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Please find attached my comments on the proposed updates to the ABC Comp Plan, agenda item 8 for the ECP meeting of 1/18/2024.

I appreciate your assistance in providing them to the Commissioners under the 48 hour rule and confirmation you have received them.

Thank you,

Jane Baechle

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Date: January 15, 2024

To: David Shaffer
Chair, EPC

From: Jane Baechle
Resident ABQ and SFV

Re: Comp Plan Update
PR-2023-009664_RZ-2023-00052

The following comments are submitted following review of the 705 pages of the red-line draft of the ABC Comprehensive Plan with proposed updates. I comment as an individual. As generous as the SFVNA board members are with their time, it has been impossible to find sufficient time to consider the multiple land use matters affecting Santa Fe Village as an association at this point. I am confident we will and look forward to participating in the Community Planning Area Assessment process for the West Mesa CPA.

I support multiple updates outlined in the red-line draft.

- ❖ The Vision Zero Action Plan and the inclusion of the High Fatal Injury Network (HFIN) in highway design are welcome additions. Every policy or action with the potential to increase vehicle, pedestrian and public transit safety is welcome and needed. I applaud the policies and actions proposed to provide a more interconnected transportation network. If ABQ planners and leadership want transit oriented design, there must be genuine and multiple transportation options.
- ❖ I am grateful to be in the age cohort labeled “older adults.” As such, I support strategies to increase awareness of housing opportunities, 9.2.1.1, and knowledge of universal design, 9.2.2.1. I am unclear about the scope of 9.1.1.6, “Explore strategies to address older adults downsizing to smaller homes” unless it is to provide those who choose to relocate with knowledge and resources.
- ❖ The inclusion of the Policies and Actions specific to the areas who have completed their Community Planning Area Assessments is a welcome addition. The language of these policies and the recommended actions clearly reflect those individual areas.
- ❖ I support proposals to improve climate resilience and support water conservation.

I am opposed to several updates.

- ❖ Santa Fe Village lies in the West Mesa CPA. There is no description of “the natural and cultural characteristics and features that contribute to distinct identity” and no basis to “prioritize projects and programs to meet the needs of communities, neighborhoods and sub-area.” Yet, the city plans to extend the CPA cycle from 5 years to 10 years while making consequential changes to the IDO which cannot be informed by a Community Planning Area assessment of the West Mesa. No doubt, these assessments are complex and time-consuming. That is not a justification for continuing to implement zoning changes which fail to consider the characteristics of all CPAs and extending the cycle of assessments.
- ❖ The intent of the CPA process should remain to “prioritize” community views and values regarding projects rather than solely “understanding” them. (Pg. 75).
- ❖ I am opposed to the language and apparent intent of 5.1.1.16, “Promote updates to the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) that incentivize affordable housing developments. The Comp Plan already addresses goals and policies to support a range of housing, including affordable housing. This change appears to use the IDO, not for the purpose of implementing the ABC Comp Plan and its provisions, but as a mechanism for changing it. No matter the desirability or determination of need of a specific housing type, the IDO should not be changed as a strategy to work around the totality of the Goals and Policies of the Comp Plan.

Finally, I am troubled by the change of terminology from “Citizen Academy” to “City Leaders.” The benefit of this change is unclear but its likely effect is not. The plain meaning of “City Leaders” to a majority of people will be elected representatives and City staff. The prospect that an everyday resident or even neighborhood association leader will read the Definition section of the Comp Plan to see who is included under the category of “City Leaders” is unlikely. This language will have the effect of discouraging public engagement, particularly of those who have the least sense of agency. If that is not the intent, I request that the Comp Plan reflect an intent to engage with residents and neighborhood representatives “...through the lens of promoting stronger and more informed participation...”. (NARO)

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Jane Baechle

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Good morning,
Please see attached letter from SPNA.

