

City of Mount Vernon 2014 Comprehensive Plan

Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting

Monday, December 9, 2013

Mount Vernon Bank and Trust Lower Level Meeting Room – 6:30 pm

NOTE: meeting venue location change

Minutes of the 12/9/13 meeting

1) Welcome and Introductions

- Chad Sands, AICP, Community Development Director, ECICOG
- Approve minutes of last meeting
- Approve tonight's agenda

Meeting opened at 6:38. The committee introduced each other and minutes of the November meeting were approved.

2) Current Planning Efforts / Current Plan Review

Siders discussed several current city planning initiatives. First, he explained the city's five year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). A copy will be sent to all committee members. The CIP deals largely with scheduling of major transportation related projects. Siders also discussed the City's recently adopted Strategic Plan. A copy will be sent to all committee members. The Strategic Plan deals with seven important issues related to short term city growth and improvement (economic development, public safety, transportation, utilities, recreation and culture, general administration and community betterment). The Strategic Plan will work closely with the comprehensive plan to ensure consistency with short term and long term community goals.

3) Town Meeting Results

Sands reviewed the results of the November town meeting.

4) Community-wide Survey Discussion

The committee reviewed the 1995 survey and discussed the best way to administer a community-wide survey for the 2014 plan. Treva Heiser will work with 1995 survey committee to see if they will assist with the 2014 process. Sands will have a draft survey for review at the January committee meeting.

5) Census Data Review

Sands reviewed the updated census data and demographic information. The new information was based on city building permit data.

6) Set Sub-Committees Based on State Planning Legislation

Sands reviewed the sub-committee's intent based on last month's committee meeting. The committee had decided the following six sub-committees would be created: Land Use; Housing;

Transportation and Infrastructure; Economic Development; Quality of Life (includes historic preservation, parks and recreation and natural resources); and Government Facilities (includes joint planning efforts and natural hazards).

The sub-committees will be tasked with gathering information pertinent to their respective topic with regards to the future direction of the community. They will be able to utilize experts in their respective fields (i.e. the city engineer would be a useful source of information for the Transportation and Infrastructure sub-committee, etc.). Then the sub-committee would draft goals and objectives for their respective topic and bring it to the overall planning committee for review and approval.

It was decided that the sub-committees will meet over the next four or five months, giving status reports at the monthly committee meetings and then give their final reports (including goals, strategies and policies for their respective topic) at a committee meeting.

Sands will appoint the sub-committee members (based on committee member's wishes) for the January committee meeting.

7) Next Meeting Topics

Sands stated the next meeting's agenda – working on establishing the sub-committee's ground rules and schedule.

8) Set Next Meeting Date

- 2nd Monday of the month (January 13th) [6:30 pm Planning Committee]
- Back to the Council Chambers

9) Public Input

There was no public input.

10) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.