

Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting April 17, 2014

Present: Bob Downie, Don Newell, Jim Perry, Lori Roming, Ken Murch, Chia Murdock, Emily Newell, Sonia Antunes, John McIntire

Emily reviewed what we have done and what remains.

We have asked people what they like about Unity and what they want changed.

We have created a vision based on what people told us in the visioning session and in surveys.

We have not completed the inventory.

We have not yet compiled policies for the new plan.

What should we ask people at our next series of public meetings.

We have not yet created/revised our land use plan.

We have not finished writing the plan.

Emily made assignments related to inventory.

Transportation: questions for sheriff's dept about accidents and traffic - Don

Police and Ambulance - Sydney

Solid Waste - Ken

Cemeteries & sewer system - Bob

Recreation - Chia & Sonia

Don: We need to investigate standards for information about energy in other plans, since we didn't have a section for it in the old plan.

Emily reviewed her changes to the summary of visions, goal, strategies and gathered comments.

Jim: several people have mentioned that the comp plan needs to consider costs of what we recommend. Don: the plan should include language about cost-benefit data for things we recommend.

Jean: publish the revised list of goals/strategies a couple of weeks before the next visioning session.

Pick a date for the next visioning session.

Emily away may 1 - 11

Jean away Apr 22 - May 6

Emily edits goals/strategies document, then passes to Jean.

Jean finishes her edits and distributes to committee by May 1.

May 8: committee review of edited document.

We want to schedule a series of public meetings starting at the end of May.

Should we talk about land use plan at the next visioning session?

Probably not, maybe we can invite the ordinance committee to join us for a meeting to discuss our common goals.

Chia: Some towns have an academic district. Unity College could be in an academic district.

Lori: what is the timeline for submitting the plan to the state. They take months to review. We have to be approved by the state before putting it before town meeting.

Format of next visioning session: Maybe a series of meetings on one or two visions at a time.

We should also do the goals/strategies document as a survey.
After we get survey results, we will have a series of smaller public meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.