Thank You!
Heidi Brown
President



Spruce Park Neighborhood Association
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January 16, 2024

Dear Chairman Shaffer and Members of the Environmental Planning Commission:

Spruce Park neighborhood, located immediately west of the main University of New Mexico campus,¹ consists of many single-family residences that were constructed during the early twentieth century according to distinctive, European-influenced architectural styles. Most of the neighborhood is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the New Mexico State Register of Cultural Properties. It is a rich, diverse community that includes a substantial amount of multi-family housing.²

Our neighborhood follows numerous guiding principles found in the current version of the Albuquerque Comprehensive Plan (Community Identity, page 54). To quote from these, the range of amenities here reduces the need to drive. We are pedestrian-oriented, yet near public transportation and cultural and commercial options along Central Ave. as well as on the UNM campus. Our social environment builds connections among residents, and our carefully maintained landscaping fosters a green infrastructure. In brief, we are a “strong neighborhood” that “provides quality of life and remains a distinct, vibrant place to live.” We are an “established neighborhood” to be “protected, preserved, and enhanced” through development that “matches existing character and promotes revitalization where desired.”

As the following observations indicate, we strongly support continued use of the Comprehensive Plan (CP) as a vision to protect our community.

We commend the Planning Department team and other city leaders who have created the CP for the broad scope of its objectives and the extensive results presented in the 705-page document. At the same time, because the staff report was not posted until January 11, we would hope that the EPC hearing to be held on January 18 can be extended to at least one additional session (at a sufficiently later date—preferably at least a month), which would allow more thorough review of the revisions under consideration. The plan is extremely important to Albuquerque residents and merits responses based on in-depth consideration. That said, the Board of Directors of Spruce Park Neighborhood Association has voted to support some preliminary positions that reflect our views on how to maintain the strength of our neighborhood.

First, we are pleased that the CP recognizes the need to prevent the evolution of Albuquerque into an urban heat island (UHI), which could easily become comparable to Phoenix. This is noted in Policy 7.5.1.2 (page 515), the use of landscape design to “...mitigate urban heat effects while helping abate dust, air pollution, noise, heat, glare.” In Appendix P, the 2023 update of the Policy Implementation Action Matrix (page 663), the response to this policy is that the “IDO requires street trees and minimum landscaping for non-residential mixed use and multi-family residential development. IDO establishes minimum area for tree planting and requires organic mulch.”

We would ask that the revised CP be modified to identify the contribution that Spruce Park and similar neighborhoods make to decreasing the UHI effect through our trees and other landscaping. Because these elements reflect heat instead of absorbing it, we should be thought of as part of an infrastructure conceived to address the problem. If large parts of our landscaping are eliminated to accommodate additional housing (for

¹ The approximate boundaries of Spruce Park are University Blvd., Lomas Ave., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., and I-25.)

² There are 353 dwellings, 118 of which are in multi-family buildings. Some single-family homes are used by multiple students.

reasons described below), this heat-reducing advantage will be lost and the new heat absorbing structures will worsen the heat island.

The pressure to densify Albuquerque's residential zoning comes from more than one direction. There is a drive to use the IDO to bring densification throughout all R-1 zones in the city even though some sectors, like Spruce Park, already have a significant percentage of multi-family housing. Almost 40% of Spruce Park is dedicated to multi-family housing (see note 1), and additional densification will more detrimentally impact our neighborhood than those with only single-family homes. In response, we would ask that CP policy 7.3.2.3 (page 515, Community Character) receive greater emphasis and be more aggressively reflected by the IDO, with appropriate enforcement. The corresponding action of 7.3.2.3 is "Establish regulatory protections for single-family residential neighborhoods and historic areas to ensure compatible new development."

This policy to protect neighborhoods like Spruce Park is being undermined by the opposing policy to densify residential zoning along corridors.³ This is due in part to our proximity to Central Avenue, which is one of the most extensive remaining intact sections of historic Route 66 in the country. We would respectfully request that the conflict between these directives be resolved through reconsideration (perhaps rebranding) of the character of the Albuquerque Rapid Transit (ART). Policy directives should be created to benefit from the Route 66 connection and enhance the profitability of legacy commercial developments along Central. As is clear from property uses along the streetcar routes in New Orleans, destruction of the companion historic housing need not be inevitable.

