

**Planning Commission Work session**  
**March 26, 2013**  
**Minutes**

**Commissioners Present:**

Ms. Genevieve Keller (Chairperson)  
Mr. Kurt Keesecker  
Mr. Dan Rosensweig  
Ms. Lisa Green

**Staff Present:**

Missy Creasy  
Melissa Thackston  
Willy Thompson  
Brian Haluska  
Michael Smith  
Rich Harris

Ms. Keller convened the Charlottesville Planning Commission meeting at 5:30 pm and turned the meeting over to Ms. Creasy.

Ms. Creasy announced this would be the last work session before the public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan. Staff will be updating the draft plan online and the advertisement went out this morning. There still needs to be a little tweaking to the table of contents and some of the other chapters.

**Community Facilities**

Mr. Rosensweig would like to see smaller equipment used within the fire department.

Ms. Creasy added that the current language would not preclude them from obtaining smaller equipment .

Ms. Keller stated that they could use a smaller equipment if they needed too. She feels like it would be out of the Planning Commission's purview to note size needed since there is no data to back things up. She also suggested that the Commission could ask the fire department to use smaller equipment in smaller areas.

Mr. Santoski feels that we should be concerned about buses too, since they travel more often.

Ms. Creasy suggested that adding the word "investigate" would be better than mandate to section 1.4.

**Housing**

Ms. Thackston discussed the major changes to this section, highlighting goal three.

Mr. Rosensweig asked how long the words "middle class" have been in the vision statement.

Ms. Thackston stated that it was added at the joint meeting with City Council.

Ms. Keller suggested wording to make the vision statement read a little better.

Mr. Rosensweig would like the sentence in 1.3.A. separated from the rest and drafted a separate bullet.

Ms. Thackston suggested that the words “attempt to incorporate affordable housing around the city” should be added to 1.3.B.

Mr. Rosensweig would like the word “impact” taken out of 3.3.A. and the word effect added.

Ms. Keller suggested the same for 3.3.C.

### **Land Use**

Mr. Haluska informed the Planning Commission that there were only a few editing changes from the last draft.

Ms. Keller asked if we should be using the real name of UVA. If we are referring to the Health System then we should use the correct name since they are within the city and not the University.

### **Environment**

Mr. Smith stated that he incorporated Mr. Emory’s comments into objective 4.2. He pointed out the revision to objective 4.1.

### **Transportation**

Mr. Rosensweig noted that shared streets and complete streets are different.

Ms. Green said that they were looking for shared streets since complete streets take up space.

Ms. Keller suggested that the chapter needed a little more organization and a definition of a shared street could be added to section 1.4. She also suggested that maybe Amanda group topics differently so they flow better.

Mr. Santoski asked if living streets were mentioned in the glossary.

Ms. Rosensweig suggested scratching shared and putting living streets in the glossary.

### **Economic Sustainability**

There were no changes

### **Community Characteristics**

Ms. Creasy stated that the VEC report provided important information. She also stated that Ruth Emerick found many other references which have been noted and provided. This chapter has been formatted to match the other chapters.

Mr. Keesecker feels like more could be cut from this chapter. He pointed out there are nine vision statements and there is no data outside of the VEC. He likes the first part which explains what the city is working on. He would like to have a link that would take you to the VEC report. He also feels that data should not be changed, but we need to decide what data to bring to the public’s attention. What is decided

to bring forth should be what you would like the people to know about. He noted that the chapters should be edited to be useful tools or information placed in the back. He would like this chapter be organized based on the other chapters.

Ms. Green feels like this chapter will not be able to resemble other chapters because of the type of material being used. She likes the idea of getting a smaller area view of what is going on in Charlottesville. She noticed that the chapter doesn't talk about the City's parks and trails.

Ms. Creasy stated that this chapter is the snap shot on how our government works.

Mr. Santoski feels that it would have been better to give a snap shot of who Charlottesville is. He would like to see the facts laid out in the beginning.

Mr. Rosensweig feels that with the summary coming first, it is lacking framework. He would like to see the word "little" taken out. He suggested that maybe the public surveys should be used since they tell what the public wants and what is important to the public.

Ms. Keller feels that the executive summary does not function as the framework. She would like this chapter to be more neutral and emphasis put on the other chapters. Ms. Keller feels that the introduction section needs to be there, but she would like to see some things that relate to other chapters. She would like to see mention of the nonprofit organizations that the City is affiliated with.

Ms. Creasy stated that language is being condensed. She gave direction on how we would move forward in completing the chapter.

Ms. Keller suggested taking a look at the Austin, TX plan layout.

Ms. Keller opened up the time for public comment.

Bill Emory, 1604 East Market Street, appreciates all the work everyone has done and the areas that have been added. He would like to see some changes to the beginning of the Woolen Mills section.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM