



MEETING MINUTES (STEERING COMMITTEE)

JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING #3 OF VISION AND STEERING COMMITTEES

May 25, 2016

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Suite 220, County Administration Building

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representing the Vision Committee: Beth Tipton, Tim Dineen, Thomas Murphy

Representing the Steering Committee: Betty Pita, R.J. (Pete) Amos, Claudia Castro, Greg Dolezal, 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 Allison Stewart-Harris (Jacobs); Eric Bosman and Ben Miskelly (Kimley Horn and Associates)

JOINT MEETING (6-6:45pm)

Joint Welcome & Planning Process

- **Overview of public involvement**
- **Website update**
- **Community Survey results**

Amanda Hatton, project manager with Jacobs, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm with six members of the Vision Committee and two members of the Steering Committee absent (Steering Committee – Bobby Thomas, Jayne Iglesias; Vision Committee – Kris Darnell, Linda Duncan, Niti Patel, Ruth Goode, Troy Brumbalow, William Endo).

Before beginning the meeting, Ms. Hatton asked if there was a quorum of both committees; there was a quorum for the Steering Committee but not for the Vision Committee. The meeting then began with a brief presentation that reviewed public involvement activities to-date, reminded attendees of important upcoming dates, and introduced the Meeting in a Box concept.



Question: Do you know how long the Meeting in a Box will take?

Answer: Up to an hour, but probably at least 30 to 45 minutes.

The presentation then contained an overview of the Community Survey, which had over 4,000 responses. Ms. Hatton pointed out that 85 percent of respondents stated that they plan to be in Forsyth County in five years. Respondents like the quality of schools, cost of living, and open spaces most. Respondents were not supportive of diversifying the housing stock but were very interested in preserving the quality of schools and passive open space, while expanding the variety of jobs and presence of local restaurants. Ms. Hatton also then shared results from visioning statement exercise, including words that people liked and did not like.

Mr. Bosman presented results from the design workshops in the form of a series of development heat maps and a community character map. The character area map has been revised per feedback from the community. The GA 400 corridor now has two areas, and the north and south Lake Lanier areas are now their own areas. Mr. Bosman then presented the images that were most highly ranked in the visual preference exercise completed at the design workshops and shared the heat map results. He noted that the residential heat map may be misleading in that it does not represent priorities for housing discussed in the groups. Mr. Bosman then introduced the draft agenda for the upcoming Implementation Workshops.

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.

There were no questions from the group.

VISION COMMITTEE SUB MEETING

No official meeting of the Vision Committee took place due to failure to reach of quorum of Vision Committee members. County staff will determine the most appropriate next steps for Vision Committee involvement since the May 25 meeting was scheduled as the last formal involvement of the committee in the planning process.



STEERING COMMITTEE SUB MEETING (6:30-8pm)

Eric Bosman with the planning team called the Steering Committee sub meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Member Minutes

There was a motion by Tim Perry and a second by R.J. Amos to adopt the meeting minutes from May 2, 2016 as provided. Motion carried with seven members in favor (Pita, Amos, Castro, Dolezal, Shaw, Perry, Bernstein-Goldman) and two members absent (Thomas, Iglesias).

Deeper Dive into Design Workshop Outcomes

The steering committee discussed the differences in the meeting results and online survey results, focusing on how to reconcile the survey input into the growth maps. The committee also focused on current and planned sewer infrastructure and how to address development slated for the areas without the appropriate infrastructure.

The steering committee then revised the Community Character Map to take into account the most addressed subareas. The area around The Village was revised to include all appropriate surrounding residential. The steering committee decided to create a Lanier Character Area around the lake while following the community's recommendation to create a character area around Highway 20 north of South Forsyth (Haw Creek).

Character Area Refinement and Definition

The Steering Committee reviewed an implementation workshop guide. Eric Bosman led the steering committee through each individual character area to get a feel for the appropriate levels of intensity for each area. The Steering Committee gave feedback that was utilized and adapted for the voting exercise utilized in the implementation workshop.

Adjournment

There was a motion by Tim Perry and a second by Liz Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. Motion carried with seven members in favor (Pita, Amos, Castro, Dolezal, Shaw, Perry, Bernstein-Goldman) and two members absent (Thomas, Iglesias).