In summary, we would ask that greater emphasis on the principles that create strong neighborhoods, which were mentioned at the beginning of this letter, be reinforced throughout the Comprehensive Plan, emphasized in the IDO, and supported through robust enforcement.

Sincerely,



Heidi Brown, President
Spruce Park Neighborhood Association

³ CP, page 169, ". . .sufficient residential density and/or commercial intensity in close proximity to transit stops increases efficiencies and feasibility of the transit system. And, in turn, enhanced transit service can catalyze development of employment and residential concentrations in locations that are well-served by transit." This describes the ART circumstance.

From: [Peggy Neff](#)
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Can you ensure that these comments reach the EPC under the 48 hour comment period for the upcoming Comp Plan review.

Thanks, Peggy

Attn: EPC Chair Shaffer

I fully agree that it is imperative to have continued review of the IDO's relationship to the Albuquerque Comprehensive Plan. However, I am concerned that the passage of this red line doc will support and promote current inefficient and faulty policy. Its timing, in regard to the 2023 amendments, has resulted in very little public review.

But, more importantly, these changes to our Comprehensive Plan push the illusion and affirmation that the IDO with its annual update process is a valid administrative strategy with sufficient oversight and public input. This is not accurate.

These changes appear to suggest that the current system is manageable, legit, and people driven. In addition to vocal public concerns, the IDO (its processes and policies) over these last few years, has time and again not held up in court situations. This issue needs to have serious discussion at the EPC level. In fact, I believe that some of the advice given during the recent IDO amendment discussions may need to be reviewed in this manner.

I am asking you to please vote 'no' on sending this document through to Council until

- a. this year's IDO update can be debated and decided and
- b. some modicum of public review can be made.

Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

Peggy Neff

From: [Derek Wallentinsen](#)
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Hi,

Chair Shaffer:

These are my comments on behalf of the New Mexico Chapter of DarkSky International on the Update to the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan (hereafter CP) on the agenda for the January 18, 2024 EPC Meeting.

Under Appendix P on page 661 of the PDF, 2023 Progress Update, for 7.3.2.1 Community Character, Develop design standards for lighting, utility enclosures, walls, and landscape design that create a high-quality built environment with lasting character that draws on regional styles and traditions. "Planning Dept. is working on updating lighting standards in 2023 to better achieve dark skies, which have traditionally been highly valued."

Our members have already made a number of comments regarding changes in the IDO related to improving lighting in the city. We appreciate the EPC's work making progress beyond what the NM Dark Sky Protection Act now on the books requires. The CP is an over-arching design philosophy document that needs to better acknowledge the value of the nighttime environment. Comments below are directed to that intent.

When the CP makes comments like those under Goal 6.3 Safety (PDF page 206, 207):

"For each mode, minimize potential transportation/emergency response hazards such as grade crossings, obsolete street geometry, and inadequate street lighting.", glare and overlighting are certainly factors impacting the safety of lighting for all modes of transportation.

While the city has installed lots of new LED streetlights in recent years, there is still progress to be made in appropriate levels and the directionality of street lighting to further this safety goal. Improving safety of pedestrians through street design "pedestrian-scale lighting" (a concept referenced several times in the CP {7.1.2.3}, also as pedestrian-oriented design) also means targeting the right level of light on the ground, not in the eyes and in the skies. Walkability at night to create safe and comfortable pedestrian environments.(Land Use Policy 5.1.9, p.131 and 7.2.1, p. 240) relies on better lighting quality than we have now in many sections of the city/county.

Eyes also dark-adapt better and more quickly to appropriate levels of warmer light (2700K and lower), adding to transportation safety.

