

Our Town, Our Choices. A Road Map to the Future

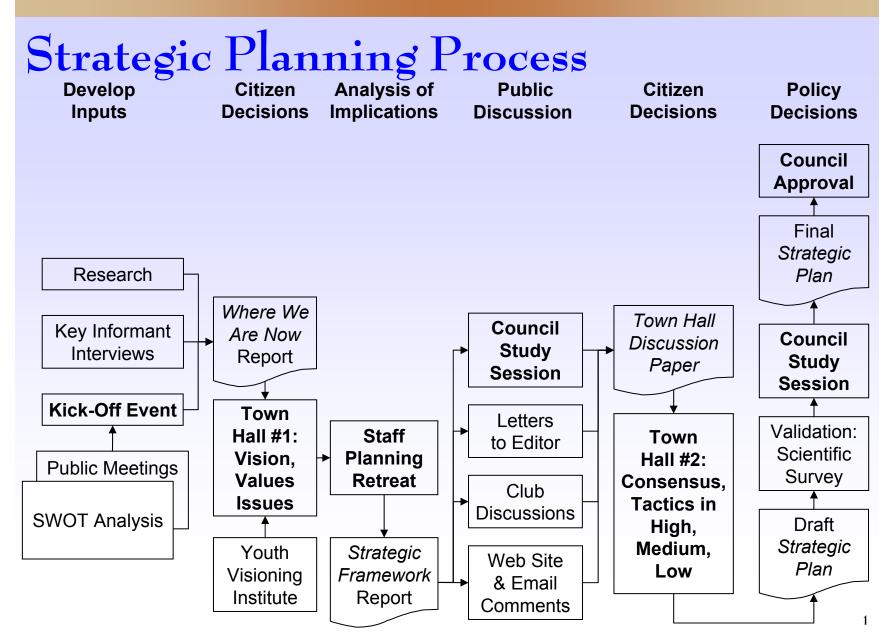
Report to the Town Council July 7, 2005

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Successes

- Kick-Off event: Jan. 29, 2005; 200 participants
- 35+ Civic Leaders interviews: Jan.-Feb. 2005
- Youth Visioning Institute: Mar. 16, 2005
 - ✓ 50 FHHS students
 - Multimedia visions
 - ✓ Co-sponsor, food: Civic Association
 - ✓ Host: FHHS
 - Organized & facilitated by volunteers



Successes (cont.)...

- Where We Are Now report for Town Hall registrants
- Town Hall 1: April 15-16, 2005
 - ✓ Over 270 participants Friday
 - ✓ Youth Visioning Institute presentations
 - ✓ Citizen speakers: Fountain Hills Then (Dan Foster) &
 - Now (Curt Dunham)
 - ✓ Keynote: Catherine Connolly, League of Arizona Cities & Towns



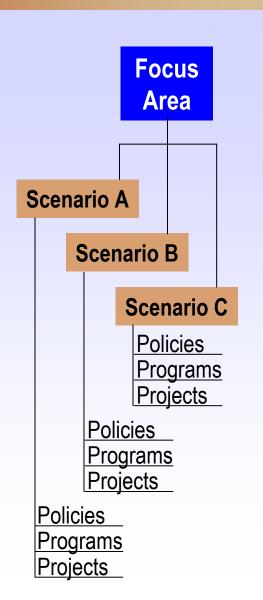
Successes (cont.)...

- Town Hall 1: April 15-16, 2005 (cont.)
 - ✓ Over 175 participants Saturday
 - ✓ Small group discussions
 - ✓ Volunteer outside facilitators
 - √ 89-95% Satisfied
 - √ 36-54% "Excellent"
 - ✓ 1-3% Dissatisfied
 - √ 74% Evaluation response rate
- Volunteer participation:
 Thousands of hours



In Progress...

- Strategic Choices report
 - ✓ 10 Focus Areas
 - Scenarios based on possible goals
 - ✓ Scenarios are strategic choices
 - Implementation:Policies, programs & projects
 - ✓ Staff estimated costs
 - Costs show impact per household
 - ✓ Distribution: Town Hall 2 registrants and public



10 Focus Areas

- Small-Town
 Atmosphere & Town
 Identity
- Commercial Vitality & Business Development
- Housing & Affordability
- Preservation of the Environment
- Parks & Recreation
- Arts & Culture

- Governmental Financial Stability
- Municipal Government Services
- Education: Higher & Continuing Education
 & Support of Educational Excellence
- Physical Planning:Zoning & Architecture

In Progress (cont.)...

- Newsletter #2: Early July
 - ✓ Introduce Focus Areas
 - ✓ Invite Town Hall 2 registration
- Informed Choices Workshops:
 - ✓ Town Finances: July 13
 - ✓ Charter Government: July 20
 - ✓ Architectural & View Controls: July 27
 - ✓ Parks Standards: Aug. 3
- Town Hall 2: Aug. 13 Community Center
 - ✓ 1 day: 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
 - Advance registration required

Still to do...

- Newsletter #3: Sept. 2005
 - ✓ Results of Town Hall 2
 - ✓ Focus on Town Finance
- Draft Strategic Plan
- Citizen survey: Sept.-Oct. 2005
 - ✓ Purpose: Augment input from Town Hall 2
 - ✓ Valid random sample of adults: ≈400
- Town Council Work Session: Oct. 2005
- Town Council consideration: Dec. 2005
- Implementation: Jan. 2006 +

Challenges

- Educating residents on the issues
- Engaging ongoing public involvement in citizendriven strategic planning process:
 - Monitoring
 - ✓ Evaluation
 - ✓ Adjustment
 - ✓ Periodic update
- Implementing Strategic Plan starting in 2006
 - ✓ 2005 Strategic Planning Process is Preamble