



Agenda

Long Range Planning Sub-Committee (LRPC)

**Wednesday, July 20, 2016
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Round House Meeting Room
City of Santa Fe Rail District Offices
500 Market St., Suite 200**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 29, 2016 meeting**
- 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - A. General Plan Themes - Staff**
 - B. Main Topics Summary - Staff**
- 6. MATTERS FROM THE STAFF**
- 7. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**
- 8. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**
- 9. NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, August 3, 2016**
- 10. ADJOURN**

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Long Range Planning Sub-committee meeting notes from June 29, 2016

Members in attendance: Justin Greene, Michael Maremont, Kim Shanahan (arrived late)

Members Absent: Vince Kadlubek, Piper Kapin

Staff in Attendance: Reed Liming, Ross Chaney, Erick Aune, Lisa Martinez

Others in Attendance: Dan Schwartz (Reporter for the Santa Fe New Mexican)

There was no quorum present so the agenda and minutes could not be officially approved. Because there were LRPC members, staff and a member of the local press present, and there was general agreement to see the demographics presentation, Reed began his presentation at approximately 11:05 a.m.

June 1st minutes could not be approved without a quorum.

Santa Fe Demographics Presentation (Discussion)

Reed presented the information in the packet regarding Santa Fe's Demographics.

In summary, the presentation showed the following demographic facts and trends:

- Santa Fe's north and east side generally lost total population, hispanic population and child population between 2000 and 2010. Meanwhile the greatest gains for each of these population groups was in the southwest portion of the city. The two census tracts showing the largest population gains contain Tierra Contenta and Nava Ade.
- Median Household Income and age is generally higher on the east side of the city and lower on the west side of the city.
- Population Density in the city is highest (7,000+ persons per square mile) in a portion of Las Acequias (north side of Airport Road) and the original phases of Tierra Contenta along Paseo del Sol (south side of Airport Road). Population densities near St. Michaels Drive in the central portion of the city as well as along the remainder of the north side of Airport Road and certain areas in Tierra Contenta were also higher than Santa Fe's average.
- The geographic center of the Santa Fe Urban Area is near Cerrillos Road and St. Michaels Drive and this is also where the population center was in 1990. Since then the population center has continued southwest along Cerrillos Road in 2000 and 2010. (In 2010 the population center was near the intersection of Cerrillos Road and Siler Road). The population center for children (under 18) is further southwest near Cerrillos Road and Richards Avenue.

- Senior Population (Age 65+) has grown rapidly in Santa Fe. In 2010, only the downtown area had a majority population aged 65+, but by 2020 it is projected that the entire eastern portion of the city will be a majority of those aged 65+.
- By 2020, the Senior Population in Santa Fe will be larger than the youth population (ages 0-19), perhaps for the first time in Santa Fe's history. The senior population is projected to grow to 25% of the total population in the city and county by 2020, 30% by 2030 and 33% by 2040.
- Natural Increase in Santa Fe County – a chart showed births, deaths and natural increase in Santa Fe County for every year from 1960 to 2015. Natural increase has dropped dramatically in Santa Fe County since 2007 which coincides with the beginning of the Great Recession.
- The final chart showed growth in Santa Fe County over the decades since the 1970s and the components of growth (Natural Increase and Net Migration). The chart showed growth slowing considerably since its height in the 1990s.

That concluded Reed's presentation.

Michael mentioned that he had heard some discussion about the possibility of a state and or federal emphasis on putting more funds into infrastructure and whether that might help New Mexico's and Santa Fe's economies and, in turn, provide more jobs and population growth.

Justin talked about higher education in Santa Fe and the need to expand opportunities for local residents to gain skills needed to work and stay in Santa Fe. (Michael mentioned that the creation of more local job opportunities were a big part of that.)

