
No trucks on County 14th St. and Avenue 15E	County 14th St. and Avenue 15E
Off road multi-use paths needed	Fortuna Wash
Extend County 14th Street to the City	County 14th Street
Limited access from residential on County 14th St	County 14th Street
Extend 40t St. to Avenue 8E	40th Street
Connect 40th Street to Avenue 8E	40th Street
Extend 40th Street to Avenue 8E	40th Street
Complete 40th St. through to Avenue 8E before the South Frontage Rd. project is started	40th Street
40th Street west to Avenue 8E	40th Street
Connect 40th Street to Avenue 8E	40th Street
Open 40th Street to Avenue 8E	40th Street
40th Street to Avenue 8E	40th Street
40th Street through to Avenue 8E before County 14th Street	40th Street

*Chapter 7: Environmental Element*

<b>Short Term Issues</b>	<b>Long Term Issues</b>
Need to consider the use of solar power for future development	Maintain dark skies in Foothills area other than the major arterial, i.e. Fortuna Rd., Foothills Blvd., & the Frontage Rds.
Strategies to encourage conservation and weatherization programs	Solid waste disposal. Need an additional waste transfer site closer to the Foothills
<b>Short Term Issues</b>	Recycling centers
	Increase recycling efforts
	Sites/systems needed for recycling. Available for: papers, cardboard, and plastic

*Chapter 7A: Water Resources*

<b>Short Term Issues</b>	<b>Long Term Issues</b>
Far West needs to ensure that sure that sewer treatment plants can properly handle the flow capacity	Water and sewer quality must keep pace with growth– or stop building

*Chapter 7B: Safety Element*

<b>Short Term Issues</b>	<b>Long Term Issues</b>
	Encourage participation in Citizen Emergency Response Teams

**Appendix E**  
**June 13, 2007**  
**Meeting**





## **Citizen Advisory Group Meeting #4**

**Foothills Planning Area  
Yuma East Country Club, Yuma, Arizona**

**June 13, 2007, 6:00 PM**

### **Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Introductions and Overview**
- 3. Wrap up of Discussion of Chapter 5 – Open Space & Recreational Resources, Chapter 7 – Environmental Element, Chapter - 7A Water Resources, and Chapter - 7B Safety Element**
- 4. Presentation of information for the CAG Report and discussion of proposed changes**
- 5. Discussion on future function and role of need for future meetings  
The 2020 Comprehensive Plan development process (2009-2010)**

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YUMA COUNTY FOOTHILLS  
CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING NOTES  
June 13, 2007

Staff members present were Anne Eichberger, Planning Manager, Andrew Fangman, Planner III, Fernando Villegas, Planner II, and Angelica Gomez, Office Specialist II.

The meeting started at 5:00 p.m. and was held at the Yuma East Country Club, Yuma, Arizona.

**Andrew Fangman**, Planner III, welcomed the public, introduced staff and provided a few housekeeping items. Mr. Fangman went through the draft report with the Citizen Advisory Group members. He stated it lists details of all meetings and discussions with all the recommendations. He noted the recommendations that were discussed would be turned into commission initiatives for an amendment to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Fangman stated they are proposing this be accomplished through a series of minor amendments which will then be taken through the amendment process. He stated the goal is to have the CAG members review the report, have staff make the necessary changes and then forward it to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

**Anne Eichberger**, Planning Manager, stated this same process has been done with the Dome Valley Wellton CAG members. Ms. Eichberger stated staff could set up a meeting with the members to go through any changes they have made to the document. She indicated that they can also receive comments through U.S. mail or e-mail. She recommended to the members to meet one more time to review the changes made to the report.

**Mr. Fangman** asked the members to review the comments and suggestions made on pages 31 and 32 to see if they were adequate.

**Al Spencer**, 13302 E. 55<sup>th</sup> Lane, asked if the comments in the document are in the same sequential format as they were before.

**Mr. Fangman** stated that they were. He indicated the only change was the added column on how staff presented the recommendations. He also commented there were copies of agendas and meeting notes in the back of the document.

**Cathy Scheet**, 11416 E. 36<sup>th</sup> Place, questioned if the need for a transfer station in the Foothills area was a short term issue and not a long issue as stated in the document.

**Mr. Fangman** stated anything under capital improvements would be a long term issue, because you can't build a waste transfer station tomorrow.

**Ms. Scheet** stated the need is not a long term issue but the response is a long term issue.

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**Mr. Fangman** stated she was correct because it is a long term response.

**Lou Miranda**, Director of Emergency Services, stated that this is something that can be addressed in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

**Ms. Eichberger** informed the members that they are doing an update of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and laying out the ground work for the next two years. She indicated the Growing Smarter Act requires the county to update their comprehensive plan every 10 years. Ms. Eichberger stated staff will reassemble the citizen advisory groups now and get the statistical information needed to rewrite the plan so it will be a fairly updated plan. She indicated staff will start working with the CAG members again in 2008 and then have the plan adopted by 2010.

**Mr. Fangman** stated the report is like starting to build a blueprint for the 2020 plan.

**Ms. Eichberger** noted that because these requests are in the plan, the Board of Supervisors can take action to direct staff to move forward on these issues and the possibility of developing capital projects.

**Mr. Fangman** stated this relates back to the fire district and indicated if it were in the plan staff could have started on this project. He stated this is an advantage of putting these issues in the comprehensive plan before hand.

**Mr. Spencer** questioned if staff would take suggestions for a location for the waste transfer station. **Mr. Fangman** stated they would take any suggestions from the members. **Mr. Spencer** stated he would like to see a transfer station on Fortuna and Hwy 95.

