

Working Group (WG) Mtg. #15 Summary

April 19, 2010

Durango Library

4-6:30pm

NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA

April 26th

4 pm to 6:30 pm @ Durango Library

Agenda:

1. Discuss protocol on WG internal communications and observers
2. Review/discuss process to revise strategies (working draft attached from 6 WG member comments)
3. Review/discuss procedure for incorporating CEAP strategies
4. Review/discuss Working Group membership change (if any) for next phase of process
5. Review/discuss transition from Comp Plan draft (Community Profile/GP/Vision/Goals/Strategies) to Future Land Use Plan (Opportunities and Constraints Mapping/Suitability Mapping Analysis/Fiscal Impact Analysis/Build out Scenarios/Preferred FLUP)

PROPOSED FUTURE WG MEETING DATES (location TBD):

May 10- review and refine strategies

May 24- review and refine strategies and review next steps

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Participants:

Staff/Consultants: Charlie Deans, Gabe Preston, Tracie Hughes, Julia Stantic

Meeting participants: Dick Norton, Roy Horvath, Jeanine Justice, Sally Bellarue, Wade Moore, Travis Craig, Barbara Jefferies, Brian Kimmel, Jennifer Lopez, Dick White, Peter Trugillis, Jack McGroder

Discussion:

Charlie started the meeting describing where we are and what happens next. We are at the end of what is the policy framework of the Comprehensive Plan. Intend on spending this WG meeting and the next to review and revise strategies. In May, the planning team will be drafting the Comprehensive Plan document that will include:

- Community Profile
- Guiding Principles
- Visioning/Issues
- Goals/Strategies
- Community participation process.

The planning team will take the month of May to assemble and draft the Plan. In June the WG would review the draft Plan and make revisions. The draft Plan would then be available to the community for review and presented at workshops to prioritize the strategies that the community feels the county should move forward on.

In June the planning team will also begin the mapping and analyses that will be the groundwork for the Future Land Use plan. This will include mapping such as Opportunities and Constraints/Suitability Analysis/Fiscal Impact Analysis. The Future Land Use Plan will be developed through Build Out scenarios that will identify growth centers and land use intensities to help the WG and community make informed decisions. The FLUP process will begin with the WG (possibly an enhanced working group that will be more representative of geographic areas of the county) and then refined through meetings in the subareas of the county with planning subcommittees.

Then the Comprehensive Plan and the Future Land Use will be adopted by resolution (not ordinance) as an advisory document and serve as the basis for revising the Development Code (aka zoning). The Development Code will be adopted by ordinance and is regulatory.

Dick Norton suggested that subarea groups may need to have some basic knowledge of engineering- such as utilities- water sewer, roads. Charlie indicated they intend on having info for costs of infrastructure. Barbara asked about

zoning- Charlie indicated that it is intended that zoning will result from this overall planning process in the form of land use regulations; what that looks like is yet to be determined by the community. Barbara felt we need to state that zoning is part of this process - people are under the impression we are not getting zoning. Brian said that Charlie should not be reticent to use the "z" word. Charlie stated he was not but Brian suggested the staff is wary because of the public feeling about it. Barbara said that when the public thought zoning was happening, people came out of the woodwork. Charlie clarified that zoning regulations were not part of this phase of the Comp Plan process but we will be more transparent that it was intended to be part of the overall plan outcome (next two phases). Barbara suggested we might say we are developing a land use plan with the intention of zoning- it might bring people out. Charlie said it already has and that several new residents had attended the last round of community meetings who hadn't been involved in the process to date, which is a good thing, so there is more education and information that needs to be provided to minimize misperceptions.

Peter asked if the people who come to the meeting are going to be asked how to define their subarea area- is that going to be part of the process. Charlie said yes. Peter inquired if there is a process in place for the municipalities. Will there be an opportunity to have a focused discussion on what goes on around the city? Charlie said yes and this is another detail that is in the works that will be resolved during this transition period to the FLUP. Barbara reiterated she felt that people who live in an area should be making those decisions for what their area looks like. Charlie agreed and said this would be part of the process.

Dick W. asked about strategies that did not make it at the community workshops and that there were some gaps such as energy efficiency that needed to be included. Charlie said he received notes of comments made at the community workshops but didn't recognize additional strategies that were to be added. If Dick had additional strategies to send them to Charlie and they could be incorporated for the WG review.

On the strategies, Jen suggested minimizing what we look at and people honor the fact that things did not make it in- have people send the ones that they know did not make it in an email. Dick W reiterated that we never went thru and said what is missing. Charlie suggested it is difficult to have the public brainstorm strategies starting with a blank piece of paper as was done in the Ideas Forum, since strategies are more technical to craft in a way that they are implementable and some things may be missed, but it is also gives the residents a deeper involvement in the plan implementation so that is a good thing.

Charlie discussed the draft strategies that were in the handout and where we are today- we have a large number of strategies to work deal with and that the community workshop dot exercise was to both define where there was agreement and disagreement with the strategies from the Ideas Forum, and to try to reduce the total # of strategies (starting with those that had the highest level of disagreement) to a more manageable number for the community to prioritize in June.

There was discussion on the Comp Plan and whether it should focus only on Land Use related matters or the broader community goals. Gabe discussed that formatting the plan we can separate out collaborative strategies from programmatic strategies from land use strategies. Charlie reiterated that the Comp Plan needs to be a broad policy document dealing with community health, housing and social programs but gets more defined to land use in the forthcoming phases.

There was discussion on the process of revising the strategies and how to review them, either collectively, or individually and send in their revisions via e-mail to Charlie for the next meeting. Charlie suggested for those who want to make refinements to do that and send them to him by noon Wed (later extended to Thursday).