

Minutes of the CLRPC Meeting of July 22, 2016

Pursuant to a notice filed with the Town Clerk, the Comprehensive Long Range Plan Committee (CLRPC) met at 8:00 a.m. on July 22, 2016 in the First Floor Meeting Room, 141 Keyes Road, Concord, MA.

Members Present:

Gary Kleiman, Co-Chair

Wally Johnston

Nick Pappas

Peter Hunter

Barron Lambert

Barbara Morse

Wade Rubenstein

James Bryant

Judith Zaunbrecher

Jane Hotchkiss, Select Board Liaison

Marcia Rasmussen, DPLM Director

Elizabeth Hughes, Town Planner

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kleiman at 8:00 a.m.

Discuss Plan Draft Table of Contents

The Committee reviewed the draft Table of Contents template put together by Planning Staff. Ms. Hughes explained how a Table of Contents modeled from the Nashville Plan differs from previous Concord plans because the first three chapters are devoted to establishing the community vision, identifying the trends and issues and then developing guiding principles.

The Committee agreed that it would start with more emphasis on the community vision, get the qualitative and quantitative data and statistics on the trends and issues and then prioritize what matters most for the Town of Concord in developing the guiding principles and strategies for moving forward. It was determined that adopting the Nashville methodology was a good step forward, but Concord's plan would start with the vision for the future.

Review & Discuss APA Best Principles: Livable Built Environment & Harmony with Nature

The Committee determined that as each principle is discussed, they would create a list of ideas for creating the vision, ideas for developing the communication and outreach plan, ideas for trends and issues, and areas where more data is needed.

The Committee went through the 11 APA Best Practices for Livable Built Environment to make sure all of the members had the same understanding of what each principle means.

The Committee flagged the following ideas that will need to be important to think about while moving forward; how will the livable built environment need to change with the aging population; location and distribution of basic services; what are the hazards zones and not

creating additional hazard zones through land use, and; understanding what Federal and/or State mandates may influence changes to the character of Concord.

The Committee would like to obtain maps of hazard zones, Zoning Districts, potential for in-fill development, PRD developments, basic service locations and get data on traffic on major roads, and population projections.

Mr. Kleiman asked if there was any public comment regarding the discussion of Livable Built Environment. Cynthia Rainey, 80 Hunters Ridge Road commented that with the various map applications on smartphones, people are moving off major roads and onto side roads. She wondered if the community wants to look at strategies for keeping commuters on the major roads.

The Committee went through the 10 APA Best Practices for Harmony with Nature and discussed how this environmental theme flows through all of the other issues that the Town is facing.

Mr. Rubenstein felt it would be important to get data on power and water usage and conservation efforts so that the community can make informed decisions for the future on how they want to use those resources.

Mr. Lambert thought with the principal of Harmony with Nature is an area where Concord is a good example of a community doing a good job, but the community could take the next step to advance the good things we are doing already. Mr. Kleiman pointed out there are some community members that think Concord is focusing too much on this topic. It was determined that this concept would be a good community outreach topic, as well as, looking at the cost benefits associated with this principle.

The Committee agreed that they would need assistance from the consultant in understanding the complexity of how all of the various principles overlap and positively and negatively affect each other.

The Committee had a discussion regarding climate change and the need to capture the data and impact to other aspects of the community, such as energy, water, roads, agriculture. It was determined that engaging the student population to make sure they have a voice in the Plan would be important.

Mr. Kleiman asked if there was any public comment regarding the discussion of Harmony with Nature. Wendy Rovelli, 42 Bow Street, thought there was a lot of great content the Committee was discussing and it would be great to get this on the web site.

Minutes of July 8, 2016

Mr. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of July 8th. Mr. Rubenstein seconded the motion. Mr. Johnston noted that he was present at the meeting, but not listed. Ms. Zaunbrecher pointed out that the date of the approved minutes was June 24th. The minutes were approved as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Boynton, Clerk