



Village News



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The Spring season is an exciting time of year—the weather is pleasant, the year is still new but well underway and our Continuous Learning Institute highlights our hard-working group of volunteer citizens. Over the years our mayor, City Council members, volunteers and department staff have held the Spring CLI in high regard because it recognizes the hard-working volunteers who believe in our city and advocate for a well-planned community.

The Community Leadership Planning Awards, presented each Spring, to individuals, subcommittees and Village Planning Committee members recognizes excellence in planning and encourages replication of "best practices." We have received several outstanding nominations. I would like to thank those who took the time to fill out the nomination form to help us identify the outstanding volunteers.

In addition to the awards presentation, the upcoming CLI also will address good design, growth and infill. Each of these issues is one that all Village Planning Committees must tackle. We have assembled expert panelists, facilitators and a keynote speaker who will share their insight with the intent of continuing to grow the unique character of our great city.

I look forward to meeting you and recognizing your accomplishments over the last year. As always please feel free to contact me or any member of my staff if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Planning Director

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Glossary of Terms

VPC – Village Planning Committee

CLI – Continuous Learning Institute

Attend the Planning Department's
Continuous Learning Institute Spring 2007 Workshop
12:30 to 1 p.m. Registration
1 to 4 p.m. CLI
Friday, March 16

Phoenix City Hall
200 W. Washington St., Assembly Rooms A, B, C

Keynote Speaker: Terry Goddard, Arizona Attorney General

Breakout Sessions

Community Leadership Awards

Breakout Sessions:

Session 101: Good Design Principles—This session will review examples commercial and residential design in Phoenix chosen by Village Planning Committee members. The session will include a discussion on themes identified in the examples and a presentation on the influence design can have on community character and creating a "sense of place." The Development Services Department will provide an overview on how stipulations should be crafted.

Panelists: Kristine Woolsey, Mark C. Vinson, Shawn McGraw, Alex Singbush, Jeff McCall, Mark Canelaria

Session 102: Accommodating Growth with Height and Density or Not?—Traditionally height and density have been designated for Village cores, transit oriented development and downtown. Panelists will be asked: does this policy need to be revisited, what are the criteria for height density, do criteria differ Village by Village? In addition to growth in Phoenix, panelists also will discuss growth in the Valley and the "Sun Corridor."

Facilitator: Don Keuth, chairman, Phoenix Planning Commission

Panelists: Alex Tauber, Tom Awai, Virginia Senor, Jull Kusy

Session 103: Infill Development...Clash of Forces with Good Intentions—This session will be an overview of opportunities and challenges facing infill development. Panelists will discuss how developers and established communities can work more cooperatively to ensure neighborhoods are getting the development they want, where they want it. Also, they will cover how planners maintain and enhance community character, while not overwhelming developers with community concerns and city bureaucracy.

Facilitator: Paul Johnson, former mayor of Phoenix

Panelists: Grant Call, Tim Sprague, Ginnie Ann Sumner

Keynote Speaker: Attorney General Terry Goddard



Throughout his public service career, Terry Goddard has fought to improve the lives of Arizonans.

Since taking the oath as Attorney General in 2003, Terry has focused on consumer protection.

Terry has been a leader in the State's fight against methamphetamine. He also has worked hard to protect Arizona's environment.

Serving the public is nothing new for Terry. His first job out of law school was with the Attorney General's Office prosecuting white collar crime. He also spearheaded the effort to bring City Council Districts to Phoenix, dramatically opening up City government in 1982. The year before, he led a fight to stop an "unconscionable" gas tax increase.

Terry was elected Mayor of Phoenix four times, leading the City from 1984 to 1990. In those years, Phoenix made significant strides in expanding and modernizing law enforcement, increasing citizen participation, revitalizing downtown, and setting up nationally-recognized programs in arts, economic development and historic preservation. During his time as Mayor, Terry was named "Municipal Leader of the Year" by *City and County Magazine* and elected President of the National League of Cities.

From 1995 to 2002, Terry served as the Arizona State Director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He was elected to the Board of the Central Arizona Water Conservation District and served as a director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Terry is an Arizona native, born and raised in Tucson. He received his undergraduate degree in American history from Harvard University and his law degree from Arizona State University. Terry served an active duty tour in the Navy and retired as a Commander after 27 years in the Naval Reserves. He and his wife Monica have a young son.

What is Proposition 207?

Regulatory takings—when a government deprives a person of the use of property by the application of regulations without compensating the owner.

Eminent domain—the Fifth Amendment allows for the taking of private property for a public use so long as just compensation is paid.

The eminent domain change means that property can only be physically taken for government projects and literal health/safety issues. This change does not substantially modify existing state laws and will have minimal impact on Planning Department functions. The regulatory takings changes in Proposition 207 have a more significant impact. State law now allows for a property owner to file a takings claim if they believe that any land use regulation has caused a loss of value for that parcel. At this time the Planning Department is closely monitoring conformance with the legislation to ensure that any land use laws enacted by City Council do not expose taxpayers to unnecessary takings claims.

Downtown Phoenix Urban Form Project



The Downtown Phoenix Urban Form Project is a collaborative process to revise downtown zoning to shape future growth and to help realize the city's vision for a livelier, more integrated and sustainable downtown. The city has embarked on this project due to heightened development interest: a variety of residential, retail and office projects are being proposed on vacant sites throughout downtown. The existing zoning is out of date and does not ensure that projects built will create an attractive downtown with shade, pedestrian-oriented streets and quality design.

The Urban Form Project is intended to establish the rules that will guide downtown as it continues to develop and transform. The actual transformation of downtown depends primarily on the initiative of the private sector and will be driven by market demand for housing, office, hotel and retail. The city plays a key role by investing in streets, parks, art and other improvements and by assisting critical "catalyst" projects such as the ASU Downtown Campus and the biomedical center. The study area contains about 1,500 acres, bounded by Seventh Avenue and Seventh Street, McDowell Road to Buckeye Road. For more information about the project and upcoming community meetings, visit phoenix.gov/urbanformproject.

Thank you for your interest in Planning in Phoenix. We want to hear from you and place a spotlight on your Village. Please forward articles regarding new developments, special events or topics of interest to Sina Matthes at sina.matthes@phoenix.gov for the next edition of *Village News*. Questions should be addressed to Leonard Knight at 602-534-9804. Please keep in mind that articles may be edited to meet spacing requirements. Again, thank you for taking an interest in your community and participating in your Village Planning Committee.

In accordance with the requirements of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the city of Phoenix provides persons with disabilities equal access to its services, programs and activities. The city of Phoenix will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities whenever necessary to ensure their full participation. For more information, call Theresa Damiani in the Planning Department at 602-262-6368/voice or 602-534-5500 TTY.