

Stakeholder Visioning Meeting Summary for the Rodeo/Fairgrounds Master Plan
Submitted to: City of Prescott and GH2 Architects

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1. Visioning Workshop Summary

1.1 Visioning Workshop Synopsis

The City of Prescott (City) and GH2 Architects (GH2) are currently working on developing a Rodeo/Fairgrounds Master Plan (Master Plan). To assist in the development, they have partnered with BetaPr to assist with community engagement and involvement. To kick-off the community involvement element, BetaPr performed a series of visioning workshops with the four stakeholder groups identified by the City, GH2 and Steering Committee. These stakeholders are the Prescott Farmer's Market, "Other Users" (University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, Antique Auto Club, City I.T. Staff, Yavapai County Fair), Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo and the Local Neighborhood. Each stakeholder group was given their own visioning workshop to help identify themes and common visions.

The visioning workshops were called "Keep It, Cut It, Consider It. Your Voice, Your Vision". This was a highly participatory stakeholder workshop designed to capture clear, structured input for the Master Plan. Participants were guided through a simple yet effective framework where they identified what they *must have* ("Keep It"), what they *do not want included* ("Cut It") and what they *would like but could compromise on* ("Consider It"). Using sticky notes, individuals first reflected on their preferences, then shared and clustered ideas as a group, revealing patterns of consensus and divergence.

BetaPr's facilitator guided the process to ensure all voices were heard and ideas were grouped into meaningful themes. The session concluded with a prioritization exercise, where participants used dots to highlight the most important items. This helped transform a wide range of opinions into a clear hierarchy of needs and preferences.

The outcome of this workshop is a transparent, visual snapshot of stakeholder priorities — identifying shared values, potential conflicts and dealbreakers early in the planning process. The results will help the City and GH2 with a grounded understanding of all stakeholders wants, helping align the Master Plan with user needs while fostering a sense of ownership and trust among participants and stakeholders.

1.2 Visioning Workshop 1: Prescott Farmer's Market

BetaPr, the City and GH2 hosted a visioning workshop with the Prescott Farmer's Market and their Board of Directors. Below is information about the meeting and the themes from their visioning workshop.

Visioning Workshop Date, Time and Location

Wednesday, November 5, from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Office 840 Rodeo Drive, Prescott, Arizona 86305

Visioning Workshop: Attendees

A total of 13 stakeholders signed-in (Appendix A) when they arrived. Stakeholders included members of the stakeholder group, Steering Committee members and City/Project team staff.

Visioning Workshop: Themes

The following is a summary of the overarching themes for each of the three (Keep it, Cut it, Consider it) visioning frameworks. A full snapshot of all ideas and materials is included in the Appendices (Appendix B).



"Keep It" Themes:

- 1. Balanced allocation of resources between site stakeholders
- 2. Keep and improve the existing compost site
- 3. Covered space/shade for compost pad and/or Farmer's Market
- 4. Pave an area for a permanent Farmer's Market site (At least 1.75 acres)
- 5. New utilities and building systems (electricity, bathrooms, storage facilities)
- 6. Parking improvements (additional spaces, parking garage, handicap parking)
- 7. Trees/landscaping

"Cut it" Themes:

- 1. No dominant entity
- 2. No moving or adjusting the current size of the compost location
- 3. Move main entrance off Gail Gardner

"Consider It" Themes:

- 1. Create a community agricultural hub (community support and partnership for composting)
- 2. Host Farmer's Market at the Rodeo/Fairgrounds
- 3. City/County financial partnership for composting
- 4. Storage area with easy access
- 5. Indoor space for Prescott Farmer's Market for winter use
- 6. Expand compost and add a garden
- 7. Permanent signage
- 8. New utilities and building systems (bathrooms, dark sky lighting, hot water, drainage improvements)
- 9. Bike racks
- 10. Playground/seating area
- 11. Improve/create entrance and exit specifically for composting
- 12. Increase footprint of compost site and a new concrete pad (covered)
- 13. Paved site for Farmer's Market (marked stalls)
- 14. Improved parking
- 15. Office space for Farmer's Market
- 16. Access to small misc. construction equipment when needed

1.3 Visioning Workshop 2: "Other Users"

BetaPr, the City and GH2 hosted a visioning workshop with "Other Users" of the site. "Other Users" consisted of the University of Arizona/Yavapai County Cooperative Extension, Yavapai County Fair, Prescott Antique Auto Club and City of Prescott IT staff. Below is information about the meeting and the themes from their visioning workshop.

