

Unity Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting  
June 4, 2015

Present: Don Newell, Emily Newell, Ken Murch, Jean Bourg, Tony Avila, John McIntire.

Jean mentioned that we need minutes from past meetings. She will email everyone who took minutes to send them to her for posting.

Emily: Our agenda is to work on prompts for the next forum. (June 25, 6 pm at the Firehouse). The format will be randomized small groups with 4 or 5 topic areas. Each group will select all of the topics they are interested in. They can focus on just the topics that interest them, but if any one person is interested in a topic, it will get at least 5 minutes.

Tony: why not do it as one big group.

Emily: We tried that at the last forum and it wasn't effective.

More people will get to talk; not everyone is comfortable speaking in a large group.

Ken: comparing 6 groups to one big group, in the big group only a sixth of the people will get to speak.

Jean: The forum is not for making decisions; it is for gathering information on what people think.

Don: we believe the most feedback will come from randomized small groups.  
We're trying to set it up so that the questions are clearer.

Emily shows a sample discussion sheet on manufacturing.

Right now manufacturing can go anywhere. We need to list what we currently have for manufacturing. What performance standards should apply for manufacturing?

Tony: you could show what a manufacturer is now, and what it could expand to, eg. the trailer maker in town and the big Winslow version of that.

Ken: topic: limiting heavy traffic on back roads. List of possible businesses that might want to go there. Plus all the variety of deliveries.

What is the current state of rules about it. Posting in season is all we have now.

Rule might use load per square inch, rather than just size of truck.

How can we encourage new development to go on the 3 state roads instead of local roads rather than requiring that it does.

John and Don: walkability topic. John focuses on Depot Street. Don has several questions to ask to get people thinking.

Retail, services, lodging: what can go where. Jean will prepare something on this for next week. Show pictures of B&B, small local motel, chain motel.

Services: photos. Check with Sarah to see if services can be separated from other retail.

Forum will give 90 minutes to group discussion, then 5 minutes for each group to report to the big group.