

**Doney Park-Timberline-Fernwood Area Plan Update Committee**  
**Meeting Notes January 23, 2020 6:00-8:00 pm**  
**Fire Station 32, 8905 Koch Field Rd, Flagstaff**

I. Welcome and Introductions

*Committee Members*

Leo Parent – in Equines, rides with the Hashknife Pony Express, has lived in Doney Park 17 years

Bernice Carver

Wayne Rutledge

John Ruggles

Dave Browning

Emily Stenman

Rob Wilson

Jim Clifford

Monica Julian

Rich Ferguson

Saylor Caudill

Liz Baldwin

Harriett Young – has lived in DPTF since 1991 off Girls Ranch Rd; she's a political scientist and used to teach political science at NAU

*Staff*

Jess McNeely

Melissa Shaw

Jessica Simmons

Leland Jones

*Guest Speaker*

Andy Follett, chair of Bellemont area plan committee

II. Guest Speaker Follett on lessons learned from the Bellemont Area Plan process

Follett: There will be a huge amount of information thrown at the committee during the process through presentations by various agencies. It was a challenge to absorb that much info and then decide what was important to them. Another lesson is patience in dealing with all the different opinions and perspectives on the committee. It is important to get the community involved early. The Bellemont plan took 18 months to finish.

McNeely: Several issues were going on during the Bellemont plan process. The Bellemont joint land-use study with Camp Navajo and Naval Observatory, ADOT improvements being proposed for the bridge, mail delivery transitioning from PO boxes at the gas station to cluster mailboxes, and the Coconino Zoning Ordinance update. We expect the DPTF plan will be more focused on land use policies.

Follett: Bellemont had lots of discussion about a USFS property formerly proposed as a shooting range, and how to address USFS land exchanges. Discussions depend on the situation whether you should try for consensus from the whole committee or not. Sometimes 4 to 5 meetings could be spent on one topic. Public participation is important so that ideas that you think are important can be validated. Remember that you're representing the community, not yourselves. One lesson learned is to start the

public participation process earlier. Pay attention to survey design; they ended up having some parts of the survey that contradicted each other and ended up having to try and interpret what people wanted.

Shaw: We'll get a copy of the Bellemont plan to the DPTF committee. Another lesson from Bellemont is to acknowledge hard limitations right at the beginning and work from there.

Follett: We tried to educate people on the topics under discussion. Define terms being used with the public so everyone's on the same page. We presented theoretical scenarios for people to consider when they voted. Paint a picture of what different visions would end up looking like in the community. DPTF has a lot of sub-communities which Bellemont doesn't. It's important to think about how connected these communities are. Are there places where people naturally come together. Our committee represented a lot of different interests. Make sure all the portions of the planning area are discussed and considered. DPTF may want to talk about subareas to make planning easier for different areas, and if you do, each subarea should be adequately represented. If you have a vision for something that would create a benefit to the community over a long time period, this planning process is the perfect time to bring it up and put it in the plan. The Bellemont Area Plan has very specific policies regarding topics of concern (i.e., land swaps); even though the Forest Service isn't required to respect their area plan, they might anyway.

### III. January 9, 2020 Meeting notes

E. Baldwin made some changes to the notes, and the notes were approved by the committee.

### IV. Operating principles

Comments/questions will be submitted to staff via email. The committee approved the revised operating principles.

### V. Selecting co-chairs

M. Shaw talked about the chairs' duties and that there will be one from each district. Voting took place

- **R. Wilson** was selected to represent District 2
- **B. Bates** was selected to represent District 4 (**J. Clifford** will take the position if Bates, who was absent at this meeting, doesn't accept)

### VI. Review results of focus group

M. Shaw read over the lists from the January 9 meeting about what DPTF is, what's important to committee members, and challenges & issues

Committee decided to remove "little more conservative" since no one can define what that means – replace with "preserving things the way they are" or "preserving the past" or "conserving the environment" – will discuss further

Add "access to public lands/trails" to the list of challenges and issues

M. Shaw talked about future land use maps, which DPTF might want to include in the area plan

Idea to remove the Cosnino and Winona areas from the DPTF planning area because they're really different – they have HOAs – or if these should be sub-areas, will be discussed more later

Stenman: For cohesiveness we should keep the planning area the way it is, but we should have representation from all areas

Wilson: We should have representation from the Native communities

S. Caudill will approach a friend of theirs about coming to a future meeting and is glad that people of color will be represented in the process

Shaw: There's been talk of moving the boundary of the planning area north to include Sacred Peaks, but it's 5 miles north and not contiguous. It will be part of this process to look at the boundaries of the planning area and where the subareas are. The last U.S. census only looked at a small section of the DPTF planning area as a Census Designated Place.

Ruggles: Paying attention to where the rural activity centers are is important; the committee should talk about whether their locations make sense.

#### VII. Schedule

The schedule was reviewed – the committee is almost done with the Structure and Schedule phase, and is about to enter the Gather and Analyze Data phase.

Preliminary schedule of guest speakers and topics for the February and March meetings:

##### February 13

Archaeology, history, and culture

Wildlife (County staff)

Land use and planning (County staff)

Navajo Gaming and the Horsemen's Lodge property TENTATIVE

Economic Development TENTATIVE

##### March 12

Coconino Parks and Recreation in DPTF and the Flagstaff Trails Initiative

Multi-modal transportation planning and current and future transportation planning in DPTF (Public works)

Next meeting: **Feb 13 at Summit Fire Station 33, 6050 E Fire House Ln, Flagstaff, 86004. 5-8 pm**

**Homework for February meeting:** Read the 2001 DPTF plan; think about what the vision was for that plan, or if there was one; think about what the vision for the plan update should be

Shaw: the meetings will generally take place in two parts: 1. presentations, ideas, and discussion, 2. work session

There were **no public comments**

#### VIII. Committee final thoughts

Parent: Water is a big concern; he doesn't think there's enough

Shaw: Doney Park Water is going to be one of our speakers

Ferguson: Maybe staff can write up a list of things that are in the committee's area of influence in writing this plan to keep in mind during this whole process