

# Core Committee Meeting #2 - Minutes

## CC MEETING #2 – 6/28/2011

**In Attendance:**

Core Committee

Dave Hensel (General)  
 Cleve Booker (General)  
 Ian Noyes (General)  
 Julie Stomper (General)  
 Isabel Waddell (General)  
 Jack Haddox (Transportation)  
 Dennie Arnold (Agriculture and Rural Heritage)  
 Pete Koson (Economic Development)  
 Diane Temple (Community Events and Facilities)  
 Amy Verbeten (Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation, via phone)

County Staff

Angie Rutherford

Consultant Team

Jennifer Zung (Harmony Design + Engineering)  
 Randy Blough (Harmony Design + Engineering)  
 Bruce Meighen (AECOM)  
 Rebecca Brofft (AECOM)

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Introductions
2. Summary of previous activities
  - a. Sub-committees met for meetings #1 and #2
  - b. Core committee met for meeting #1
  - c. Public outreach between sub-committee meetings
  - d. Identification and prioritization of community values, issues and opportunities
3. Core Committee meeting minutes approved, motion by Isabel Waddell, seconded by Dave Hensel
  - a. Revision to Issues section:
    - i. Under “us vs. them mentality presents problems” wording should be changed to “ ‘Widespread Panic vs. Glenn Beck’ should represent diversity, not division”, per an email from Jack Liebenthal
4. Procedure
  - a. Disagreements should be expressed informally in group discussion, unless a vote is determined to be necessary
5. Subcommittee Reports and Discussion
  - a. Each SC Chair reported on the top 5 Values, Issues and Opportunities for their committee. The Core Committee was asked “what is missing?” and “does this seem right?”.

*Economic Development*

Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• smart growth and stewardship encompasses other values</li> <li>• Promoting local business encompasses other more specific values</li> <li>• hospitality and tourism means being welcoming to people who come here, including businesses</li> <li>• economic diversity means embracing cultural diversity and diversifying our local economy</li> <li>• natural resources important basis of economy (both oil and gas AND scenery and</li> </ul>
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	habitat) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stewards to each other, to the environment, to our own economy, our agricultural community</li> </ul>
Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of economic development, jobs, economic diversity</li> <li>• Poor decisions at a government level</li> <li>• “Dumb” growth</li> <li>• Lack of branding and marketing</li> </ul>
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Branding and marketing the community</li> <li>• Economic development: diversity and stability, small business, local business, sustainable business</li> <li>• Smart growth strategies</li> <li>• Develop infrastructure (airport, utilities, capacity for large events)</li> <li>• <b>Additional Value/Opportunity:</b> Post-secondary education options (vocational, continuing education)</li> <li>• <b>Additional Value/Opportunity:</b> Being attractive to the desired type of businesses, a “business-attractive” community</li> </ul>

*Transportation*

Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure should effectively connect all transportation modes to promote mobility</li> <li>• Well-maintained infrastructure</li> <li>• Air, bike, drive and pedestrian transportation options</li> <li>• Trails</li> <li>• Convenience of air, bike, drive and pedestrian transportation options</li> </ul>
Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of funding</li> <li>• Poor infrastructure maintenance</li> <li>• Lack of air, bike, drive and pedestrian transportation options</li> <li>• Lack of appropriate public transit</li> </ul>
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop air, bike, drive and pedestrian options – improve mobility</li> <li>• Develop more bike paths to connect all communities within the County, and potentially to adjacent communities</li> <li>• Improve roads using current traffic data, update to a standard</li> <li>• Design roads based on “completeness” and community needs</li> <li>• Development of improved transit options for commuters and outdoor activities</li> <li>• Increased funding</li> </ul>

*Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation*

Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to public lands and access to our natural resources</li> <li>• Conservation of public lands and our natural resources (Clean air, clean water, wildlife/fisheries, climate)</li> <li>• Recreation for all user groups</li> <li>• Land use and respect for private property rights</li> </ul>
Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water management (contamination, scarcity, and flooding)</li> <li>• Human/wildlife interaction</li> <li>• Lack of access</li> <li>• Interaction between user groups and with land managers (including federal, state and local agencies as well as private property owners)</li> <li>• Natural resource and management</li> </ul>
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation of a Recreation District</li> <li>• Need development regulations that balance natural resources with growth, are</li> </ul>

