Group 1 (Virtual)

CEW #1 and Factbook Discussion

Steering Committee | April 12th, 2022

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Planning Topic: Land Use, Housing, and Transportation

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- Utilize already-developed space for business opportunities
- More support for apprenticeship model - trades and other high-demand jobs
- Policies to reduce barriers to employment (transportation, housing, childcare)
- 1. Supporting all services for new workers (housing, childcare, etc.)
Planning Topic: Infrastructure and Energy

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- TDA funds to provide for infrastructure, public safety, etc.? Generally greater latitude for use of TDA funds
- Policies to encourage residents to adopt more sustainable/renewable energy
- Policies to allow or incentivize solar panels + selling power back to grid
- Childcare as a component of infrastructure - need to add more childcare facilities.

- 1. public safety (property crimes, police response times)
- 1. public water and sewer + aquifer
- 1. public safety
  2. review of current policies
- 1. public safety
  2. community policing policies
- question for staff: sell solar power back to grid? (JB)
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- Rain gardens and other stormwater control measures
- Repeated flooding in Biltmore Village - how can we focus on areas of this nature which are continuously subjected to flooding?
- Regulating and improving forestry practices to mitigate wildfire risk. Program to help owners understand and mitigate risk.
- Controlled burns, IPM to reduce dead trees --> reduce wildfire risk.
- Resident education on wildfire risk?
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Q: Are you willing to agree to density in strategic areas to protect environmentally vulnerable areas?

1. steep slope ordinances
2. enforcement in municipalities (county-wide) - keep housing development off steep slopes to reduce runoff/erosion
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- Consider projected growth in Hispanic/Latino population - make all information available bilingually
- Aging population - housing, accessibility (w/disabilities), healthcare, transportation, nursing homes/related facilities
- Support diversity of housing stock (house size) for aging population
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- Present information about population growth contextually
- Ensure local youth population is retained by increasing access to housing, employment, etc.
Group 2 (In-Person)

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Addressed:tract in Buncombe county. Increasing capacity of that tract for economic development and inclusion. Q: What opportunities can the county do to bring economic opportunity to that tract, and reduce duplication in services? How to have more results-oriented providers that create jobs and can grow? You need people with experience and understanding of the community. Q: Where are there different economic bases?

Issue: low wages and wage gap. Ordinary folks cannot afford to live here. Who can afford to stay? Comes down to recruitment, enforceable policies for higher paying jobs.

Operationalizing equity. How to incentivize higher wage industries? Incentivize ESOPs and worker owned businesses! Brings wealth, not just a higher paycheck.

County funding to have accelerators and incubators, especially in minority areas.
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Group 3 (In-Person)

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1. Example issue 2. question example

1. Increase development where we already have development. Increase density. growing food. With concerns about climate change we need to preserve as much farmland as possible and protect pollinating insects. Each person should have a community garden and/or if they grow food for sale they should have a tax 1. The current Land Use Policy is pretty primitive. There is a need for Land Use Policy in general. - Kevan put in place to prevent development in areas that are prone to landslides and wildfire (in the Mountainous and sensitive forest areas). Stricter protected ridge and steep slope regulations through looking at the future 1. Build sidewalks in the County where there is a high need.
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1. Need high quality and flexible childcare for all families in Buncombe County.
2. Are you willing to fund universal early childcare.

1. Need for training and apprenticeships for residents to be able to move upward in their careers.

1. Need to attract higher paying jobs to Buncombe County. There are major industries.

1. Focus on creating more opportunities in the craft community.
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1. Example issue
2. question example

1. Expanding broadband to areas of the County do not currently have it. Everyone should have access to free broadband. 2. Do you

1. Sewer and water expansion is needed for more affordable development.

1. Incentivize solar panels

1. Water driven power plant for energy

1. Commercial standardization for energy efficiency in new buildings
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1. Increased development on the steep slopes/high elevation leads to stormwater issues, erosion, and flooding events.

1. Take climate risk into consideration when planning for development or land use decisions.

1. Put in place to prevent development in areas that are prone to landslides and wildfire (in the Mountainous and sensitive forest areas). Stricter protected ridge and steep slope regulations through looking at the future.

1. Incentives to reduce impervious surface for commercial development to prevent stormwater issues and erosion.

1. Native landscaping requirements and incentives for plants that prevent stormwater issues, erosion, and provide habitat for pollinators.

1. Buncombe County education for local climate hazards. Partnering with Parks and Rec and other climate professionals.
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1. Increase access and eligibility for mental health resources for the County.

1. Increase access and quality of prenatal care for all residents in Buncombe County.

1. Increase education and messaging around Buncombe County Parks and Rec services.

1. Provide natural environments (community gardens, etc.) for every community in Buncombe County.

1. Provide opportunities for youth activities through the Parks and Recreation Department.

1. Create an accessible County information portal.
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