

Joint Meeting of the City Council and Board of County Commissioners - Meeting #1 Notes

Thursday, January 27, 2008

Attendance

City Council and Mayor:

Mayor Dave Kinskey, Councilors John Bigelow and Mona Hansen

Board of County Commissioners:

Bob Rolston, Terry Cram, Steve Maier

Staff and Consultants:

Mark Reid (County), Robert Briggs (City), Ben Herman and Lesli K. Ellis (Clarion)

Agenda/Topics

1. Introductions (Elected officials, staff, and consultants)
2. Joint Comprehensive Plan Process and Purpose
3. Brainstorm "issues"
4. Wrap-up (future meetings, etc.)

Handouts: Draft "Objectives", draft "Issues", and Joint Comprehensive Plan Base Map

Comments / Discussion

Joint Comprehensive Plan Process and Purpose

The consultants presented the draft objectives and Joint Comprehensive Plan (Joint Planning Area – JPA) Base Map (see attached). Officials offered the following comments:

- Part of the objective is to make sure that coordination occurs regarding utilities and transportation.
- The JPA is the "area of influence"—to look at as part of a comprehensive plan process. It is larger than the "one-mile" Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) area and the Urban Service Area boundary for that reason. Recognize that the areas to the east and west may not become urban.
- This project will help establish whether utilities versus growth planning will be drivers of locations for growth.

- This joint effort gives us an opportunity to talk about growth—what are desired patterns?
- The officials discussed whether the boundary should shift to the north and determined that it is adequate as shown. The current boundary is consistent with several other studies and will enable the planning team to use consistent data.
- The JPA boundary does not affect the MOU boundary.
- Sewer feasibility studies in the county are getting started. The problem is that sewer along Coffeen Avenue at some point will not have sufficient density (to serve). Will the county build on their own? Sewer feasibility studies will determine.
- Parks – will the plan address areas where parks should occur where urbanization will take place? The Pathways Plan is completed. This plan can provide general recommendations for parks and open space.
- The officials present agreed that the draft “objectives” for the project are accurate.

Issues

The consultants presented the draft “issues”. Officials discussed and offered comments, as follows:

- New industry versus existing industry may need to be distinguished on the Future Land Use map.
- Identify commercial zones (for retail services, other locations for commercial).
- Address options for traditional residential patterns, such as clustering.
- Address: floodplains, steep slopes, wildlife, and gravel resources.
- Officials present discussed the concept of a future joint city/county planning office.
- The officials present agreed the “joint issues” for the project are appropriate.

Wrap-Up, Next Steps

The county will hold meetings in early February to discuss general growth patterns for the Joint Planning Area. Following that round of meetings, the city and county will continue to work together to refine land uses within the JPA boundary. Staff will provide updated mapping information to the consultant, and the consultant will make corrections to the planning base map.