Long Range Planning Sub-Committee (LRPC)

Wednesday, August 3, 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: July 20, 2016 meeting
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
   A. General Plan Themes - Staff
   B. Main Topics Summary - Staff
   C. City Charter Policy Statements - Staff
6. MATTERS FROM THE STAFF
7. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE
8. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC
10. ADJOURN

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Long Range Planning Sub-committee meeting notes from July 20, 2016

Members in attendance: Justin Greene, Michael Maremont, Vince Kailubek, Piper Kapin, Kim Shanahan

Staff in Attendance: Reed Liming, Richard Macpherson, Lisa Martinez

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

The meeting agenda and June 29, 2016 minutes were officially approved. The meeting started at approximately 11:10 a.m.

Reed spoke about the 14 themes from the 1999 General Plan and then about the summarized list of 5 themes that he and Richard put together. Reed mentioned City Plan would look out 15 to 20 years into the future.

Vince said he likes the new summarized list, has some suggestions and that prioritizing the themes would be helpful. Vince said perhaps there could be a narrative with staff on priorities on a yearly basis. Piper likes the idea of prioritizing the themes and Justin said perhaps a score card could be produced. Kim said going from 14 to 5 themes is a good prioritization. Michael asked Lisa what the Land Use Dept. thinks is a prioritization, Lisa said she will come back with some suggestions.

Piper said she would like to add Economic Diversity to the list of new themes. Piper expressed concern with the “protect and conserve neighborhoods” language. Justin would like to have walkability mentioned in the themes.

Vince spoke about neighborhoods and mixed-use areas. Kim would like to see some mixed-use blocks in the neighborhoods. Piper expressed concern with the “focused growth” wording and also about the need for infill throughout the city. Michael said the likes the “focused growth” term.

Vince said he likes the idea to have three main areas to plan around and about ideas for the Centers and Corridors map, about taking into account the character of the neighborhoods.

Lisa said compatibility is an important term. Justin said the neighborhood center term needs defining. Vince said the general plan directs how the city should grow and mentioned that the General plan should have a vision of where Santa Fe wants to go. Vince suggested having Siler and Rufina defined on the Centers and Corridors map.

Piper said it is important to balance needs of the city and the neighborhoods. Justin spoke about quality of life issues. Kim spoke about infill areas and where they may be located in the city.
The sub-committee agreed to take the first sentences off the themes. Piper likes the connectivity word in the urban design wording. Richard suggested using “mix of uses” instead of “mixed-use” wording.

Justin spoke about having housing to keep workers in Santa Fe. The sub-committee likes having another bullet point regarding more housing opportunities. Piper spoke about retention and having programs to encourage retention. Reed suggested wording to encourage local employees to stay in Santa Fe.

Discussion regarding Tierra Contenta and how builders have not been able to get infrastructure loans to build homes. Reed spoke about how there are not enough jobs being created nationally and there is a shrinking middle class.

Next meeting is Wed. August 3, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

*Notes by Richard Macpherson: ____________________ Date:_________*

*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

**Land Use**
- **Urban Form:** Promote a compact urban form with compatible infill and respect for neighborhoods.
- **Density:** Encourage smaller lots and smaller housing units in growth areas.
- **Development:** Promote future growth in centers, along corridors and other areas of infill opportunity.
- **Areas to Conserve:** Conserve historic areas, parks and designated open space.

**Urban Design**
- **Design:** Encourage innovative design through an enhanced, simplified land use code.
- **Great Streets/Public Spaces:** Design pedestrian-scaled, landscaped streets and community spaces.
- **Mix of Uses:** Encourage multiple uses that provide pedestrian connectivity.

**Housing**
- **Healthy Market Mix:** Help create a housing market in which ownership and rental options meet market demand through a range of housing types for all income levels.
- **Focused Incentives:** Support higher housing densities on major corridors, in appropriate infill areas and 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 water and energy efficiency.
- **Retention:** Develop programs that....

**Transportation**
- **Reduce Automobile Dependence:** Promote alternative modes and 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).

**Sustainability**
- **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.

**Economic Diversity**
- **Job Opportunities:**
- **Diversify Economy:**
- **Promote the Arts and Small Businesses:**
Santa Fe City Charter

The Charter of the City of Santa Fe was adopted by the voters of the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, at a Special Municipal Election held on December 9, 1997; amended by the voters of the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, at a Regular Municipal Election held on March 4, 2008; and amended by the voters of the City of Santa Fe at a Regular Municipal Election held on March 4, 2014.

Article II. Policy Statements

2.03. Environmental Protection
The natural beauty of Santa Fe, its historical heritage, and its unique architectural style are among the city's most valued and important assets. In order to enhance the beauty and quality of both the natural and built environment within and around the city, the governing body shall protect, preserve and enhance the city's natural endowments, plan for and regulate land use and development, manage the city's growth, encourage source reduction, re-use and recycling of materials, and promote and maintain an aesthetic and humane urban environment. To effect these ends, the governing body may take whatever action is necessary and may enact ordinances and may establish appropriate commissions with jurisdiction, authority, and staff sufficient to effectively administer this policy. Because water quality and availability are extremely important to the citizens of Santa Fe, the governing body shall protect, preserve, and enhance the city's water resources through regulation, conservation and relating development to water availability.

2.04. Cultural and neighborhood preservation.
The people of Santa Fe derive invaluable benefits from our multi-cultural heritage. The multiethnic and multi-racial residents who have made their homes here over the centuries have each left their unique cultural mark on our city, producing a rich blend of stories, traditions and neighborhoods. The result is a community that treasures a variety of artistic, literary and musical forms, that symbolizes an architectural style, and that celebrates the diversity of those who have chosen to live here. We therefore declare that the multi-cultural heritage and neighborhoods of Santa Fe are essential to the people of this community and that public officials shall at all times exercise their powers with sensitivity to and respect for that cultural and neighborhood heritage.

2.05. General plan.
The governing body shall establish and adopt by ordinance or resolution the policies, goals and objectives outlined in the city General Plan. Such policies, goals and objectives shall not be revised or amended without one or more public hearings by the governing body.

2.07 Support for local business and an enduring local economy.
A local economy is critical to a healthy and prosperous community. The governing body shall, as guiding principles, strive to support local business, a strong local entrepreneurial spirit, and an enduring local economy that recognizes the rights of all to earn a living wage.