

City Talk for March 22, 2023  
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### **Community Plan outreach updates**

Community participation is key to our current effort of updating Sedona's ten-year Community Plan. As we are looking ahead to the next ten years, you have been sharing valuable comments and many questions. Questions such as what city projects are underway now, what is in the works, and how are these projects relevant to resident concerns and to the Community Plan. Having a broad picture of all the variables and complexity of issues is important when discussing Sedona's next ten years. Thus, our public meetings and the Plan Sedona website ([www.plansedona.com](http://www.plansedona.com)) are not only asking for your input, but also providing information and answers to your questions.

Up to this point, we've been collecting feedback a variety of ways – including a household survey; the Community Plan Work Group, a group of volunteers who are advising on the outreach process; the Community Forum event last September where the community was introduced to the Community Plan and update process; and virtual Listening and Learning Sessions on circulation (streets, transit, and walking/biking) and economic development. The virtual sessions allowed residents to learn more about current and future projects, especially the Public Works "Sedona in Motion" projects underway. Sedona in Motion is the implementation program for the 2018 Transportation Master Plan. To learn more, go to the city website: [www.sedonaaz.gov/sim](http://www.sedonaaz.gov/sim). The economic development Listening and Learning Session took a broad, regional view, discussing the future of the economy within Sedona and throughout the Verde Valley.

Up next? A community workshop is scheduled for April 19, 2023 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the West Sedona School, that will focus on housing and land use and how these relate to Sedona's sense of community. Experiencing a sense of community is how many of you described the September 2022 Community Forum. While the April workshop will be a more focused discussion, it can also be another chance to enjoy the experience of community as we all discuss how to ensure that sense of community over the next ten years.

The city is now 82% built-out, and being entirely surrounded by National Forest does not allow for outward expansion, acting much like a growth boundary. One objective of the April workshop is to understand the role of housing in creating a livable Sedona and the implications of not addressing the lack of housing in the city. We will share information (maps and stats) about the city's current and projected development, especially housing. We will also reflect on the challenges, priorities and potential strategies for the Sedona housing situation now and over the next 10 years.

Watch for an announcement on the location of the workshop, which will be posted on [www.plansedona.com](http://www.plansedona.com). Please visit this website to find more information and details about upcoming events, sign-up for notifications, explore the Community Plan and provide input. Because we are updating the 2013 Plan, we encourage you to comment on the document as a whole or on individual chapters. There are also comment forms on the home page to submit general suggestions or questions. Videos of past events such as the Listening and Learning Sessions, work group meetings and more can be found on the city's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/cityofsedonaaz](http://www.youtube.com/cityofsedonaaz). Ultimately, the updated Community Plan will provide practical and innovative strategies that balance the environment, tourism

and community needs in an inclusive manner for the next ten years and beyond. We look forward to continuing the dialogue with you as we shape the plan that will guide Sedona's future.