



**General Plan Kick-off Meeting  
Payson Public Library  
Tuesday, October 30, 2012  
6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Small Group Visioning Exercise**

(30 minutes for discussion)

- I. Appoint a group recorder to report back to the full group
- II. Discuss the top priorities for the community (list 3-5 items)
  1. List priorities in order of importance
  2. Cite any additional comments about priorities
- III. Identify the primary issues of concern for the community list (3-5 items)
  1. List concerns in order of importance
  2. Cite any additional comments about concerns
- IV. Reconvene as a full group and report out each group's priorities and concerns



## Small Group Exercise Worksheet

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Note any Additional Comments on Priorities:

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- III. Discuss the top concerns for the community (list 3-5 items) and list them in order of importance to the group.

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Note any Additional Comments on Concerns:

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- IV. Reconvene as a full group and report this group's recommendation(s).



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There were six (6) groups that were asked to list their top priorities and their top concerns for the Town of Payson. The results were:

<u>Group 1 – Priorities</u>	<u>Group 2 – Priorities</u>	<u>Group 3 – Priorities</u>	<u>Group 4 – Priorities</u>	<u>Group 5 – Priorities</u>	<u>Group 6 – Priorities</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Diversified Economic Growth (Industrial, Medical &amp; Retail)</li> <li>➤ Accessible &amp; Sustainable Resources (Water, Forest Use &amp; Land)</li> <li>➤ Maintain and enhance public facilities (Parks, Event Center &amp; Trails)</li> <li>➤ Educational Opportunities</li> <li>➤ Affordable and available health care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Community/ Commercial/ College development</li> <li>➤ Speed up approval processes</li> <li>➤ YMCA</li> <li>➤ Covered arena &amp; convention center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Small town feel but include growth</li> <li>➤ Land use needs more high density planned areas</li> <li>➤ Bypass</li> <li>➤ Additional infrastructure (Employment, Communications &amp; Commuter)</li> <li>➤ Town pride</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Economic sustainability – encourage clean industries and businesses</li> <li>➤ Transportation gridlock – public transportation network, road improvements, sidewalks, etc</li> <li>➤ Construction of four (4) year university</li> <li>➤ Water conservation – new sources</li> <li>➤ Parks, Trails– Improve recreational access to open spaces – Maintain &amp; enhance – Encourage visitors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Completing Cragin water supply – market safe water supply</li> <li>➤ Focus on creating Payson as destination location (need a resort)</li> <li>➤ University in Payson</li> <li>➤ Plan for bus/transit</li> <li>➤ Grass for playground at JRE</li> <li>➤ Covered event center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Education</li> <li>➤ Employment</li> <li>➤ “Real” housing (market rate)</li> <li>➤ Open spaces, green spaces, parks</li> <li>➤ Tourist accommodations</li> </ul>

Group 1 – Concerns

- Sustainable infrastructure (Water, Sewer, Transportation & Facilities)
- Integration of University into Town culture
- Limitation of forest use
- Paying for it

Group 2 – Concerns

- Statement: R175 is an overlay, temporary zoning, not final destiny
- 87/260 bypass
- Hodge-podge business district; beautification
- Impact fees – review, justify, change

Group 3 – Concerns

- Thriving businesses are currently thrift oriented – doesn't create sense of pride
- Keep aesthetics – new businesses to maintain mountain feel
- Water – sustainability even with Blue Ridge
- Infrastructure – (Fire, Police, Schools)
- Marketing plan

Group 4 – Concerns

- Growth management & infrastructure development
- Land acquisition – Forest Service exchange
- Coordinated planning between schools, Gila County, Forest Service, and the Town on joint uses
- Lack of structured safe activities for youth of all ages

Group 5 – Concerns

- Strategy for managing vacant commercial space (projects bad image)
- Main Street – some achievable vision
- Incentives to attract new business (Perception that we don't want new business)
- No bypass in long range ADOT plans
- Additional comments – biker, hiker, birding destination, bicycling
- *Update process comment:*  
More public advertisement – surveys at Wal-Mart or Safeway

Group 6 – Concerns

- Livable wage employment
- Education/training/vocational education
- Transportation system – getting around Town
- Paying for our infrastructure