Meeting April 16, 2014 Open House Public Input

Location: Town of Gilbert Southeast Service 4760 S. Greenfield Road

The Santan Character Area (SCA) was created based on unique attributes, such as the heritage in farming, respect for the land, and family atmosphere. The rural lifestyle and mountain views that characterize the SCA continue to attract residents. A lot has changed in the SCA since it was formed in 1998. It is time for the community to review the existing General Plan and create a clear vision for the future.

The Town of Gilbert Development Services Department held its first open house on April 16, 2014 directing the attention of residents to the General Plan Amendment, and provided them the opportunity to help shape their community, share ideas regarding where the residents of the SCA live, work, and play. The comments noted below are comments given by residents who attended the open house.

Board #1 - LIVE

Prompt #1 - What makes a great place to live?

Prompt #2 - What is your favorite place, in South Gilbert?

Prompt #3 - What are some of the best characteristics of the San Tan Character Area?

Responses:

- Small town feel
- More shopping and restaurant yep: agree, agree
- Slower pace
- Larger Farmer Markets: like, yes
- Layton Lakes Water & Park areas: agree
- We need more banks
- Layton Lakes, Seville
- Country feeling: Agree
- The views
- Large Lot Homes, Gardening
- Since 2000, We knew we needed more commercial
- Bring back farewell to summer fest
- We need more banks
- Cornerstone at the Park: yes
- Rural Character ©
- Less street lighting
- Seville
- 46 Heritage-rural, open spaces, views
- Blue 32 ☺
- Discovery Park ©
- Community Identity, Landscaped open space, Views, Neighbors, Places close to eat/play
- Concerts at the park
- Double Tree Resort hotel: yes
- Country feeling: agree
- Low density
- Connections between neighborhoods
- Farmer markets: like
- Thank you Town Council for keeping 55 acres: like
- It has potential: like!
- Not congested

- See mountains
- Less hectic
- Need Dust Control Recker Rd
- Enough residential housing need parks
- Places, events to bring people together. Gathering places
- Our streets are friendly interaction
- Great views sunsets
- Rural feeling
- Rural character open spaces agriculture
- It would be the park to run my dog and jog, but nothing is available
- My back yard: like, double like
- Nice blend of people we take care of each other
- Would like small gardens plots for lease to individual. Managed TOG
- TOG tills and waters and owns. Residents would lease
- Quieter road ways: like
- Good jobs that are close to home
- Good quality of life
- Public streets sidewalks in good shape
- Agritopia style land area or ½ acre or larger lots
- No more planned communities: like
- Low crime
- Low density housing
- Los Favs
- Farm Feel
- Funding for community events
- Neighborhood gatherings
- Rural, Diversity open space, large lots
- Open space, rural feel, doesn't feel like it's a highly populated area. Keep it that way
- Open space
- Seeing people horseback riding while I bike
- Mix use of residential and agriculture
- People from all over have moved here
- Riparian reserve
- Large lots with horses

Board #2 - WORK

Prompt #1 - What makes a great place to work?

Prompt #2 - What could the area benefit from?

Prompt #3 - What kind of place makes businesses feel welcome?

Response:

- Keeping to the master plan and not amending
- Short commute
- Open spaces for lunch
- East bound onramp at Greenfield and 202
- Daycare place at place of employment
- Low government involvement/regulation
- GE
- Layton Lakes: restaurant and grocery, more water too!
- Office space developments
- High tech employees/business
- Bring in advocate for and urgent care facility-Riggs?
- Tax incentives for work opportunities closer to home
- Extend Greenfield down to Riggs, so no cut through of communities
- More restaurants and parks
- More restaurants, movie theatres, shopping malls, community college
- Coffee shops
- Big retailer
- Attract business to SCA that support Phoenix/Mesa Gateway activities and employees can live/work in Gilbert
- High speed internet options
- Keep looking at medical industry
- We need high tech jobs
- We need high tech business
- More jobs close to home
- Need great access to attract high wage jobs
- Need jobs that are only not service
- More high tech
- Phoenix/Mesa Gateway, support it
- Good jobs/no commute
- Manufacturing knowledge, not service

- Encourage agribusiness
- Less traffic: agreed
- Commuter access to master roads

Board #3 - PLAY

Prompt #1 - What makes a great place to Play?

Prompt #2 - Where do you play?

Prompt #3 - What types of activities would you like to see offered in the area?

Responses:

- More swimming pools every day of the week
- Resorts
- Hiking
- Trail connectivity, network between communities
- Fabulous connected trails, multi-use: bike swimming, horses
- Teenager malls, shopping, fast food restaurants
- Freestone Park on the Southeast Gilbert area
- We need more parks, golf courses, movie theatres
- Golf, parks, swimming pools
- Parks, pools, shopping
- Place to rent space
- Activity centers
- A zip line like the Chandler park
- Trails/exercise facilities
- After school sports in elementary schools
- Baseball
- No BMX
- Christian Churches/activities
- Telescope
- A Freestone park
- Swings (the color purple)
- Soccer
- Not BMX, for sure
- Fishing
- More public parks
- Trails (canal & equestrian)
- We need a dog park
- Need bike trails off of the road
- Hiking trails, multi-use
- Golf course

- Bike trails off road, mountain bike park
- Parks/Greenbelt
 - Dog park
 - Running trails
 - Softball/baseball fields
- Balloon festival
- More taco shops
- Public pools/ parks/ recreation
- Trails
- Baseball fields/stadium
- Large lots; more yard to play in
- No parks in developments, real parks where the community can come together and have picnics, tournaments, concerts, festivals, etc.
- Dog park
- Parks! Parks! Parks!
- Parks, trails, shopping, dining,
- Utilize canals and other water features
- Festivals/ food trucks
- Trails for horses, biking, running
- Pro BMX park
- Better trail connections please!
- Parks! Public Parks!
- Farmers Market
- Pet friendly events

Board #4 - The Santan Character Area

Prompt #1 - What makes the San Tan Character Area a great place?

Prompt #2 - What would you like to see more of?

Prompt #3 - What do you care about?

- Parks
- Christian Churches: agreed
- Dog Parks, sit down restaurants: agreed
- Quiet restaurants: agreed
- High Education facilities
- Parks & Rec
- Services, Shopping
- Open space: less density, keep the rural feel/history
- Improve the roads
- Widen roads
- Authentic restaurants: agreed
- More commercial centers
- Need more amenities: Taverns, Pub: Agreed
- Quiet and Friendly
- Agriculture
- The SCA General Plan buffers
- I didn't know about it. Keep it rural
- No trash on roads: agreed
- Less Development
- Quietness
- Major RL improvements so no cut through of the communities
- No more houses
- Picnic areas
- Open space, agriculture, restaurants
- Large lot homes or no more new builds
- Town Council bows to developers not citizens
- Multi use not just open space, water: double this
- Parks: agreed
- Need more of parks
- Night sky
- Equestrian trails that connect up to each other and open area to ride in: Agreed
- Traffic

- The SCA is too large, 8 sq miles max. Otherwise you cannot enforce the guidelines, etc. The Master planned communities should be out: yes
- Enough residential housing. Need some parks, recreational facilities, shopping mall, etc.
- Proximity to good roadway and freeways: agree
- No stores on every intersection
- A plan that is going to be followed not subject to alteration: yes
- Seek partnership to fund a district park- at Riggs & Higley (Name Brand)
- Equestrian
- Trails/canals, open feel-yes, large lots-yes, ranch homes (single preserve views)