Something that I've heard repeatedly over the years is encapsulated in what the CP calls "Natural Surveillance" (7.1.2.6 Safety, page 232 of the PDF). Minimizing concealment to help deter criminal activity and increase awareness of surrounding. Poor lighting reduces safety and security. Brighter does not mean better. When I read about Governor Lujan Grisham's state provision of \$1.8 million in funding to the City of Albuquerque for repairs and lighting upgrades in downtown Albuquerque to prevent crime, I worry about lighting that will make it less safe to walk and drive down there because it's too bright and not fully shielded. You have to be able to see around you at night, to use your eyes natural ability to dark adapt and not be glared out with shadows hiding dangers. When the state or Federals simply give the city/county money for lighting to prevent crime, we locals must indeed take advantage of natural surveillance principles and not just light up the nighttime environment. On the plus side, from media reports, it does sound like the proposed lights will have motion detector/timers to control the lights use to only when needed.

Community identity (4.3.7.3, p. 90) that reinforces a sense of place tied to history and culture means we should be preserving the warm, cozy feel and not banishing the dark skies that are a big part of the cultural and natural heritage in our city and county. So investing in additional street/alley/underpass lighting again means taking care with the right amount of light shining down, reducing glare and contrasts, the warmer, attractive colors of our cultural past and using smarter lights that are not on all the time.

This general idea goes beyond wayfinding lights. As one example, the city's own proposal for the Rail Trail Tumbleweed is in conflict with these principles. Is a 25-foot LED statue representing an invasive plant truly a benefit that outweighs its impact on our night skies?

Wildlife habitat includes the entire sky when we are talking about artificial light at night (ALAN). Because light pollution spreads, it goes into areas without lights such as the bosque and open space where riparian life, birds and the supporting ecosystem have evolved without the effects of artificial light. Throughout the CP sections talking about Parks and Open Space, Heritage Conservation and Resilience and Sustainability protecting habitat is referenced. Maintaining a healthy wildlife habitat means preventing the increase of unnecessary sky glow that reduces damages natural ecosystems and their biodiversity, interferes with the migrations of birds and nocturnal insects. (And also has medically proven health effects on people and cancer incidence.)

Even though Goal 13.4 Natural Resources notes air pollution, it completely neglects ALAN. The Rio Grande corridor is a major North American bird migratory route and habitat. The CP needs to explicitly include ALAN and its ecological impacts.

Economic impact is another concept mentioned many times in the CP. Light pollution has scientifically-established economic impacts. Astronomy—which is both hindered and endangered by unfettered light pollution—represents a statewide capital investment of more than \$1.3 billion and an annual economic return of over \$250 million, including an indirect attachment to more than 150,000 jobs through the aerospace and defense sector, much of it in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. ALAN has has

consequences for our reputation and abilities as a tech/space/defense hub.

As the biggest city/county agglomeration in New Mexico and place with the most lights, we have a responsibility here to the rest of the state to control our lights. I personally have viewed the light pollution dome of Albuquerque from places as far away as Bandelier, Chaco, and Magdalena. Satellite imagery and on-the-ground experience both show that the city's skyglow extends over a huge area of the state. The Comprehensive Plan should strongly include preservation of the nighttime environment that has so much value to us as citizens of an attractive and livable metro area, value to health of our ecosystems and ourselves, value in terms of dollars to our tech/space/defense economy.

Thank you!

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David Shaffer, EPC Chair

Dear Chair Shaffer,

I am an active member of the Nob Hill Neighborhood Association, but these comments are mine alone.

Events around the IDO annual update over the last three years have crystallized the thinking of community leaders around what fosters successful neighborhoods. Characteristics like a welcoming character and walkability, the ability of neighbors to communicate and cooperate. Planners and architects call this the streetscape: residences, yards, sidewalks, and streets, but in particular, how they combine to create the lived environment.

Successful streetscapes make neighborhoods safer. They facilitate eyes on the street, self-surveillance. They promote successful police patrols. They facilitate access for first responders. They encourage impromptu conversations between passers by, and over time, friendships and communities.