Visioning Workshop Date, Time and Location

Wednesday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Office 840 Rodeo Drive, Prescott, Arizona 86305



Visioning Workshop: Attendees

A total of 18 stakeholders signed-in (Appendix C) when they arrived. Stakeholders included members of the stakeholder group, Steering Committee members and City/Project team staff.

Visioning Workshop: Themes

The following is a summary of the overarching themes for each of the three (Keep it, Cut it, Consider it) visioning frameworks. Highlighted themes are some of the most important items from the workshop. A full snapshot of all ideas and materials is included in the Appendices (Appendix D).

"Keep It" Themes:

- 1. More meeting/classroom space
- Additional restrooms and external bathroom access
- 3. Larger/new extension office (classrooms, meeting spaces, commercial kitchen, teaching kitchen)
- 4. Increased storage
- 5. Family Resource Center
- 6. Demonstration garden
- 7. Barn for animals
- 8. Better internet infrastructure
- 9. Covered outdoor area
- 10. Multiple uses on the Rodeo/Fairgrounds at the same time
- 11. Improved entrance, parking and walkways
- 12. Improved lighting
- 13. Retain historical appeal and keep historic buildings
- 14. Archery range
- 15. Rodeo grounds seating improvements

"Cut it" Themes:

- 1. No bright lighting
- 2. Do not, not build a new facility of Extension Office
- 3. Do not remove Farmer's Market or compost pile from site
- 4. Do not interfere with the lease or building of Antique Auto Club
- 5. No changes to Rodeo's historic grandstand or buildings
- 6. Do not eliminate commercial kitchen
- 7. No cinder pit or City construction yards
- 8. Do not remove any current site users

"Consider It" Themes:

- 1. More communication between users at grounds
- 2. How other users can help each other
- 3. Repair/utilize Barn A & B
- 4. Produce washing station



- 5. New parking lot with a clear entrance and exit path
- 6. Restrooms in vendor area
- 7. Remove rocks behind "Building A" for more parking
- 8. RV hook ups
- 9. Electric hookups for vendors
- 10. Shade structures/covered areas for events

1.4 Visioning Workshop 3: Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo

BetaPr, the City and GH2 hosted visioning a workshop with the Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo. Below is information about the meeting and the themes from their visioning workshop.

Visioning Workshop Date, Time and Location

Wednesday, November 5, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Office 840 Rodeo Drive, Prescott, Arizona 86305

Visioning Workshop: Attendees

A total of 22 stakeholders signed-in (Appendix E) when they arrived. Stakeholders included members of the stakeholder group, Steering Committee members and City/Project team staff.

Visioning Workshop: Themes

The following is a summary of the overarching themes for each of the three (Keep it, Cut it, Consider it) visioning frameworks. Highlighted themes are some of the most important items from the workshop. A full snapshot of all ideas and materials is included in the Appendices (Appendix F).

"Keep It" Themes:

- 1. New/improved RV sites
- 2. New/improved "Justin Room"
- 3. New/improved bathroom facilities
- 4. New ticket office and store building
- 5. Improve/upgrade vendor area and fan experience
- 6. Keep leases the same for all site users
- 7. Improve existing and add new grandstand, seating areas, VIP boxes
- 8. Improve lighting throughout site
- 9. Retain/create aesthetics that incorporate Rodeo history
- 10. Additional parking without taking space from existing cowboys and vendors
- 11. Better located contestant parking/flow
- 12. Shuttling
- 13. Covered stalls
- 14. Covered new multi-use arena
- 15. New museum and increased rodeo education opportunities



