

COMMUNITY PLANNING
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 15

ATTENDEES: D. Nelson, E. Wilson, F. Nelson, J. Foritano, L. Redling, A. Ellison, L. Wiegenstein, C. Wood, B. Fox, A. Kellis
Planners – Larry Keeton, Pete Sullivan
Seven guests participated in the meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Planner Jim Bolger has accepted a position in Canada and Larry Keeton, Director of the Department of Community Development (DCD) will be replacing Jim as the County planner working with the group. There will not be a meeting in August. Public Open Houses will be planned for late October or early November.

PLAN TIMELINE

Larry Keeton described our planning effort as likely being a two-year process. He explained that having a Plan in place helps to control growth and provides an opportunity for our community to help define what our future will look like. *“If you don’t define your future, someone else will.”*

VISION STATEMENTS

The four Plan vision statements (Environment, Parks & Recreation, Land Use and Economy) were reviewed.

The Environment Vision added a statement about new technologies (i.e. cell tower design should reflect rural character.)

The Parks & Recreation Vision was discussed at length. Concern was expressed regarding impacts of public use for residents living near the parks. The County will rewrite the statement and the group will review and make comments via e-mail.

The Economy Vision was also discussed at length. The question for economy is whether or not the area is being developed for tourism. An attendee stated that development is not likely to occur downtown due to its proximity to wetlands and challenges with soils in accommodating septic needs. It was then brought up that current technologies exist that can handle the septic demands and allow for expansion in the downtown area. The County will rewrite the statement and the group will review and make comments via e-mail.

The Land Use Vision was accepted as written.

Plan vision statements will be presented to the public for their input during the fall Open Houses.

FAQs

Pete Sullivan reviewed the list of FAQs that will be used in the publicity campaign for and during the public Open Houses in the fall. Group discussion provided additional information to be included in the FAQs.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The next meeting will be the third Tuesday in September (9/16). The remaining elements will be discussed and vision statements will be written for Transportation, Public Safety, and Public Facilities.