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The following are summary minutes for the meeting of the **Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee** for November 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Las Cruces, City Hall, Bid Room 3138, 700 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Sharon Thomas, Chair
- Mary Ann Hendrickson, Vice Chair
- James Bennet, Member
- Harvey W. Gordon, Member
- Roberta K. Gran, Member
- John Moscato, Member
- Russ Smith, Member
- Angela Roberson, Member
- George Vescovo, Member
- Heather Watenpugh, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- La Vonne Muniz, Member
- Abraham Sanchez, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

- Srijana Basnyat, Community Development
- Brian Byrd, Community Development
- John Castillo, Community Development
- Dominic Loya, Community Development
- Tim Pitts, Community Development
- David Weir, Community Development

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Jim Carrillo, Halff Associates
- Josh Donaldson, Halff Associates
- Daniel Guimond, Economic & Planning Systems
- Kendall Howard, Halff Associates
- Jason King, Dover Kohl
- Christian Lentz, Halff Associates
- Rachel Shindman, Economic & Planning Systems
- Todd Stuve, Health PRC Nominee
- Ian Varley, City Explained

I. INTRODUCTIONS

1 **II. PROJECT UPDATE**

2 Christian Lentz reviewed the schedule and updated upcoming activities for the four
3 upcoming public open houses. He gave basic background on the current survey
4 and the current demographic and council district statistics.
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6 **III. SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES**

7 Dover Kohl gave a presentation on sustainability principles and how they have
8 been used in other areas with varying economic situations. The gave regional
9 and national examples. Dover Kohl gave guiding principles and the metrics that
10 can be used. They also went over how sustainability principles can be used in a
11 Comprehensive Plan and discussed the concept of complete neighborhoods.
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13 **IV. ACTIVITY: GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

14 The CPAC broke up into three teams and each team took three of the nine in
15 guiding principles in Comprehensive Plan 2040 and discussed and analyzed them.
16 There was consensus that these principles are still important for Elevate Las
17 Cruces. The consensus was there could be fewer of the guiding principles
18 because a few could be merged or slightly change and cover the all topic. There
19 were a few comments about the guiding principles being too limiting, while others
20 did not give enough direction. There was discussion on terms not conveying the
21 right ideas. One that was discussed was the difference between transportation
22 and mobility. Mobility was a better term for a guiding principle.
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24 **V. GROWTH SCENARIO OVERVIEW**

25 City Explained gave a presentation on the baseline scenario and how they
26 developed the scenario. Doña Ana County and Las Cruces growth scenarios were
27 compared and contrasted. This was to differentiate the scale of the two entities.
28 While Halff discussed the methodology of how the maps were made throughout
29 the scenario. Economic & Planning Systems went over the growth and economics
30 behind the scenario. They also went over how the factors would be used in the
31 forecasting in the different scenarios.
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33 **VI. ACTIVITY: GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

34 The CPAC discussed and mapped current areas of growth and development
35 throughout the city. A few of the areas that were discussed included the East
36 Mesa, Valley Drive, and Downtown. Local knowledge of the member was used to
37 look at possible areas of future growth within the city. There was also a discussion
38 on areas of improvement for the city which also include the Valley Drive area
39 specifically around the fire station.
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41 **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

42 No public comments were received.
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44 **VIII. NEXT STEPS**

45 Christian Lentz went over the next steps of the Comprehensive Plan. Halff will
46 return in December with the draft vision statement and guiding principles. He also

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reminded the committee about the public open houses and to distribute the survey to as many people as possible.

Chair