

Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Horace Mann Dual Language School

4:30-6:00 p.m., November 7, 2012

Discussion Highlights & Points of Agreement:

Attendance - Plan Steering Committee:

Shawn Farney, David Foster, John McKay, Mitch Mitchell, Debra Miller Stevens, Peggy Elliott, Sue Erwin, Susan Estes, Bryan Frye, Julie Hedrick, Dustin Kuhn, Cindy Miles, Jesse McCurry, Kurt Yowell, Randall Oliver.

Attendance - Project Staff:

Dave Barber, Scott Knebel, Jess McNeely, John Schlegel, Scott Wadle

1. Welcome and Introductions -

The meeting was called to order by Dave Barber. Barber indicated that a committee chair and vice-chair would be selected by committee members at the next meeting. Project staff and steering committee members proceeded to introduce themselves.

2. Review Committee's Roles and Decision-making Process -

Barber reviewed the roles and expectations of the steering committee in developing and recommending a new Wichita-Sedgwick comprehensive plan for consideration and adoption by Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. The committee will be supported by the project team and a technical advisory committee yet to be established comprised of city/county staff persons.

Following some discussion, committee members agreed (by show of hands) that all recommendations and decisions of the committee would be reached by a vote of the committee membership.

3. Review and Endorse Proposed Code of Conduct -

Committee members reviewed the tenets of a proposed 'code of conduct' developed by MAPD staff to guide general decorum during committee meetings. Following some discussion, committee members agreed to adopt the recommended code of conduct subject to the amendment that members will "accept group voting" in developing a recommended new comprehensive plan.

4. Review Project Scope, Work Plan and Project Timetable -

Barber reviewed project scope, work plan and timetable information during the presentation of materials itemized in Agenda Item #5.

5. Presentation and Discussion on Important Influencing Factors, 2011 City/County Infrastructure Assessment, and Relevant Community Visions -

Barber provided a PowerPoint presentation to inform committee members about the Community Investments Plan initiative. Information was also provided on the current state of city/county infrastructure assets, and various influencing factors that may impact the future economic growth and development of Wichita-Sedgwick County.

6. Review of WSU's Draft Community-wide Survey -

The committee members agreed that they would individually review the draft WSU survey and email their comments to Dave Barber by the end of the month. Barber will compile the individual comments received and email a compilation of these comments back to the committee members for review prior to a discussion on the survey at the next committee meeting.

7. Discuss Preferred Steering Committee Meeting Time/Day and Set Next Meeting -

Committee members agreed that late Wednesday afternoons (excepting the first Wednesday of each month) was generally a good time for committee members to meet. It was agreed to hold the next Committee meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Horace Mann School. Although the Horace Mann facility is available and convenient for committee meetings, some committee members expressed concern regarding the cramped quarters and the uncomfortable nature of the tables and chairs.

8. Other Business -

None

9. Adjourned -

5:55 p.m.