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Avondale Holds General Plan 2030 Public Hearing, Feb. 23

The first of two General Plan Update Public Hearings is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, at the Avondale Municipal Operations Center – Lantana Room – 399 E. Lower Buckeye Road, at 6:30 pm. This is a public hearing before the Planning Commission to review, solicit public input, and make a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council. The modified plan will be entitled “Avondale General Plan 2030.”

Updating a city’s General Plan is mandated by the state legislature under the Smart Growth Plus legislation effective May 2000 and amended over time. This is a comprehensive update to the 2002 Plan and integrates Council’s vision and goals for Avondale’s growth over the next 20 years.

Modifications to the General Plan include, but are not limited to:

- Planning for future growth in terms of creating a healthy, sustainable community;
- New land use categories promoting transit oriented development, jobs, health, and revitalization areas;
- New land use map designations with a focus on transit, job creation, and revitalization areas;
- Revised maps updating open space, community facility, circulation, and infill area information;
- New required elements under statutory changes including information related to aggregates;
- Maintaining a low density intent in the southern area for the City;
- Emphasizing the importance of Historic Avondale (Old Town).

The General Plan 2030 will be placed on the Avondale Ballot August 28, 2012.

For more information, visit the General Plan 2030 webpage at www.avondale.org/generalplan or contact the Development Services Department/Planning Division at (623) 333-4000.

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