**Ms. Eichberger** stated they would need to do a sighting study which will then bring this forward and noted she was involved with some of these in Mesa, AZ. **Mr. Spencer** stated he would like to see this transfer station north of the tracks on Hwy 95.

**Steve Wyant**, 4876 W. 31<sup>st</sup> Street, stated it should be placed further south of the mentioned location and it will reduce the trash being thrown in the desert.

**Jean Hobson**, 10744 S. Via Salida, stated any where there is not a transfer station it probably be surrounded by homes.

**Mr. Fangman** stated there is vacant land at the mentioned site.

**Mr. Spencer** stated he has not been to the current transfer station off of 7E toward Mitry Lake.

**Ms. Scheet** asked when is a reasonable time to return the report to staff after the members have redlined it for changes.

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**Ms. Eichberger** stated 4 weeks would be enough time and noted staff would prefer to have the report back by July 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Fangman** stated staff will also post the report on the web.

**Ms. Scheet** asked staff if they added a section regarding transportation.

**Mr. Fangman** stated they added a section within the circulation element on page 26. He indicated it is a list of concerns people in the Foothills want the County to address.

**Ms. Scheet** asked what the timeline is for reconstructing South Frontage Road.

**Ms. Eichberger** stated staff is not aware of a timeline.

**Mr. Fangman** stated the Arizona Service Highway is being started which comes along the Araby alignment.

**Richard Parks**, 11372 S. Tucson Drive stated there is a project that will extend County 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Fangman** indicated there is nothing planned for County 14th.

**Mr. Spencer** indicated there was an article in the Yuma Daily Sun stating there were two major transportation projects expected between 2007 and 2008.

**Ms. Eichberger** stated she would talk to the county engineer and get back with the members on this concern.

**Mr. Fangman** continued with the recommendations made on parks and open space. He indicated that the proposed locations for parks were put on the map as part of the report.

**Mr. Spencer** commented that the bottom portion of the map is designated as a retirement community and according to H&S development it is a subdivision.

**Mr. Fangman** stated this is the official designation.

**Ms. Eichberger** stated this allows a variation of different densities and uses. She indicated that the concept is that it be applied as a planned unit district.

**Mr. Fangman** indicated that this is the only place in the county where they have applied this classification.

**Ms. Eichberger** asked Mr. Fangman if there was a linkage on the bike trail between Fortuna road on the west.

**Mr. Fangman** stated there was no linkage because he was not sure if the members wanted this. He indicated that he could add one if requested. The members agreed to make this connection.

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**Mr. Fangman** asked the members if there were any issues regarding water or sewer that they needed be addressed in the report.

**Mr. Parks** stated that on page 43, 7A regarding sewage treatment capacity the word “in certain areas” should read “in all areas”.

**Mr. Fangman** stated they are going over capacity in certain areas of the Foothills.

**Paula Backs**, Marine Corp Air Station, suggested changing the wording to “at capacity”.

**Mr. Fangman** indicated that the county can control this by only permitting a level of development that capacity allows to treat.

**Lucy Shipp**, Arizona Department of Transportation, suggested changing the wording “being met” to “at”.

**Mr. Fangman** stated that pages 31 and 45 are reflecting the same thing.

**Mr. Tallman** noted they needed to also start a water and sewer district in the Foothills area. He indicated this will solve a lot of water problems by creating this district.

**Ms. Eichberger** brought up the issue of domestic critter interface with the highways and roadways.

**Ms. Hobson** stated there is a barb wire fence between Frontage Road and the freeway. She stated trucks drive fast through the pass and recommends a sound barrier be put in for animals so there won't be an accident.

**Mr. Spencer** stated that this can be added when they widen Frontage road. **Mr. Fangman** stated this issue can be put under the circulation element. He noted that Ms. Hobson would like to see more of a physical barrier between the freeway and the residential development.

**Ms. Eichberger** asked Ms. Shipp if ADOT can provide any funding for this. **Ms. Shipp** stated that Yuma County is a rabies controlled area and dogs are not supposed to be running loose around these areas. She indicated that ADOT does rubberized asphalt when they are repaving areas and they put up sound barriers for these types of issues.

**Ms. Hobson** commented that they are very concerned with the critters running on the streets and they could cause accidents.

**Ms. Eichberger** stated that a portion can be put in the plan as a goal oriented to separate the interface from the highway.

**Ms. Shipp** suggested this should be brought up to the County as they do the widening of the Frontage Road project.

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**Ms. Hobson** commented truck drivers drive very fast past Fortuna and it can be dangerous for the people living around that area.

**Ms. Shipp** stated that if people live close to the trucks they are going to hear trucks.

**Mr. Tallman** stated once a chain link fence is put up it will need holes so the animals can get through.

**Ms. Eichberger** stated that with the wildlife interface there should be a way that animals can go under the freeway.

**Mr. Spencer** indicated there is an underpass where the animals can go through near the freeway.

**Ms. Shipp** indicated the fencing should go up along Frontage road when the widening happens.

**Mr. Fangman** read the language he will use in the report to address this issue. He asked the members if they had any other issues that need to be addressed. The members had no more issues or concerns.

**Mr. Spencer** stated that he will get with Far West water and talk to them about the water system and indicated they do not have enough fire fighting capacity.

**Ms. Eichberger** asked the members if they would be interested in meeting to review amendments when they come through.

**Mr. Spencer** suggested they could meet quarterly.

**Mr. Fangman** mentioned some members wanted to review the new subdivision regulations.

**Ms. Eichberger** informed the members that they will also have another annual meeting sometime in the fall. She reminded the members that she would like to have the comments by July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.