- 16. Lockable storage and new barns for maintenance
- 17. Better/new entrance and site flow
- 18. Erosion control
- 19. Fix/upgrade utilities and building systems (water, sewer, HVAC)
- 20. Safety improvements
- 21. Unity between City of Prescott and Prescott Frontier Days

"Cut it" Themes:

- 1. No public park or dog park
- 2. No moving or changing the dynamic of the Rodeo
- 3. No competing events during Rodeo
- 4. No parking garage
- 5. No alteration of current lease
- 6. No traffic coming through the grounds at all times
- 7. No politics on Rodeo grounds
- 8. No building of high-density units on site
- 9. Do not change Rodeo history
- 10. Limit the expansion of compost, U of A Extension and other entities
- 11. No reduction in parking
- 12. No continued open access for public
- 13. No community garden

"Consider It" Themes:

- 1. Shaded/covered second arena and stalls
- 2. Paved vendor area
- 3. Dust control
- 4. New VIP and club areas
- 5. Increased partnership and relationship with City and other site users
- 6. New signage (traffic and site signage, digital)
- 7. Change layout of arena flow
- 8. New fencing
- 9. Increase arena seating
- 10. Make main entrance to fairgrounds off Miller Valley Road
- 11. Elevated 360 walking platform to access all arena seating

1.5 Visioning Workshop 4: Local Neighborhood

BetaPr, the City and GH2 hosted a visioning workshop with members of the local neighborhood. Members of the local neighborhood were invited by neighborhood representatives on the Steering Committee. Below is information about the meeting and the themes from their visioning workshop.



Visioning Workshop Date, Time and Location

Wednesday, November 5, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Office 840 Rodeo Drive, Prescott, Arizona 86305

Visioning Workshop: Attendees

A total of 21 stakeholders signed-in (Appendix G) when they arrived. Stakeholders included members of the stakeholder group, Steering Committee members and City/Project team staff.

Visioning Workshop: Themes

The following is a summary of the overarching themes for each of the three (Keep it, Cut it, Consider it) visioning frameworks. Highlighted themes are some of the most important items from the workshop. A full snapshot of all ideas and materials is included in the Appendices (Appendix H)

"Keep It" Themes:

- Things to consider in our Master Plan development: traffic study, parking/user study, feasibility study, environmental impacts
- 2. New main entrance off Miller Valley Road
- 3. Keep a cooperative process between all site users and neighborhood
- 4. Improve access and site flow
- 5. Do not make any changes to Gail Gardner
- 6. Increased drainage and pollution control
- 7. Improve parking on site
- 8. Parking garage
- 9. Improve sound system to reduce noise and enforce quiet hours
- 10. Dark sky lighting
- 11. Bike/trail connectors
- 12. New wall/fencing
- 13. Align Master Plan with Gail Gardner Neighborhood Plan and keep historic aspects
- 14. Improved landscaping
- 15. Demonstration gardens and community gardens
- 16. Keep the Rodeo at the existing size
- 17. Keep Farmer's Market, Compost, Antique Auto Club and U of A Cooperative Extension
- 18. Keep the Rodeo, County Fair and all existing events
- 19. Keep current leases and zoning in place
- 20. Community park/gathering space (gardens, pool, open space, dog park, outdoor fitness, BBQ, playground, picnic area, ramadas, walking paths, etc.)
- 21. Keep access open for public

"Cut it" Themes:

1. No limitation on public access or use



- 2. No gate
- 3. No private fencing or solid wall
- 4. No event center or year-round events
- 5. No expansion of Rodeo or existing events
- 6. No zoning change
- 7. No additional sound or added traffic
- 8. Remove main entrance from Gail Gardner
- 9. No changes to Gail Gardner
- 10. Remove Rodeo Museum
- 11. No covered arena
- 12. No private clubs or VIP elements from the site
- 13. No exceeding parking capacity
- 14. No overbuilt, ugly or buildings that are too big or not aesthetic
- 15. No additional noise or concerts
- 16. No trash
- 17. No large advertising signs on surrounding fences
- 18. No lights that aren't dark sky compliant
- 19. No more "\$1" lease make Prescott Frontier Days re-negotiate
- 20. No expansion of restrooms, more port-o-potties
- 21. No to anything that increases pollution

