

**Horizon 2020 Steering Committee
July 20, 2015
Meeting Notes**

Members Present: Comm. Thellman, Comm. Amyx, Bill Ackerly, John Gascon, Clay Britton, Kyra Martinez, Marcel Harmon, Patrick Kelly,

Members Absent: Lisa Harris, Scott Zaremba, Charlie Bryan (ex officio)

Staff Present: Scott McCullough, Amy Miller, Jeff Crick

Others Present: Several members of the public were present.

Commissioner Amyx welcomed everyone.

The meeting notes from the June 8, 2015 meeting and the July 13, 2015 were discussed. Motioned by Thellman and seconded by Thellman to approve the June 8, 2015 and July 13, 2015 notes. Motion passed 7-0.

The Committee received communications from the public on the Issue Action Report. Motioned by Harmon and seconded by Ackerly to receive communications from the public on the Issue Action Report. Motion passed 7-0.

Amyx introduced the next item regarding discussion of the July 13th Public Meeting Session. McCullough stated that the expectation is that the Committee gives feedback to staff regarding changes they would like to see to the Issue Action Report in response to the public meetings and communications.

(Clay Britton joined the meeting during this item.)

Martinez stated that the Committee heard a lot of comments regarding climate change. McCullough responded that that issue is not addressed in the Issue Action Report because the subject is already addressed in the current Horizon 2020, specifically in Chapter 16: Environment. Thellman stated that she wished that the Committee would consider adding some mention to climate change in the Purpose/Vision statement. Kelly suggested that the Committee make a modification to Action Step 4.1 to make specific reference to climate change. Thellman suggested that an Action Step be added to Issue 4 that makes specific reference to climate change. The Committee decided to add an action Step to Issue 4.

Gascon stated that he heard a lot of comments regarding incorporating other plans by reference. McCullough stated that incorporating plans by reference allows for individual plans to have their own process, which would allow for a more streamlined comprehensive plan process and minimizes duplication. The Committee decided to have outside plans incorporated by reference.

Ackerly stated that items that were mentioned frequently included a dedicated funding stream for economic development, a lack of cultural opportunities for places other than Downtown Lawrence, water conservation, maintaining the flexibility of the comprehensive plan, continuing

to highlight education (specifically with mentioning the Peaslee Technical Training Center and the College and Career Center), planned growth v. managed growth, height and density of infill growth, climate change, sustainability, and affordable housing, including data.

McCullough mentioned that since there has been some movement regarding affordable housing, the Committee may want to discuss this issue again and decide if they would like to change the Action Steps to better align with recent City Commission action.

The Committee discussed the following changes to the Mission/Purpose:

- Under the "Learn" on page 5 include a bullet point, "Investment in alternative vocational and training opportunities, such as The Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center and the Lawrence College and Career Center."
- In the Purpose on page 4, changing the third sentence to say "THRIVE reflects resiliency in an ever-changing world (changes that are short term and multi-generational in nature)".
- The Committee had a discussion regarding "age in place" in the Vision statement. The Committee did not come to a resolution on this issue.
- Remove the word "compact" from the second bullet point under Live on page 5, the Committee chose to leave it.

The Committee did not have any changes to Issue 1.

The Committee discussed the following changes to Issue 2:

- Under Issue 2.3, change wording to state: "Encourage public and private investment in appropriate planning and development of the riverfront, especially as it relates to Downtown Lawrence".

The Committee discussed the following changes to Issue 3:

- The Committee directed Staff to propose new language for all four action steps, which better aligns with recent City Commission action, including changing "other housing" to "other categories of housing" in Action Step 3.1.
- The Committee also moved Action Step 3.2 to become 3.1.

The Committee discussed the following changes to Issue 4:

- The Committee directed Staff to make sure there is a clear mention to climate protection and water conservation in Chapter 16 and if not, craft a new Action Step to address those two issues.

The Committee did not have any changes to Issue 5 or 6.

The Committee discussed the following changes to Issue 7:

- Add reference to incentivize of green jobs in Action Step 7.1.

The Committee did not have any changes to Issue 8, 9, or 10.

The Committee discussed the following changes to Issue 11:

- Move Action Step 11.3 to Issue 2.

The Committee did not have any changes to Issue 12.

The Committee discussed the following changes to Issue 13:

- Add an Action Step regarding Conservation Subdivision.

The Committee did not have any changes to Issue 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 or 19.

The Committee discussed the proposed timeline and decided to have staff revise the Issue Action Plan as directed and bring it back for Committee discussion at their August 10, 2015 meeting. McCullough also presented the future timeline and process to the Committee, as outlined in their memo.

Motioned by Britton and seconded by Thellman to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned (8-0) at 5:20 p.m.