These concepts form the bedrock character of neighborhoods and have been inherent in what created the distinct, enduring microcultures of our neighborhoods, but now they seem to be under siege. More tall walls. More cars. More generic designs and national brands. More isolation and loneliness. More communities of strangers. No sense of place. No sense of identity.

I understand you must consider many detailed clauses and regulations and precise wording, and it can be difficult to connect that to the ultimate impact on the built environment, but I hope this perspective might help guide you.

Sincerely,
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Attn: EPC Chair Shaffer,

Please accept this 48 hour material regarding Agenda Item #8, the Comprehensive Plan update.

Thank you,

Patricia Willson

Victory Hills NA: President
District 6 Coalition: Treasurer
Inter-Coalition Council Representative

January 15, 2024

Via email: abcto@cabq.gov
Attn: Environmental Planning Commission Chair Shaffer

Re: PR-2023-009664 / RZ-2023-00052 –Amendment of Comprehensive Plan

EPC Chairman Shaffer,

Please accept this letter as 48-hour material in support of the CompPlan Update. I scrolled thru all 705 pages of the Comprehensive Plan and made a 3-page list of all the page numbers that had redlines (and whether it was a simple text change or something more substantial). That information was forwarded to the Inter-Coalition Council list-serve, for use by the ICC IDO working group. While this is by no means an exhaustive review of the CompPlan update, here are a few items that came to my attention.

In **Chapter 4. Community Identity**, it is noted in 4.1.3.2 *City Community Planning Areas*, that the CPA assessment process would double, from a five to a ten-year cycle. I live in the first CPA (Near Heights) and I know the process took much longer than originally planned. But I would urge the Planning Department to find the funding and staffing to keep the cycle shorter than 10 years. Efforts would be better spent on the CPA process (where planners actually engage with the community) than on the annual half-year long grind that is the IDO Annual Update.

While only three Community Planning Area Assessment Reports have been completed, the addition of Policies and Actions in those areas provides valuable information. This information is critical to the support of **Goal 4.1 Character**, as you cannot “**Enhance, protect, and preserve distinct communities**” until you define the special characteristics of those communities.

The policies in **Chapter 5. Land Use** “**are intended to enrich our sense of place and support long-lasting, meaningful changes to our community.**” The long-range planning process of CPA Assessments and their incorporation into the CompPlan is a better way to provide lasting, meaningful changes than the annual (hopefully now bi-annual) IDO amendment process. There are two excellent ACTIONS added to the Goals in this chapter: 5.2.1.1 *Localize systems of production re: agriculture and food processing...*; and 5.3.4.3 *Review City land use practices to address water shortages...*

Chapter 6. Transportation clearly explains why good public transit is so critical to Transit Oriented Design (and TOD = appropriate density). “**A robust public transit system provides a practical and equitable alternative to a car-dependent transportation network.**” Obviously, the pandemic had a huge negative impact on ridership and staffing; routes, headways and staffing all need improvement. I applaud the addition of the Vision Zero Action Plan and the inclusion of ACTION 6.1.1.3, to consider the HFIN (High Fatal Injury Network) and other factors when designing new or retrofitting existing roadways.

Chapter 9. Housing would benefit from the inclusion of more current data, if available—much of the data is ten years old or more. Also, there are references to regulatory changes without linking to the major changes in the 2022 IDO Annual Update (Housing Forward). The listed ACTION items (9.2.1.1 *Increase awareness of housing opportunities...* and 9.2.2.1 *Update information...*) are certainly welcome additions.

Updates to **Chapter 12. Infrastructure, Community Facilities & Services** include *Albuquerque Community Safety* and the *Age Friendly Action Plan*—both important additions to this Plan Element.

However, ACTION 12.4.1.2 *Connect volunteer-driven, aide organizations with neighborhood associations...* neglects to mention how many neighborhoods don't have a NA (either 'Recognized' or 'Non-Recognized').

