



## **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE- Summary Minutes**

Zoom Webinar

**October 20, 2020, 6:00 PM**

**CAC Members Present:** Rick Duncan, Cameron Ewing, Louisa de Heer, Ann Vaughn, Kate Perle, Hans Wittig, Mary Leontovich, Jon Belcher, Louie Vidmar

**Community Members Present:** Carleen Reilly, Don Daniels

**Staff Present:** Terri Harding, Chelsea Hartman, Elena Domingo

### **Agenda Items**

#### **1. Standing Items**

- Introductions and checking-in.

#### **2. Public Comments**

- Carleen Reilly – introduced herself and said she’s looking forward to what people have to say tonight.
- Don Daniels – introduced himself and said he bought a house in River Road area in March, has been reading about the neighborhood plan and corridor study and is a fan of the working going on. Asked about the definition of “affordable housing.”
  - Terri responded with some different definitions of “Affordable Housing” and “affordable housing”.

#### **3. Debrief CAC feedback and Discuss Next Steps**

- Chelsea talked through themes heard during the CAC check-ins.
- Jon gave an update about scheduling RRCO review of topic areas over the next few months, said he also reached out to include key stakeholders and goalkeepers.
- Chelsea paused for a discussion about priorities, there’s been some confusion about what prioritization means. From a staff perspective, priorities help give us a starting point to know where to focus time and resources.
- Discussion about who prioritization is for, looking at priorities as bigger themes vs. individual actions, and needing a definition of priority to move forward.
- Cameron and Jon shared that they got together and used outreach and surveys and working group member feedback to prioritize Land Use actions based on neighborhood importance and the feedback they’ve heard repeatedly.
- Talked about how some priorities were not chosen by CAC members, Julie chose them based on what she heard from the community, because CAC hadn’t done it themselves.

- Terri said she's been thinking about how priorities look a little different by topic area, because implementation might look different based on tools available. It's helpful to have Land Use priorities to know what code amendments may be needed and Community priorities to know where to focus energy, but Transportation, Economic Development, and Parks and Natural Resources may have more broad priorities vs. specific actions.
- Jon and Cameron were asked for more information about how they came up with Land Use priorities.
- Discussed community organizations setting priorities for community goals because they'll be the ones implementing them and advocating for structures, programs, and funding.
- Talked about RRCO incorporating a review of priorities when they review the actions and whether it feels okay for the few people who show up to neighborhood meetings right now to be deciding on priorities for the community. Discussion about how they have heard from the community for years and will have the opportunity to get more feedback later.
- Chelsea noted that the Action Plan Highlights do a good job of capturing the community's priorities and maybe for Economic Development, Transportation, and Parks and Natural Resources these highlights/policies are the focus priorities, then we use Land Use priority list from Jon and Cameron, and RRCO and SCCO determine Community priorities.
- There was some support for different topic areas having different processes for prioritization, recognizing the uniqueness of each area. It will be up to goalkeepers to determine how to present their priorities.
- There was a reminder that this is a living document and priorities will change over time. It's not intended that the priorities we set now will guide the neighborhoods for 30 years exclusively without alteration. There's also a Land Use action that includes comprehensively reviewing the plan every 5 years.
- Terri thanked everyone for taking the time to check-in with staff and letting Chelsea and Elena do some listening and understanding of some of the backstory.

#### **4. LTD Santa Clara Station Update**

- Kate gave an update about the LTD Board meeting on Wednesday, in which they will be discussing selling the property near Santa Clara station as surplus as they see fit.
- Shared feelings of disappointment and discouragement and asked those who want to give testimony at the LTD Board meeting.
- Talked about City's desire to plan for and potentially purchase this property, but can't financially do so at the moment, and ideally LTD would wait to sell so we can work collaboratively on the future of this site.

#### **5. Action Plan and Remaining Work**

- Chelsea talked about the purpose and limitation of the Action Plan.
- Discussed post-adoption and implementation expectations, including CAC and the neighborhood's role once the plan is adopted.
- Chelsea said the intent is that City and County departments would lead certain actions and others would be community driven. The RRSC Neighborhood Plan would be taken into account as new work plan items and funding sources come up, taking advantage of resources when they are available to support the plan. When resources aren't available, the

community can advocate for their priorities by talking to council/board to influence staff work plans and budget decisions.

- Talked about pulling a draft of the Neighborhood Plan document together before the November meeting. Mary, Kate, and Ann would like paper copies.
- Chelsea talked about the remaining work for the plan. She will share the Neighborhood Plan document outline and the PowerPoint from the meeting tonight.
- Mentioned that an intern may have drafted some of the historical pieces of the plan a few years ago.

## **6. Corridor Study**

- Chelsea talked about the Corridor Study code and how the current draft is generally long, complex, and is probably too strict.
- Shared expectations that the Corridor Study was going to help give us an idea about feasibility, but it just looked at market conditions, not ways the code could improve that feasibility.
- Terri said that LTD and the City are working together to get the deliverables from the consultants closer to our expectations. Once we have the final deliverable, we'll have more ownership over the product and can work more in depth to move the code forward.
- Talked about the challenges of building new vs. retrofitting existing buildings. Looking more at retrofitting could help keep rents low and would like to generally see more information about this.
- Talked about the current code draft being too one-size-fits all and should be recognizing the more challenging smaller properties. Talked about wanting to see a building model that, for example, incorporates one restaurant in an apartment building, without having to fill ground floor with commercial tenants – horizontal mixed-use as opposed to vertical mixed-use.

## **7. Next Steps**

- Recapped that the plan moving forward for prioritization would be: Goalkeepers work on prioritization of their actions as it makes sense to them and send to Chelsea and Elena, then staff will give updated actions and priorities to Jon and Kate for RRCO and SCCO to review.
- Staff will start compiling a draft neighborhood plan document for the next CAC meeting and get paper copies to those who'd like one (Mary volunteered to pick them up and drop off to the few who have asked for hard copies), will work on an updated timeline with PMT and a list of remaining tasks.
- We will likely focus on land use next meeting, we need to develop code concepts so staff has direction to begin working on code amendments to support the neighborhood plan.
- CAC would like the PowerPoint slides from tonight and PMT summary minutes.

Adjourn.

## Follow-Ups

- Given the uniqueness of each topic area, it will be up to goalkeepers to determine how to present their priorities.
  - For example, Economic Development, Transportation, and Parks and Natural Resources might use the Action Plan Highlights or overarching policies as priorities, Land Use priorities were based on review of community input and working group feedback, and RRCO and SCCO could determine Community priorities because they will be involved in the implementation of many of those actions.
- RRCO will review SCCO's edited version of topic areas over the next few months, including reviewing the priorities.
- SCCO will review proposed priorities.
- Staff will share the PowerPoint from the CAC meeting and the Neighborhood Plan document outline.
- Staff will start compiling a draft neighborhood plan document for the next CAC meeting and get paper copies to those who'd like one (Mary volunteered to pick them up and drop off to the few who have asked for hard copies)
- Staff will work on an updated timeline with PMT and a list of remaining tasks.
- Staff will send out PMT summary minutes after we meet to keep CAC looped in to what's happening.