"Consider It" Themes:

- 1. Beautification/trees
- 2. Community/demonstration garden
- 3. Multi-use facility for education and community use
- 4. Improve compost site
- 5. Walking/bike paths
- 6. Bike parking
- 7. Consider moving Rodeo to K-4 Ranch
- 8. Update existing bathrooms without adding more
- 9. Community park/open space/recreation area
- 10. Perform additional studies (feasibility, forensic, legal etc.) before any plan is approved
- 11. New U of A Extension office/facilities
- 12. Make site home to Farmer's Market
- 13. ADA compliance where feasible
- 14. Dust control
- 15. No added signage in the neighborhood
- 16. Parking garage
- 17. Shuttles for large events
- 18. Prescott Frontier Days to sell tickets and parking at the same time



2. Visioning Workshop Shared Themes

After performing the visioning workshop with all four stakeholder groups, common themes/ideas were developed. Below is a list of all common themes/ideas:

1. Infrastructure and Facilities Modernization

Nearly every group mentioned the need for upgrades to infrastructure:

- Bathrooms and restrooms (mentioned by all four)
- Utilities and building systems (water, sewer, power, HVAC, and internet)
- Lighting improvements with dark-sky compliance a shared priority
- Storage (for vendors, users, and maintenance)
- Shade structures, covered areas, and indoor spaces for year-round usability

Takeaway: The site's physical infrastructure must be updated for comfort, accessibility, and environmental compliance while retaining its rural and historic character.

2. Parking, Circulation and Access

This was one of the most consistent topics:

- Calls for improved and expanded parking areas, better traffic flow, and designated zones for different user groups (vendors, public, contestants, staff).
- General agreement on shuttling during major events (PFD already does this during Rodeo) and new entrances, especially off Miller Valley Road.
- Opposition to using Gail Gardner as a main access point was strongly repeated.

Takeaway: A unified circulation and parking strategy — that minimizes neighborhood impact and supports multiple concurrent uses — is essential.

3. Collaboration, Coexistence and Balanced Use

Each group voiced the importance of maintaining harmony among site users:

- Calls for "cooperative processes," "balanced allocation of resources," and ensuring "no dominant entity."
- Recognition that all users (Rodeo, Yavapai County Cooperative Extension, County Fair, Farmer's Market, City IT, Antique Auto Club and Neighborhood) should coexist productively.
- Desire for open communication and potential shared facilities (e.g., classrooms, demonstration gardens, multiuse community buildings).

Takeaway: A central governance or coordination mechanism may be needed to balance interests and sustain long-term collaboration.

4. Preservation of Historic and Cultural Identity

This was deeply important to both Neighborhood and Rodeo participants, but echoed by all groups:

Protect and highlight the Rodeo's history, existing historic buildings, and local heritage.

Takeaway: Preservation of legacy, aesthetics, and character should guide the architectural tone of all improvements.

5. Environmental Stewardship and Aesthetics

A unifying value across the sessions:

- Landscaping, trees, and beautification were cited often.
- Drainage, erosion control, dust mitigation, and pollution control concerns appeared in several lists.



- Compost and garden-related improvements were priorities, particularly for the Yavapai County Cooperative Extension, Farmer's Market and Neighborhood groups.
- Dark sky lighting and noise management were shared environmental quality concerns.

Takeaway: Stakeholders want sustainable design that minimizes environmental impact and enhances beauty, comfort and livability.

6. Community Access and Shared Public Space

All groups, to varying degrees, supported maintaining public accessibility and community-serving uses:

- Neighborhood, Yavapai County Cooperative Extension and Farmer's Market groups wanted demonstration gardens, open gathering spaces, walking/bike paths, and parks.
- Yavapai County Cooperative Extension wanted a new building complete with family resource centers, classrooms, and multi-use facilities.
- Rodeo users were more protective of exclusive-use areas but still discussed visitor amenities, shuttles, and public engagement through education.

