



BUNCOMBE COUNTY

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

February 8, 2022

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Steering Committee Members Present: Alan Hall; Andrea Golden; Bruce Snelson; Nancy Waldrop; Chris Joyell; Damon Hearne; Debbie Lane; Dede Styles; Iliana Hernandez; Jennifer Billstrom; Kareen Boncales; Karl Koon; Kevan Frazier; Megan Robinson; Rich Lee; Ron Dumas; Virginia Ward; Kit Cramer

Staff Present: Gillian Phillips; Haylee Madfis; Shannon Capezzali; Griffin Kearns

Consultants Present: Leigh Anne King; Emily Gvino

Welcome and Questions

Leigh Anne King welcomed the Committee members and opened the meeting with an ice-breaker activity. The members had no questions at this time.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from November 9, 2021 were approved.

Project Status Update

Ms. King reviewed the Comprehensive Plan process timeline, explained the changes to the timeline due to the Omicron variant, and answered questions from the Committee about the changes. Ms. King then went over the progress made in Phase 2 of the overall Comprehensive Plan process since the Committee last met.

Update of Community Engagement Window #1

Gillian Phillips explained the extension of Community Engagement Window #1 to the end of March. Ms. Phillips outlined the schedule of virtual meetings for February and March and updated the Committee on the status of the paper versions of the poll and activities. Ms. Phillips shared statistics on the current levels of resident participation in Community Engagement Window #1. Ms. Phillips and Ms. King answered questions from the Committee on the upcoming public meetings and the Community Engagement Window #1 activities.

Themes from Stakeholder Interviews

Ms. King shared information on the stakeholder outreach efforts, describing both the virtual stakeholder interviews and the stakeholder engagement survey. Ms. King went over the priority planning topics as a framework for the discussion of the themes that emerged in the stakeholder interviews. Ms. King then reviewed themes under the following focus areas: Equity, Regional Context, Sustainability, Land Use/Housing/Transportation, Economic Development/Education/Upward Mobility, Working Lands,

Environmental Protection/Recreation/Community Health, Resiliency/Hazard Mitigation, and Infrastructure/Energy; members of the Committee offered their questions and comments in response to the themes presented.

Next Steps/Questions

Ms. King led a discussion on scheduling the fifth Steering Committee meeting to be held on April 12, 2022 and previewed the Phase 2 analyses to be completed in the coming months. Ms. King also asked for the Committee's input on sharing their email addresses publicly amongst the group and reminded them of the County committee rules restricting quorums outside of official scheduled meetings.