

Livingston City Commission Strategic Plan & Growth Policy Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2022 1:00PM

Meeting Number: 8

1. 1:09 PM – Call to Order
2. 1:09 PM – Roll Call: In attendance – Commissioner M. Nootz, Commissioner K. Kahle, J. Willich, T. Bluerock – W. Windham absent
3. 1:10 PM – Agenda item #2 – Approval of Minutes for July 6
 - a. TB motion to pass, JW 2nd, motion passes unanimously
4. 1:11 PM – Values Statement
 - a. General discussion about the Values Statement by all members.
5. 1:13 PM – Discussion of individual emails with 5 goals selected
 - a. TB states the city needs comprehensive discussions to adjusting the zoning to match the Growth Plan, adding that the ETJ creates open space around the city
 - b. TB states the city is doing a good job of densifying
 - c. TB includes that the city needs to discuss short term rentals
 - d. MN likes what has been submitted by the members, including goals 7.1 and 7.2 is a good balance of topics
 - e. MN would add that the Housing Action Plan and the Active Transportation Plan should be added to the goals, noting the lack of pedestrian overpasses to cross the rail tracks
 - f. MN adds that updating the zoning will be expensive and take time. MN discovered that part of the costs of the zoning changes is the certified mail requirement, which is Livingston-specific and not a state law.
 - g. MN says to change the ordinance of the certified mail is a public discussion issue and the planning office is understaffed and buried in work now
 - h. KK adds 2.1.1 – Community Gateways to the goal discussion and stresses its importance to downtown
 - i. MN agrees with KK adding 2.1.1
 - j. KK adds 3.1.1 – Encourage high density and mixed use
 - k. KK would also add adopting the Smart Growth strategy, but concludes that might be too broad of a goal for now
 - l. KK posits to build community resilience with respect to climate change, given recent flooding events
 - m. TB poses questions about the gateways, noting that the East and West entrances seem to be set up for strip development
 - n. MN replies that the gateways have special zones (possibly called overlay zones) where they have specific requirements for parking, buildings, setbacks, etc.
 - o. TB adds that there is a lot of available commercial land and perhaps the gateways need other zoning
 - p. MN agrees that there are areas that aren't developed and the city gets to determine allowable uses, but importantly the property owners have rights as well
 - q. TB says he doesn't want to get into the legal weeds with this
 - r. KK adds that a policy for STRs regulations is needed

- s. KK also adds that the city needs to promote a mix of housing, which requires collaboration and coordination with other entities
 - t. TB adds the ETJs will need coordination with the county
 - u. MN adds that water must be discussed
 - i. Protecting our water supply is critical
 - ii. Pretreating our stormwater is a state requirement if we're to legally increase our population over 10,000. The state fines for not doing so are enormous and we need to plan for it now
 - v. TB notes that we're only 1500 residents away from that number and we need to get on top of it now
 - w. MN adds that the sewer pipes leak groundwater into them, creating more effluent than necessary for the wastewater treatment plant which is an additional cost
 - x. MN continues that a subgoal of the Growth Policy is the wildland/urban interface for fire and wildlife, there may need to be codes for fire resistance developed
 - y. TB adds that currently there are no restriction on what can be built in the county
6. 1:53 PM – Time check by KK
- a. KK requests to find time for an in-depth meeting as well as discussing the deadline extension
 - b. JW has no time restraints
 - c. TB has few time restraints but can reschedule with enough lead time
 - d. MN adds that the extension will need to be an action item on the agenda and that completion in August will coincide nicely with the new city manager
 - e. TB thinks three hours is a good time for a deep dive
 - f. KK suggests 12-3 on Monday, 1 August and 9-12 on Friday, 5 August
 - g. KK finishes that she will propose the meeting times and will do the slides from today
7. 2:00 PM – Member Comments - None
8. 2:00 PM – End of member comments
9. 2:01 PM – Public Comments – None
10. 2:01 PM – End of public comments
11. 2:02 PM – Meeting adjourned

Public in virtual attendance: None