

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting December 13, 2021 - 11:00am

Members Present: Michara Delaney-Fields, Juan Gonzales, Paul Jackson, Brad Maule, Denise McDonald, Ed Pool, Sydney Register, Ken Deppisch, Carrie Charley, Nichole Ivancic, Jacob Lusk, Kurt Sutton, Merilyn Walton, Kathleen Belanger and Roy Boldon

Staff Present: Mario Canizares, Jessica Sowell, Alaina Helton, Larissa Philpot-Brown, Steve Bartlett, Brian Bray, Juan Pollette and Matt Tyler

Meeting called to order at 11:10am

The meeting was recorded and will be placed on www.nacogdochesplans.com for future viewing. This page can also be accessed through the homepage of www.nactx.us

Chairman, Ken Deppisch, welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave introduction.

Larissa Philpot-Brown gave a short presentation about the principles of long range planning and why it is important in order to realize the common values vital to our individual and community well-being.

Alaina Helton gave a presentation on the scope of the comprehensive plan update and the elements of the current and future plan.

Chairman Ken Deppisch gave a summary of the current 2003 Comprehensive Plan and gave the committee the task of reading over and familiarizing themselves with the current plan and the goals outlined in each chapter.

Chairman Ken Deppisch asked if anyone had comments on any of the specified goals related to land use in the current plan.

- Ed Pool stated that there is a housing shortage in Nacogdoches, including rental units, and spoke about plans to increase inventory.

Chairman Ken Deppisch spoke about the five goals of the transportation chapter and the projected I-69 Corridor.

Larissa Philpot-Brown gave an overview of the I-69 Corridor and how the route of the interstate changed from the original concept to its current form.

Chairman Ken Deppisch stated that one of the committee tasks will be to look at the goals of the different sections of the current plan and identify the goals that need to be kept, refined, or discarded.

Ken Deppisch stated the importance of good infrastructure and updating neighborhoods while still maintaining the character and uniqueness of the area.

Chairman Ken Deppisch stated the need to find out where the old plan failed or did not follow through on the projected goals.

Chairman Ken Deppisch stated that annexation is not an issue in the new plan due to the new Texas legislation passed prohibiting cities from annexing without consent.

Chairman Ken Deppisch assigned the committee the task of reading the current plan and bringing three goals for each section of the current plan that are important, and three goals that are not relative anymore.

Alaina Helton stated that the committee voted to have the meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 3:30pm. The next meeting will be on the 13th of January at 3:30pm, same location. February's meeting will be on the 10th.

Alaina Helton asked if there were any questions. There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.