Takeaway: There's broad agreement that the site should continue to serve the wider community, though boundaries for event-specific zones must be clarified.

7. Site Management, Governance and Leases

An important recurring issue:

- Keeping current leases and zoning stable was important to the Neighborhood, Rodeo, Antique Auto Club, County Fair and Yavapai County Cooperative Extension.
- The Local Neighborhood called for re-examining lease terms and ensuring fair agreements.
- Desire for unity between City of Prescott and site tenants, and clearer management structure.

Takeaway: Lease terms, governance and coordination with the City should be transparent, equitable, and aligned with long-term sustainability.

8. Event Management and Noise Control

Mentioned across several groups:

- The Local Neighborhood strongly emphasized limiting or managing event frequency, scale, and noise (i.e. large-scale events, concerts, etc.).
- Rodeo users wanted to protect exclusive use periods and avoid conflicting events.
- Shuttling and parking management were linked to reducing neighborhood impacts.

Takeaway: The Master Plan should include policies for scheduling, sound management and crowd logistics to minimize conflicts.

Final Summary

Across all four stakeholder visioning meetings, participants voiced a strong, consistent desire to modernize the site's infrastructure, improve parking, circulation and access, while preserving the site's historical and cultural integrity. The most dominant shared values centered on collaboration among users, environmental responsibility, and equitable, balanced site management.

Stakeholders envision a future where the site functions as a multi-use, community-serving campus that supports both traditional activities (like the Rodeo, County Fair and Farmer's Market) and emerging needs (education, sustainability, and recreation). They seek thoughtful growth upgrades without overdevelopment, and accessibility without loss of character.



APPENDIX A

Prescott Farmer's Market
Visioning Workshop
Sign-In Sheet

Project Name:

Prescott Rodeo/Fairgrounds Master Plan

Project Number: Date: NOVEMBER 5, 2025

20250158

Location: V of A CO-OP EXTENSION
Purpose of Meeting: FARMERS MARKET STAKEHOLDER

Time: 7:00 AM

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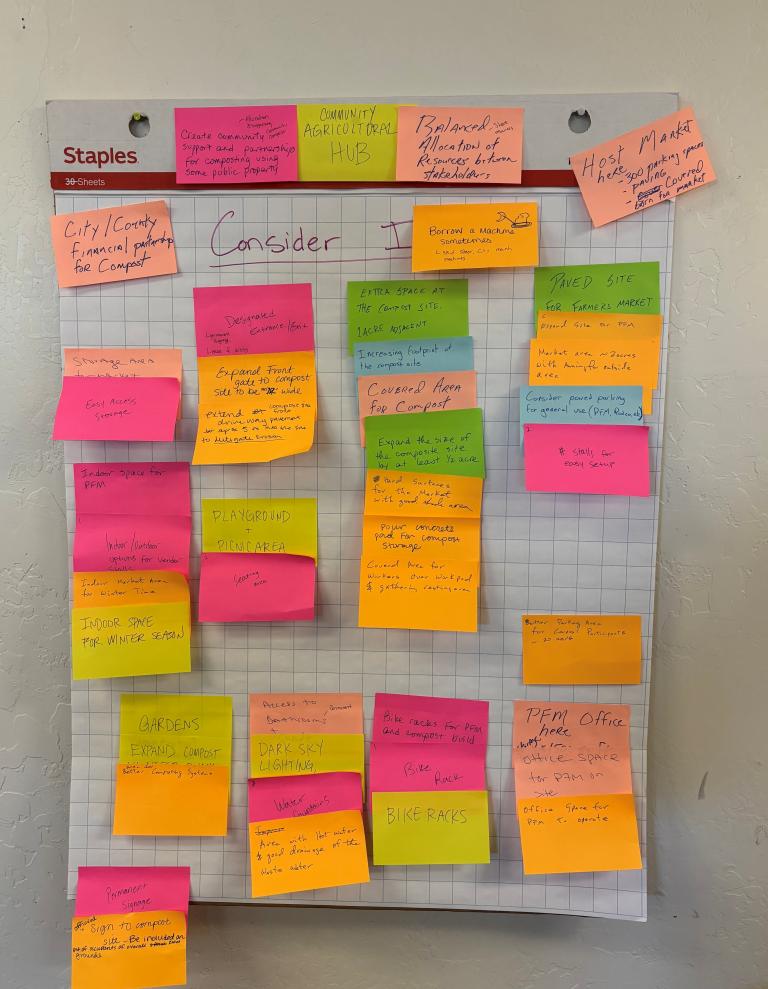
APPENDIX B

