

Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Transit Van Maintenance Facility Conference Room

4:15-5:45 p.m., May 1, 2013

Discussion Highlights & Points of Agreement:

Attendance - Plan Steering Committee:

David Foster, Peggy Elliott, Sue Erwin, Susan Estes, Dustin Kuhn, John McKay, Cindy Miles, Randy Oliver, Richard Ranzau, James Roseboro, Gary Schmitt, George Sherman, Debra Miller Stevens.

Attendance - Project Staff:

Stephen Banks, Dave Barber, Scott Knebel, Jess McNeely, John Schlegel

1. Welcome and Introductions -

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peggy Elliott.

2. Examples of Future Community Scenario Development -

Dave Barber presented recent examples of alternative future community development scenarios from the cities of Austin, Texas and Tulsa, Oklahoma. Both cities developed generalized alternative spatial depictions of future population and employment growth over the next 20 years (e.g. growth centers vs. growth corridors vs. evenly distributed patterns of growth). Both cities also developed a preferred scenario (a blend of two or more alternate scenarios) upon which to develop their respective comprehensive plans. A scenario represents a blending of what is forecasted or likely and what is desired and possible for the community's future.

Barber indicated that the Plan Steering Committee will be responsible (June through September) for developing one or more viable future community development scenarios for Wichita and unincorporated Sedgwick County. Barber mentioned that the scenario development process should reflect the principles of maximizing the return on public dollar invested in infrastructure while minimizing future risks to our community. Scenarios should also consider important foundational elements identified thus far (community trends/challenges ahead; condition of our current public infrastructure; and, the WSU survey results related to investment priorities and willingness to pay). John McKay indicated that the various rural water districts that surround the City of Wichita could limit future growth and development opportunity options for the City of Wichita.

Scenarios developed by the Steering Committee will be taken out into the community for public feedback/comment in October and November. Based upon the public comment received, the Committee will then develop a preferred scenario (early 2014) to serve as the basis for the development of a new recommended joint comprehensive plan for Wichita-Sedgwick County.

Committee members discussed the level of detailed contained in these scenarios and the role that the preferred scenario has in dictating future population and job growth/development in the community. Staff reminded the Committee that the comprehensive plan serves as a guide to future infrastructure investment decisions, yet the plan needs to be flexible and adaptable to changes in the marketplace and economy. This is typically accomplished through an annual review and update of the plan.

3. Steering Committee Feedback -

Peggy Elliott asked Committee members how they thought things were going in terms of the comprehensive plan development process. No significant concerns or issues were raised. Information requests from some of the Committee discussion groups were discussed. Barber indicated that some of the requested information is contained in the materials (reports and maps)

that staff has already presented to the Committee. However, it is premature to assemble some of the information until such time as the community investment scenarios have been developed and a preferred scenario identified by the Committee. Barber suggested that at this point the Committee needs to collaborate as a group to develop one or more community investment scenarios, and then identify a preferred community scenario upon which to develop the plan in more detail.

4. Complete Prior Steering Committee Discussion on Relevancy of Community Trends and Challenges Ahead-

With assistance from staff, the Committee completed its evaluation and ranking of the relevancy of the identified community trends and challenges ahead to future public infrastructure priorities for the community.

5. Steering Committee Discussion on Impact of Current Public Infrastructure & Facility Conditions on Future Infrastructure Priorities-

With assistance from staff, the Committee evaluated and ranked the impact of the current condition of city and county public infrastructure assets on future public infrastructure priorities for the community.

6. Other Business -

None

7. Set Next Steering Committee Meeting -

May 15, 2013 from 4:15-5:45 p.m. at the Transit Van Maintenance Facility Conference Room. Mark Glaser will be presenting and discussing the results of the WSU community survey.

8. Comments from Public Attendees –

None

9. Adjourned -

5:45 p.m.