

East County Sector Plan Advisory Committee June 12, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

June 12, 2008, scheduled for 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. The meeting started at 5:20 p.m. and ended at 7:20 p.m. The meeting took place at the Asheville Branch Library, 4614 Asheville Highway.

People in Attendance

Advisory Committee Members in attendance: Laura Cole, East Knox County CAC; Larry Noe, Riverdale Community Club; John Webber, Three Rivers Preservation Association; Elaine Clark, French Broad Preservation Association; Bob Wolfenbarger, Thorne Grove Community Club; Chris Wolfenbarger (attending for Donna Bohon), 8th District Preservation Association;. * Susan Frazier, Waterville Line was added to the committee during this meeting.

County Commissioner in attendance, included: Victoria DeFreese, Mark Harmon, and Phil Ballard. Commissioner Dave Wright could not attend this meeting due to his father's surgery. Also, approximately 35 citizens attended this meeting. Staff in attendance, included: Jeff Archer, MPCCommittee Facilitator; Mike Carberry, MPC and Amy Brooks, TPO.

Introductions

Staff asked the all meeting attendees to introduce themselves. Commissioner Phil Ballard then addressed the group with opening remarks.

Purpose of Committee

Staff read out loud the purpose of the committee, stating that “The purpose of the East County Sector Advisory Committee is to guide the planning process used in updating the East County Sector Plan.”

Items discussed included:

- Relocation of meeting place within sector boundaries
- Purpose of the committee
- Representation on the committee,
- Previous sector plan processes
- Survey issues

Staff clarified questions regarding the purpose of the advisory committee that it is in fact an advisory committee established to develop and guide the **process** and **NOT a committee make plan recommendations.**

Ground Rules

Staff read out loud the purpose Ground Rules of the committee, see attached Ground Rules document for more detail. Committee members amended the rules by striking item 1 under Media Relations, which read as follows:

“Contact with the media on behalf of the Committee shall be made only by MPC or another member or members designated by the Committee.”

In addition, the committee amended a typo on the document, item “G”, changing the headline from “Media Relations” to “Commitment to Consensus.” Also, under “G”, number 1 was amended to read:

“Inform the organizations about the work of the committee” from what it previously read, “Fully inform the public about the work of the committee.” Elaine Clark made a motion to adopt the ground ruled, including the purpose. The motion was seconded by Laura Cole. The motion was adopted with two people abstaining, Chris and Bob Wolfenbarger.

* Commissioner Phil Ballard made a motion to add Susan Frazier, Waterville Line Group to the committee. The motion was seconded by Bob Wolfenbarger and passed.

Survey and Related Public Input

Staff stated that at the previous meeting the group decided to work with MPC to amend the survey and MPC staff agreed with this course of action.

There was discussion about the survey, the validity of the results, the manner in which they were distributed, and other related items. Staff clarified the intent, purpose and use of the survey. Bob Wolfenbarger made a motion not to use a survey at this time and to not use the results of the original survey. The motion also specified that the individuals that filled out the survey should be contacted to notify them that their responses to the survey would not be used but they are invites to participate in the planning process. This motion was seconded by Phil Ballard and passed.

Commissioner Phil Ballard asked the committee to make a decision if he should or should not serve on the committee. After discussion, Elaine Clark made a motion to add Commissioners Phil Ballard and Dave Wright to the committee. The motion was seconded by Laura Cole and passed with no opposition.

Discussion of First Public Meeting

There was discussion concerning the timing of the meeting, facility, format, visuals that needed to be provided, and content to be presented. Staff proposed having break-out groups to address issue identification that could aid MPC in developing a draft plan.

A motion was made by Elaine Clark and seconded by Laura Cole to have a meeting on either July 17th, 24th or 31st at one of the schools within the sector. The meeting will cover the role of the sector plan, background planning information, and an overview of the previous sector plan. MPC will provide hand-outs for land use classification and large oversize maps. Participants will be provided with cards so, they can write their questions down. The motion was seconded by Laura Cole and passed with no opposition.

Other Items

Staff stated the need to have business representative on the committee, noting Betty Hart, East Knox County Business & Professional Association, has not been engaged in the process to date.

Meeting was adjourned with no next meeting scheduled for the committee.