	<p>predictable, preserve the economic value of land and are consistent with diverse community values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve and improve our current recreational opportunities</li> </ul>
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*Community Events and Facilities*

Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong sense of community and community stewardship</li> <li>• Activities for all ages, ranging from youth to seniors</li> <li>• Quality education</li> <li>• Our health, safety and community services, including services providers and facilities (health care and medical facilities, animal services, fire and emergency services)</li> </ul>
Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divisiveness in community</li> <li>• Underfunding of facilities and services (including at state level)</li> <li>• Need for greater diversity of affordable activities</li> <li>• Need for a recreation center</li> <li>• Need to expand and improve education</li> <li>• <b>Additional Issue:</b> Fire hydrants and fire protection access</li> </ul>
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can find common grounds by identifying shared values and priorities and acknowledging differences</li> <li>• Develop funding sources for education and other community facilities and services</li> <li>• Create a Recreation District (separate taxing district) and/or explore other funding opportunities</li> <li>• Develop community continuing and post-secondary education opportunities</li> </ul>

*Agriculture and Rural Heritage*

Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planned growth</li> <li>• Property rights</li> <li>• Open space/rural/views</li> <li>• Economical sustainable agricultural production</li> <li>• Small town atmosphere and local heritage</li> </ul>
Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth that is not planned well</li> <li>• Weeds and poor open spaces</li> <li>• Impacts of local climate on agriculture and sustainable farming and ranching operations</li> <li>• Loss of rural character and diminishing views</li> <li>• Unattractive properties - need to keep our attractiveness</li> <li>• <b>Additional Issue:</b> Drainage issues and flooding</li> </ul>
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to do planned growth in the right way without infringing on private property rights?</li> <li>• Incentives for farmers to farm</li> <li>• Converting platted land back to agriculture</li> <li>• Property rights</li> <li>• Family land splits</li> <li>• Local food production</li> <li>• Establish a Land District or other funding sources to protect agriculture and open space</li> <li>• <b>Additional opportunity:</b> Improving roads for agriculture, including dust abatement</li> <li>• <b>Additional opportunity:</b> Using CRP mixes on portions of unplatted land, open space</li> <li>• <b>Additional opportunity:</b> Using hot water and geothermal resources as an energy source in support of sustainable agriculture, creates jobs and promotes economic development</li> <li>• <b>Additional opportunity:</b> Protection of recharge of aquifers from irrigated agriculture</li> <li>• <b>Additional opportunity:</b> Clustering of all new development, limitations on large lots, potential rezoning</li> </ul>

- b. Other discussion:
  - i. The Transportation Committee didn't think they should address communication corridors. The Core committee asked that the transportation committee reconsider including communication corridors since it is different than communication facilities that would be in one location.
  - ii. Angie will recirculate meeting #2 minutes for natural resources and outdoor recreation (missing page in packet)
- 6. Initial Vision Statement Guidance
  - a. Circle specific words included in the items identified by the Sub-Committees that you feel should be included in the vision statements
- 7. Project Schedule
  - a. Discussed current pace of schedule and many have expressed that it is too quick and would like more time to review documents prior to meetings.
  - b. Generally agreed that more time between meetings would give staff more time to prepare and get materials to committee members ahead of meeting times.
  - c. Flexibility to consider a schedule extension of 1-2 months, with potential reallocation of meetings in the fall and winter months
  - d. Next subcommittee meetings will be rescheduled for the week of July 11 instead of the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 8. Next Steps
  - a. Nest Subcommittee meetings will include
    - i. Review of a working draft of the vision document, which will consider values, issues and opportunities that have been identified
    - ii. Data sources and maps will be provided to committees
    - iii. Identify site-specific opportunities and constraints on maps
  - b. Community Vision Workshop to present draft vision document to be scheduled in August.

The meeting was closed at 7:50 p.m.