



Staff Report

Agenda Item: **WORKSESSION ON THE AMENDED 2011 CLARKDALE GENERAL PLAN** – A worksession for Council review of the draft Amended 2011 General Plan.

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Background: The General Plan Update Committee and the Planning Commission have been working this past year on revising the Clarkdale General Plan adopted in 2002. There were 12 focus groups that addressed numerous issues and made recommendations to the General Plan Update Committee. They took those recommendations, reviewed the existing General Plan chapters, revised those chapters and then developed four additional chapters that have been added to the General Plan. Both the Planning Commission and General Plan Update Committee worked together on the addition of new chapters addressing Community Design, Housing, Economic Vitality and Sustainability.

On October 5, 2010, the General Plan Update Committee and the Planning Commission held a public hearing to gather public comment on the revised General Plan. They have taken all of the public comments from the various meetings that have been held and have incorporated them into this revised General Plan. Representatives from both groups will be present at the council meetings on the 12th and the 26th of October to work through the revised General Plan with the Council. The public hearing before Council will be on the 10th of November, with action by the Council to proceed with the Call For Election.

There are a lot of changes to review and policy discussions the Council needs to have with the two groups that have worked on the final document. There are action items associated with each policy or set of policies. The approach both groups have taken is asking the question “is this the direction the Town wishes to take” and “is the Town willing to make this policy statement and take the action necessary to accomplish this policy”? That was the test of each revision and the standard the development of the four new chapters was measured against.

During this first worksession we will start with the introduction, work through the image of Clarkdale this chapter defines and the priorities identified within this chapter. We will then start moving our way through the General Plan chapter by chapter identifying the concepts, examining the objectives, reviewing the policies, and the action items associated with those policies. At the end of the two worksessions, Council, staff and the public should have an understanding of where, as a community, we are headed and how we are going to get there.

Recommendation:

This is a worksession only and requires no action by Council. However, it is anticipated that Council will be giving direction to staff as we move through this project.