Prescott Farmer's Market
Visioning Workshop
Full Snapshot

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APPENDIX C

"Other Users"
Visioning Workshop
Sign-In Sheet

GH2 ARCHITECTS

Sign In Sheet

Project Name:

Prescott Rodeo/Fairgrounds Master Plan

Project Number:

20250158

Date: NOVEMBER 5, 2025

Location: U OF A CO-OP EXTENSION

Purpose of Meeting: OTHER STAKEHOLDER MTG.

Time: 9:00 ATM

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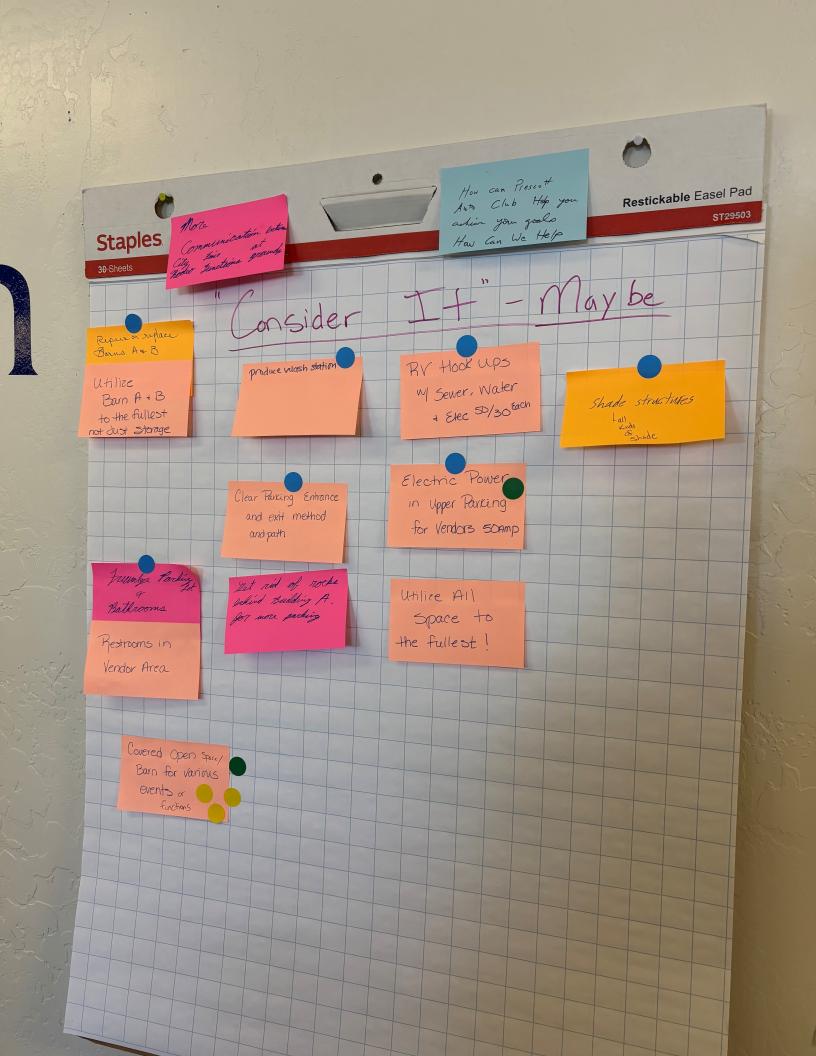


