



MEETING MINUTES (STEERING COMMITTEE)

JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING #2 OF VISION AND STEERING COMMITTEES

May 2, 2016
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Suite 220, County Administration Building

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representing the Vision Committee: Beth Tipton, Kris Darnell, Linda Duncan, Ruth Goode, Thomas Murphy, Tim Dineen, William Endo

Representing the Steering Committee: Bobby Thomas, County Commission Chairman R.J. (Pete) Amos, Claudia Castro, Greg Dolezal, County Planning Commission Chairperson Jayne Iglesias, Liz Shaw, Tim Perry, Vanessa Bernstein-Goldman

Representing Forsyth County: Tom Brown, Director of Planning and Development; Vanessa Bernstein-Goldman, Deputy Director of Planning and Development

Representing the Consultant Team: Amanda Hatton and Audra Rojek (Jacobs); Eric Bosman and Ben Miskelly (Kimley Horn Associates)

JOINT MEETING (6-6:45pm)

Joint Welcome & Planning Process

- **Highlights from Visioning Workshops**
- **Highlights from Stakeholder Interviews**
- **Community Survey Interim Update**

Amanda Hatton, project manager with Jacobs, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm with two members of the Vision Committee and one member of the Steering Committee absent (Steering Committee – Betty Pita; Vision Committee – Niti Patel, Troy Brumbalow).

An over presentation was given - no action taken.

Ms. Hatton began the meeting by introducing the planning team members that were present. Introductions were followed by a presentation that began with an overview of the meeting goals as well as summary information of where we are in the process, including an update on public engagement activities. The project is still in the Visioning Phase, with a large amount of effort



for the planning process occurring over May and June, beginning with the Design Workshops. Highlights from stakeholder interviews, the ongoing community survey, and priorities from the Visioning Workshop were provided.

Before completing the overview presentation, Ms. Hatton gave the floor to Eric Bosman, the project's land use lead with Kimley-Horn, who further emphasized the key ideas heard during the Visioning Workshops and how those ideas helped shaped the format of the upcoming Design Workshops. Eric walked through the outline of the Design Workshops and briefly described the different activities planned to gather input from the community at the meetings.

Group Discussion of Community Feedback

The planning team, led by Ms. Hatton and Mr. Bosman, then opened the floor up for group discussion regarding community feedback to date. The planning team asked specifically about how the process was going and what committee neighbors were hearing from neighbors, colleagues, and friends about the process. Committee members responded to this question but also reintroduced some key substantive topics that have repeatedly surfaced.

What are you hearing?

- *Availability of future water resources is an important consideration for future growth.*
- *Need for more jobs within the County, particularly due to the number of people leaving the County to work elsewhere.*
- *Understanding of what the comprehensive plan is/does and commitment to implement it.*
- *Perception or concern that there is an "agenda" of people leading the planning effort, by County leadership, the planning team (consultant team and County planning staff working on project), and others that are involved.*
- *Role of committee members and Board of Commissioners members at workshops – are they driving an agenda? They should sit back and listen.*
- *General angst regarding the timing of the plan update, which is targeted for adoption at the end of a Board of Commissioners (BOC) term cycle. Some new BOC members will take office in January. There is some believe that adoption of the plan should wait until new members of the BOC take office.*



STEERING COMMITTEE SUB MEETING (7-8pm)

Eric Bosman with the planning team called the subcommittee meeting to order at 6:58pm

Member Introductions

Present committee members briefly introduced themselves.

There was a motion by Pete Amos and a second by Jayne Iglesias to adopt the meeting minutes from April 11, 2016 as provided. Motion carried with eight members in favor (Thomas, Amos, Castro, Dolezal, Iglesias, Shaw, Perry, Bernstein-Goldman) and one member absent (Pita).

Identify Forsyth County Model Developments

Mr. Bosman asked the steering committee to come up of a list of model developments and places that Forsyth County can set as good examples. Steering committee members then located and labeled these places on maps. These mapped developments would be used to help supplement the imagery boards to be utilized at the design workshops.

Discussion- no action taken

Priority Areas Discussion

Mr. Bosman led the steering committee in an exercise to define general character areas. The steering committee members took a blank aerial map and divided the county into basic character areas. These character areas would be used to create an editable base map for the design workshops.

Discussion- no action taken

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.