



GROWTH MANAGEMENT CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Minutes

April 28, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 5 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Primary – Jeff Segall, Scott White, Eric Larson, Stephen “Hap” L’Heureux, Mike Howes, Mary Ryan, Frank Caraglio, Frances Schnall, Harry Peacock, Annika Jimenez, Gita Nassiri, Fred Briggs, Chad Majer, John Nguyen-Cleary, Joseph Stine, Steve Linke, Nelson Ross

Alternate – Ron Withall, Patrick Goyarts, Jan Neff-Sinclair, Casey Carstairs, Don Christiansen, Terence Green, Thierry Ibri, Matthew Reese, Angela O’Hara, Nora Jimenez George, Lisa Stark, Allen Manzano, Art Larson, Kevin Sabellico, William Fowler

Absent:

Primary – William Sheffler, Amy Allemann

Alternate – Patricia Mehan, Erin Nell, Marissa Steketee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Jeff Segall, seconded by Stephen “Hap” L’Heureux, to approve the March 30, 2022 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

One public comment was received.

1. CITY HALL LOCATION –

Mr. Robert Wilkinson requested the new City Hall be located in the Village, as that area is considered by many to be the town’s center. He noted that this location clearly expresses the community’s identity, pride and spirit.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Meeting opened with a welcome to attendees from Committee Chair Eric Larson, who reviewed the purpose and charge for the committee, along with the agenda and meeting format. The following committee members and staff introduced themselves, as they were not present at the March 30, 2022 meeting where introductions took place:

Committee Members: John Nguyen-Cleary, Chad Majer, Harry Peacock, and alternate member Patrick Goyarts

Staff: Eric Lardy, Rick Barrett, and Nancy Bragado

DISCUSSION ITEMS:**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- **Carlsbad's Growth Management Plan Public Facilities Performance Standards.** Principal Planner Eric Lardy provided a presentation on the public facilities standards that are a part of the current Growth Management Plan. Questions of members of the committee during and after the presentation focused on the finance department's role in updating the city's growth data, the timeline and scope for the committee's recommendation to the city, reiteration of the need for the current GMP committee.
- **Growth Management in Other Cities.** Nancy Bragado, owner of Bragado Planning, provided a presentation illustrating how other cities have been addressing growth management. Nancy's presentation included a growth management overview, financing measures, selected case studies, and takeaways for the Carlsbad GMP. Nancy also highlighted the differences between infill and traditional large-scale development as they relate to growth management.
- **Committee Role.** Principal Planner Eric Lardy explained what to expect through future meetings, the overall process to update the GMP, and what is expected to happen after the committee makes recommendations to the city.
- **Community Engagement.** Senior Program Manager Sarah Lemons provided a short presentation on how the community will be engaged through the citizens committee to create a new approach to manage growth in a way that maintains an excellent quality of life.

Several committee members noted public input after the draft recommendations stage of the GMP update process (November-January), would be helpful before going to City Council.

- **Committee Dialogue.** Facilitator Susan Harden led a discussion centered around the following questions: In terms of public facilities and services, what topics do you feel are most important to address in the future, and what should change about the current GMP? Ideas and thoughts captured during the discussion include the following:

Topics to address in the future

- How will we reconcile all the areas (topics) that don't blend? What steps should be taken first?
- Circulation/traffic
- Walkability and interconnectivity
- Carlsbad is an aging community – what are those impacts
- Parks standards are too simplistic
- Physical and behavioral health
- Fire – response time/services
- Law enforcement/ safety
- Homelessness issues and impacts
- Economic/demographic distributions
- Arts and culture

What should change

- What are the tourism impacts?
- What are commercial/employee impacts?
- Water and power – desal, energy, renewable energy
- Sea level rise and managed retreat
- City hall
- Funding of public facilities – sewer and water during buildout
- Leveraging technology
- How to make this work long term
- Address exemptions

- How to anticipate what other changes the state will require
 - Law enforcement issues
 - Alternatives to development fees?
 - How to predict/manage school growth? Work with districts?
 - More information on lessons learned in past committees
 - More local case study examples
 - Where can we grow when population increases?
- **Committee Name.** Facilitator Susan Harden shared and briefly discussed the various ideas provided by the committee and staff for how the committee name could be changed to better reflect the breadth of issues the committee will be addressing. Common terms submitted for discussion included Future, Tomorrow, Carlsbad, and Quality of Life. Members were then given three dots stickers and asked to place on the names they preferred (amongst the names written on flip charts). Upon a count of the dot ranking exercise and group discussion, the name decided upon for the committee is “Carlsbad Tomorrow – Growth Management Citizens Committee”.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Next meeting time: Thursday, May 26, 2022 5 p.m.

Chair Larson adjourned the duly noticed meeting at 7:19 p.m.



Bailey Warren - Minutes Clerk