

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY

August 10, 2020

Tracy Corr opened the meeting, held via Zoom, on Monday, August 10th at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance

Sixteen residents and eight City staff attended:

Tracy Corr – 40 th & A NA	Gloria Eddins – Clinton NA
Richard Piersol – Country Club NA	Paul Johnson – East Campus CO
Karen Dienstbier – Eastridge NA	Pat Anderson-Sifuentes – Everett NA & NWL
Sue Burkey – Hartley NA	Andy Gueck – Indian Village NA
Geri Cotter – Irvingdale NA	Pat Bracken – Irvingdale NA
Dennis Hecht – Meadowlane Area RA	Mike DeKalb – University Place CO
Keith Roland – University Place CO	Bill Vocasek – West A NA
Fred Freytag – Witherbee NA	Lindsay Limbach – Community Learning Centers
Sarah Mason - KLLCB	Jon Carlson – Mayor's Office
Andrew Thierolf – Planning Dept	Allan Zafft – Planning Dept
Wynn Hjermstad – Urban Development Dept	Dan Marvin – Urban Development Dept
Jesse Poore – Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig	Mayor Gaylor Baird

Welcome & Introductions

Attendees were welcomed and introductions made. Paul Johnson volunteered to take notes.

Mayor's Comments

The Mayor had no new announcements. She noted that Urban Development staff will soon be sending a letter to neighborhood associations asking for their preferred means of notification about TIF/Redevelopment projects in their vicinity. The Mayor encouraged neighborhood associations to respond promptly.

- The Directed Health Measures are in place through the end of August. Anecdotal evidence seems to indicate these measures are working and bringing/keeping down the numbers of positive COVID cases. Bars are generally higher risk environments, but the City will monitor that situation closely. Other countries are experiencing similar results when using similar health measures.
- The next City Budget cycle will be very challenging. The Mayor will work with neighborhoods and City Council. The final Council vote on the proposed budget is coming up on August 24th.
- There was discussion of possible agenda items for future months.

2050 Comprehensive Plan Update

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Current status of *Plan Forward 2020 Comprehensive Plan*

Plan Process – Virtual Public Event #2 coming up on August 31

Growth Scenarios – Fall 2020 publish complete growth scenarios.

- Overview – Educate public to try to allow them to pick desired scenario.
- Population Projections – estimate 107,323 additional people/48,000 households.
 - Anticipate smaller household sizes – smaller families, aging population.
 - More diverse population.
- Trends – Edge residential density is greater with more mix of single & multi-family developments.

- Potential Growth Locations – based on sewer gravity basins; where sewage can flow due to gravity.
 - 27.3 square miles of all available land, but – of that -- 15+ acres are useable.
 - Looking for growth around the city, but major growth areas continue to be in SE.
- Commercial & industrial uses included.
- The city has about a 10-year “cushion” of supply of lots.
- Scenarios:
 - Scenario A – 22% infill, edge density of 4.0 units/acre. 8.6 square miles needed.
 - Scenario B – 22% infill, edge density of 3.0 units/acre. 13.8 square miles needed.
- Implications
 - Infrastructure cost & maintenance.
 - Emergency & other services.
 - Where to infill? Many commercial sites are being redeveloped.
 - Location of new investment dollars – reinvest in the current city rather than on the edges & letting the interior decay.
 - Sustainability.
 - Ability to meet demand.

Complete Neighborhoods

- A neighborhood with safe & convenient access to the goods & services needed in daily life
 - Variety of housing options, recreation, schools, pedestrian/bicycle friendly.

Information about growth scenarios and the focus to integrate equity into all aspects of the plan.

- Outreach for plan:
 - Equity subcommittee -- Reach out to groups that are not as commonly involved
 - Updated Themes -- Adding “Equitable” as a theme to plan to make it a major portion of the Plan consideration
 - Translation Services -- Using some of the money originally for rental of venues for public meetings to purchase professional translation services instead.

Next public events -- planned for end of September & year end. Questions were asked and answered. Roundtable attendees were encouraged to participate in a virtual event and survey. More information is available at www.planforward2050.com.

Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization, 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Jesse Poore of Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig: Jesse.Poore@fhueng.com and Allan Zafft, Planning Dept.

Updating the *Long Range Transportation Plan 2050 & PlanForward 2050 Comprehensive Plan*,

1. To include changes since the previous LRTP update, specifically:
 - 2017: South Beltway Funding plan and “Lincoln on the Move.”
 - 2018: Green Light Lincoln Phase 1, Community Bike Share, Autonomous Shuttle pilot program.
 - 2019: On-Street Bicycle Facilities Plan, Green Light Lincoln Phase 2.
 - 2020: Green Light Lincoln Phase 3, South Beltway construction begins, StarTran electric busses.
 - COVID-19 changes.

2. To satisfy Federal Requirements – The LRTP must be updated every 5 years & must go out at least 20 years. The plan is required to include public input & review. It also must be performance-based and fiscally-constrained.

The goals of the draft *2050 LRTP* include: Maintenance, Mobility & System Reliability, Livability & Travel Choice, Equity, Safety & Security, Economic Vitality, Environmental Sustainability, and Funding & Cost Effectiveness

Schedule – Currently working on Development Alternatives, the next step is Analysis, followed by Plan Development & Plan Approval. Completion is anticipated by the end of 2021. Phase 1 is seeking Public Engagement concerning the Current/Future Needs Assessment technical report. Public comments are being collected via the Project website lrtp2050mpo.com. Locations of transportation ideas are also being shared via the website. LRTP Phase 1 Survey will be available starting September 18.

Questions & Comments – Questions were raised about the accessibility of Project website by the blind and about the change of bus fares.

Announcements

Urban Development Department staff will soon be asking how your Neighborhood Association wants to be notified concerning TIF/Redevelopment projects in your area. This is a requirement instituted in 2018 by the Nebraska Legislature. Your prompt response will be appreciated.

Next Meeting/Agenda

Next meeting will be September 14th at 5:30 pm. Topic to be determined, possible topics include: Transitional Housing, and the large number of waste haulers in some areas of the city. If the meeting is via Zoom, an invitation will be sent.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.