Kim discussed the fact that the data seemed to make clear that Santa Fe needs to keep promoting the "senior" aspect of Santa Fe, because he felt that's the demographic that continues to come here. There might be a delayed attraction of millennials to Santa Fe, but seniors/retirees is where the growth is coming from.

The meeting finished with discussion about the next meeting and a tentative date of Wednesday, July 20th was agreed established. The agenda will include review of the 14 General Plan Themes as well as the review of a summary of the main topics developed by Long Range staff.

Meeting notes: _____ Reed Liming Date: _____

Approved by: _____ Kim Shanahan, Chair Date: _____

General Plan Themes – There are 14 “themes” or overarching goals of the current City General Plan: (themes were not prioritized in the Plan)

- 1. Affordable Housing** – Actively participate in the creation of affordable housing.
- 2. Quality of Life** – Enhance the quality of life of the community and ensure the availability of community services for residents.
- 3. Transportation Alternatives** – Reduce automobile dependence and dominance.
- 4. Economic Diversity** – Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to increase job opportunities, diversify the economy, and promote arts and small businesses.
- 5. Sustainable Growth** – Ensure that development is sustainable and that growth, conservation, redevelopment, and natural resource protection are balanced.
- 6. Regional Perspective** – maintain a regional growth perspective and work with other private and governmental entities towards that goal.
- 7. Water** – Undertake comprehensive efforts to conserve water and ensure adequate supplies with growth.
- 8. Character** – Maintain and respect Santa Fe’s unique personality, sense of place, and character.
- 9. Urban Form** – Promote a compact urban form and encourage sensitive/compatible infill development.
- 10. Community-Oriented Downtown** – Put community activities back into downtown.
- 11. Community-Oriented Development** – Orient new development to the community; foster public life, vitality and community spirit.
- 12. Mixed Use** – Provide a mix of land uses in all areas of the city.
- 13. Review Process** – Streamline the planning and development review process.
- 14. Implementation** – Ensure consistency between the General Plan, implementing ordinances(including zoning and impact fees) and the Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

City Plan Themes

Housing – Promote affordability through a variety of housing types.

- **Healthy Market Mix:** Help create a housing market in which ownership and rental options meet market demand through a range of housing types.
- **Focused Incentives:** Support higher housing densities on major corridors & in designated growth areas through reduced development fees and expedited approval processing.
- **Inclusionary Zoning:** Continue to implement the Santa Fe Homes Program which helps support affordability and this plan's goals of greater density, redevelopment, pedestrian access and energy efficiency.

Transportation – Reduce automobile dependence with alternative modes & enhance safety.

- **Complete Streets:** Include wide sidewalks, street trees, bike lanes, narrower driving lanes and adequate pedestrian crossings.
- **Street Connectivity:** Encourage efficient traffic flow and a clearly defined system.
- **Multi-Use Trails:** Encourage pedestrian, bike & recreational use on a complete trail system.
- **Local & Regional Transit:** Promote and enhance public transit (Santa Fe Trails, RTD Buses).

Land Use – Promote a land use pattern that is efficient with focused growth.

- **Urban Form:** Promote a compact urban form with compatible infill.
- **Density:** Encourage smaller lots and smaller housing units in growth areas.
- **Areas of Focus:** Promote future growth in designated Centers and Corridors.
- **Areas to Conserve:** Protect and conserve neighborhoods, historic areas, parks and designated open space areas.

Urban Design – Enhance the urban design of major corridors and new residential areas.

- **Design:** Encourage innovative design through an enhanced, simplified land use code.
- **Great Streets:** Design pedestrian-scaled and well-landscaped streets.
- **Mixed-Use:** Encourage multiple uses within the same building, while de-emphasizing single or separated uses.

Sustainability – Encourage renewable energy sources and water conservation.

- **Water:** Continue comprehensive efforts to conserve water and ensure an adequate supply.
- **Energy:** Promote renewable energy sources (i.e. solar and wind) and the city's green building code.
- **Fiscal:** Practice sound fiscal management through efficient land use patterns.