

Planning Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 1/10/23

From: Josh White, Principal Planner

Item: Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing

Purpose: Hold a public hearing on the proposed 2022 Comprehensive Plan updates

Background:

The last Comprehensive Plan update occurred in 2013. Much of the content has started to become out of date. Comprehensive Plans are supposed to be reviewed annually but major updates tend to happen every 5 years or so. Starting in August 2020 the Planning Commission started reviewing each Chapter of the 2013 Plan. Other city boards including the Beautification and Tree Advisory Board, the Equal Opportunity and Accessibility Advisory Board and the Historic Preservation Board also provided input throughout 2021 and 2022. At the December 2022 meeting, the Planning Commission voted to set a public hearing which is required in order to adopt a Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the public hearing is to gather input from the public on the draft plan. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Planning Commission could make minor changes to the Plan based on feedback from the public or could vote to advance the Plan to the City Commission. The City Commission will have ultimate responsibility of approval of any Plan changes or updates.

As part of the hearing process, staff will present a summary of the new Plan to those in attendance. After the presentation is over, the public hearing can be opened. Barring any major issues that arise during the public hearing, staff recommends voting to recommend approval of the 2022 Comprehensive Plan to the City Commission. Upon such a vote, staff will prepare to present the Plan likely at a City Commission study session and is hopeful that adoption of the Plan could happen in February or March.

Action:

Hear staff report, hold public hearing, make a motion to recommend approval/disapproval of the 2022 Comprehensive Plan to the City Commission.

Attachments:

Executive Summary, the full draft 2022 Comprehensive Plan is available by visiting https://www.arkcity.org/neighborhood-services/page/2022-comprehensive-plan-update