I am extremely pleased to see the **Climate Action Plan** included in **Chapter 13. Resilience & Sustainability**. It's about time; architecture students were schooled in greenhouse gas emissions forty years ago. I do have a question about an item added to **POLICY 13.1.3 Public Infrastructure and Facilities**: item d) says *"Support code requirements for electrification of private commercial and residential buildings"*. Any project involving installation of an appliance, device, equipment, or wiring, including additions, alterations, or replacements of such, requires an electrical permit. Is this meant to address unpermitted work?

POLICY 13.5.2 Healthful Development includes a delightful addition: *"d) Prioritize development and maintenance of green spaces, community gardens, and food forests within a 10 minute walk of all residential spaces."* YES! It appears the Planning Department is up to speed on the concept of the 15-Minute City! I truly hope we can realize this policy.

Another question I have concerns the universal change from **Citizen Academy** to **City Leaders**. I do recall at a recent Planning presentation, Ms. Osborn and Ms. Renz-Whitmore repeatedly referred to the audience as "City Leaders." Many years ago, I attended an ONC-sponsored Citizen Academy. Was the Citizen Academy a specific, regular event that will no longer take place—to be replaced by a "City Leaders training program"—which may just be neighbors at a presentation?

As I mentioned at the start of this letter, this is not an exhaustive review of the Comprehensive Plan Update. So far, I am in full support of your APPROVAL of this update.

Though I serve as the Victory Hills neighborhood association president (VHNA), am a District 6 Coalition officer and an Inter-Coalition Council (ICC) representative, these are my personal comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Willson". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Patricia Willson

January 16, 2024

Via email: abcto@cabq.gov
Attn: Environmental Planning Commission Chair Shaffer

Re: PR-2023-009664 / RZ-2023-00052 –Amendment of Comprehensive Plan
PR-2023-009663 / SI-2023-01928 – Central ABQ CPA Assessment Report

EPC Chairman Shaffer,

Two CPA Assessment Reports have been accepted by City Council; Near Heights CPA and Southwest Mesa CPA. The Central ABQ CPA Draft will be heard on Thursday, January 18th. Both the Near Heights and Central ABQ CPAs contain policies of promoting active, walkable streetscapes and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) design standards that encourage “eyes on the street.”

The Near Heights CPA contains the Nob Hill/Highland Character Protection Overlay (CPO) that prohibits walls greater than 3 feet in the front or street side yard; see Page 99, 5.8 Walls & Fences (this CPA devoted an entire page to the subject and noted the following Action plan:)

“The Planning Department will create a handout, trainings, and/or an education campaign for wall/fence companies and the public about IDO regulations.”

Most variances for taller walls in the front yard setback are to rectify a violation—we often hear ‘but the contractor said this was ok’. The low walls (or higher patio walls set back 10’ from the property line) create open, walkable streets that reinforce neighborhoods’ eyes on the street.

The Central ABQ CPA contains 7 of the City’s 13 CPO’s and 5 of the City’s HPO’s (Historic Protection Overlay). This CPA is home to some of the most diverse and historic neighborhoods in the city. The CPA process has improved as planning staff learns from each Report; the Introduction on Page 2 clarifies a purpose of these assessments:

“CPA assessments are intended as vital tools to help identify, implement, and track the policies in the Comp Plan and regulations in the IDO to better serve and protect neighborhoods. We hope this process not only allows for but encourages community members to take an active role in shaping their neighborhoods.”

The CPTED design standard of eyes on the street is mentioned specifically on Page 86 of the Draft:

“It is a generally accepted planning principle that more “eyes on the street” contribute to public safety.”

Public safety— isn’t “crime” number one on all the lists of concerns? People need to feel safe where they live, work, and play. Big visions are important, but more important is how one feels walking down their block. I urge the EPC to codify some of these accepted planning design standards in their review of the Comprehensive Plan Update. (And I applaud Planning Staff for their incorporation.)

I support APPROVAL of the Central ABQ CPA Assessment Report. Though I serve as the Victory Hills neighborhood association president (VHNA), am a District 6 Coalition officer and an Inter-Coalition Council (ICC) representative, these are my personal comments.

Sincerely,



Patricia Willson