

Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting

MAPC Large Conference Room, 10th Floor, City Hall

4:00-6:00 p.m., September 17, 2014

Discussion Highlights & Points of Agreement:

Attendance - Plan Steering Committee:

Stacy Christie, Mitch Coffman, Susan Estes, David Foster, Matt Goolsby, Joe Johnson, Ken Lee, Cindy Miles, Mitch Mitchell, Bill Ramsey, James Roseboro, Debra Miller Stevens

Attendance - Project Staff:

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

1. Welcome -

The meeting was called to order by Susan Estes. Following a discussion on whether the meeting should be adjourned early to allow interested members the opportunity to attend the WDDC 'Fuel the Fire' Speaker Series at 5:00 p.m., a majority of the Committee voted against an early meeting adjournment.

2. Continued Committee Work on Future Land Use Policies -

Scott Knebel asked Committee members to write on the cards provided, their top three ideas, suggestions, concerns or solutions related to the development of the Locational Guidelines. The card responses were placed on the wall under the categories of Development Patterns, Land Use Compatibility and Urban Design. Committee members were then asked to use stick dots to indicate their top five priorities or areas of agreement.

A similar exercise was undertaken for the development of the Wichita Infill Strategy using the categories of Regulatory Barriers, Infrastructure Modernization, Neighborhood Concerns, Land Assembly and Financing, Areas of Opportunity, and Areas of Stability. Staff will take this information and develop draft materials for the Committee to review at the next meeting on October 8th. The results of these exercises are contained at the end of this meeting summary.

It was acknowledged that local developers with infill experience could provide valuable input to staff and the Committee regarding the development of an effective Wichita Infill Strategy. Staff will work with Wess Galyon from the Wichita Area Builders Association to bring local infill development expertise into future discussions regarding the development of the Wichita Infill Strategy.

Stephen Banks provided the Committee with the latest draft of the 2035 Wichita Growth Concept Map. Banks indicated that additional adjustments are still required regarding a few of the underlying land use designations.

3. Committee Review of Revised Plan Vision Statement and Guiding Policy Principles -

The Committee reviewed and discussed final wording changes to the draft Plan Vision Statement as well as the five Plan Guiding Policy Principles and associated Core Community Value Elements. Following some discussion, the Committee voted to approve the language in the draft document subject to the deletion of the word 'regional' in the Vision Statement.

4. Introduce Work on Public Safety Plan Element -

Dave Barber provided the Committee with an overview of materials that will help the Committee develop Goals and Strategies related to the Public Safety Plan Element. At the next Committee meeting, staff will take Committee members through an exercise of brainstorming, short-listing and prioritizing draft Goals and Strategies for this element.

5. Introduce Work on Financing and Funding Plan Element -

Barber provided the Committee with an overview of materials that will help the Committee develop Goals and Strategies related to the Financing and Funding Plan Element. At the next Committee meeting, staff will take Committee members through an exercise of brainstorming, short-listing and prioritizing draft Goals and Strategies for this element.

Committee members commented that it will be important to emphasize that the Capital Improvement Programs of Wichita and Sedgwick County need to be consistent with the priorities set forth in the Community Investments Plan.

6. Introduce Work on Plan Implementation -

Barber provided the Committee with an overview of material that will help the Committee develop an approach to successfully implementing the Plan and measuring its success. Plan Implementation has essentially two proposed elements ... 1. Developing an Investment Decision-making Framework; and 2. Developing an Approach to Plan Monitoring, Measuring Success and Adapting to Change.

It will be important to develop measurable criteria and benchmarks that indicate how well the Plan is performing and meeting expectations. At the next Committee meeting, staff will take Committee members through a brainstorming exercise to identify key Plan performance criteria.

7. Next Committee Meeting - October 8, 2014

8. Comments from Public Attendees -

- Public attendees need to comment on each agenda item rather than wait to the end of the meeting to comment. Following a Committee discussion on whether public attendees at the meetings should be given 2.5 minutes to speak to the Committee after each agenda item, a majority of the Committee voted against a motion to allow such.
- Concern that the draft Plan is not addressing growth and development issues in the unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County outside of Wichita's growth area – Plan needs to have minimal rules and regulations for these areas.
- Community high-speed broadband will be key to future economic development in our community.

9. Adjourned - 6:00 p.m.