
Core Committee Meeting #3 - Minutes

CC MEETING #3 – 8/23/2011

In Attendance:

Core Committee

Dave Hensel (General)
Cleve Booker (General)
Ian Noyes (General)
Dennie Arnold (Agriculture and Rural Heritage)
Pete Koson (Economic Development)
Diane Temple (Community Events and Facilities)
Amy Verbeten (Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation,)
Tim Adams (Transportation)

County Staff

Angie Rutherford

Consultant Team (Team 2020)

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

1. Core Committee meeting #2 minutes approved, motion by Tim Adams, seconded by Amy Verbeten.
2. Angie stated that the county is working on getting high school students involved in the process. At some point the students will present their recommendations to the CC.
3. Review and discussion of the draft Vision Document:
 - a. Each SC Chair reported on their subcommittee's comments regarding the draft vision statement. Other members of the CC made additional comments and suggestions for revisions. The following is a summary of the revisions.
 - i. *Transportation*
 1. The Transportation SC has been tasked with addressing communications corridors. It was decided that the development of a communications master plan is beyond the scope of this project and that developing a communications overlay may become an implementation strategy.
 2. A comment was made that the wording from the Transportation meeting minutes regarding having coordination between the agencies is good.
 3. It was noted that transportation improvements need to be "appropriate" for a rural community. This means that sidewalks would not be planned for rural areas, etc. The CC discussed adding the word "appropriate" to the vision statement but it was decided to leave the wording as is.
 4. The CC recommended replacing the photo of the potholes in the Vision Document with photo #6 (sketch of a complete street) in order to present a more positive vision.
 - ii. *Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation*
 1. The NR SC wants to stress preservation and enhancement of natural resources as being fundamental to our economic future.

2. The SC felt that the language “all user groups” is important in the vision.
3. The CC recommended adding language regarding the “acquisition of open space by a variety of means” in the Guiding Principles. This means that open space would be purchased since CC members felt this is an important issue to many landowners in the valley
4. The idea of creating a “voluntary open space tax” (similar to Crested Butte, CO) was suggested as a possible means of acquiring open space.
5. All CC members present were asked for their opinion and all agreed that that the acquisition of open space should be addressed as a guiding principle in Ag & Rural Heritage and the Natural Resources and Recreation vision statements

iii. Agricultural and Rural Heritage

1. The CC recommended adding language to the Guiding Principles regarding creating a means for compensating property owners for open space.
2. The CC recommended adding the language “where appropriate and viable” to the Opportunity regarding returning platted land back to agricultural production.
3. The CC recommended adding a more precise description of open space to include large parcels of private land.
4. The CC recommended adding the word “enhance” to the vision statement.

iv. Economic Development

1. The CC recommended adding “locally owned” to the first Guiding Principle regarding encouraging and promoting valley businesses.
2. The CC recommended adding “innovative and creative” to the last Guiding Principle.
3. The CC recommended adding a stronger statement regarding support of local agriculture.
4. The CC recommended adding a statement regarding coordinating and collaborating economic development strategies.
5. The NIMBY issue was discussed and will need to be addressed in subsequent phases of the comp planning process.

v. Community Events and Facilities

1. The need to coordinate recreation facilities with the cities was discussed.
 2. The CC recommended adding “recreation center” specifically to the Opportunities in response to the numerous public comments about a recreation center.
 3. The CC also recommended adding 4H specifically to the opportunities.
4. All CC members agreed that the vision document could be presented to the public once revisions were made to address the recommendations discussed at this meeting. Team 2020 will revise the document prior to the public workshop on Thursday.
 5. Once the public has an opportunity to comment on the Vision Document, final revisions will be made and the document will be presented to the County Commissioners and P&Z at the meeting on September 20th. Team 2020 will distribute the document after revisions have been made based on public comments to the CC members. CC members can then submit any changes or concerns back via email to Team2020.
 6. The CC recommended that the strongest endorsement be requested from the elected officials including approval and adoption of the Vision Document.
 7. It was noted that “neighborhoods” are not currently being addressed by any of the subcommittees. The CC agreed that this is something that needs to be addressed by Economic development and/or Agricultural and

Rural Heritage. For now, Team2020 will show neighborhood areas on the Economic development map to be presented at the Vision Workshop on Thursday. The neighborhoods will be located in areas where significant existing parcelization and building has already occurred.

8. The consultant gave a brief description of how the public visioning workshop will be organized. All CC members were encouraged to get the word out to the public to participate.
9. The Agricultural & Rural Heritage committee is currently communicating with individuals from Whitefish MT, Boulder CO, and other areas to arrange a visit from them to discuss their experiences regarding open space and open space acquisition.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.