APPENDIX D

"Other Users"
Visioning Workshop
Full Snapshot









APPENDIX E

Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo
Visioning Workshop
Sign-In Sheet

GH2 ARCHITECTS

Sign In Sheet

Project Name: Prescott Rodeo/Fairgrounds Master Plan 20250158

Date: NOVEMBER 5, 2025

Location: U of A CO-OP EXTENSION Purpose of Meeting: RODEO STAKEHOLDER

Time: 1:00 PM

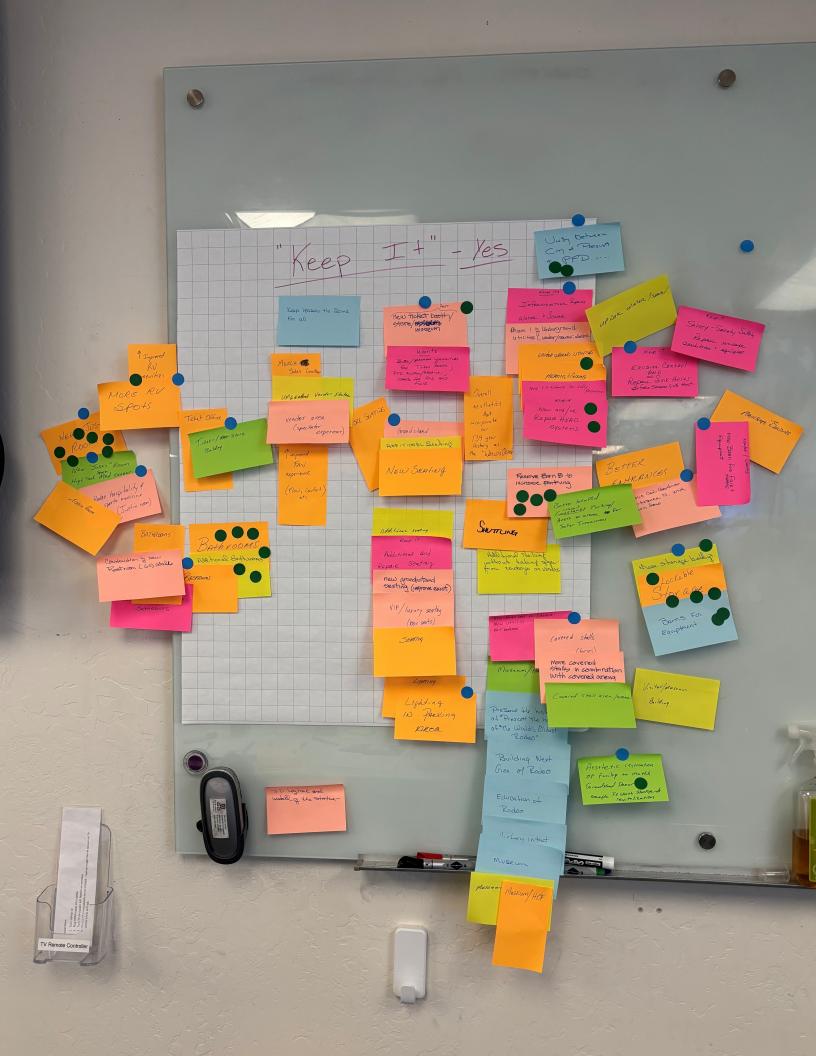
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APPENDIX F

Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo
Visioning Workshop
Full Snapshot









APPENDIX G

Local Neighborhood Visioning Workshop Sign-In Sheet

Sign In Sheet

GH2 ARCHITECTS

Project Name:

Prescott Rodeo/Fairgrounds Master Plan

Project Number:

20250158

Date: NOVEMBER 5, 2025

Location: V of A CO-OP EXTENSION

Purpose of Meeting: NEIGHBORHOOD MTG

Time: 5:00 PM

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APPENDIX H

Local Neighborhood
Visioning Workshop
Full Snapshot



