

Great Falls Growth Policy Steering Committee Meeting notes

November 14, 2024 meeting
Gibson Room, Civic Center

Attendance

Steering Committee Members:

Rick Tryon
Heather Hoyer
Frederick Cayer
Katie Hanning
Tom Heisler
Abigail Hill
Dr. Stephanie Erdmann
Carol Bronson
Wayne Klind

Staff/Consultant:

Brock Cherry
Alaina Mattimiro

Overview

The meeting began at about 3:30 PM with an introduction to the meeting by Planning & Community Development Director Brock Cherry.

Mr. Cherry reminded the committee of the Public Engagement Plan that was sent out and asked for any further comments. The Committee had no comments at this time, but would continue to review the plan.

Mr. Cherry reviewed the features of the new Growth Policy website, as well as asked committee members to share the website link.

Mr. Cherry then gave a brief overview of the mass public engagement open houses the week of January 27th, 2025. He briefly explained that the public would be able to come to the events and see the existing conditions analysis that was done, as well as give them feedback. Mr. Cherry also mentioned the community wide survey that will be launching in January.

The Little Shell Administrative Building and school sites were suggested as possible locations for the January engagement meetings.

Mr. Cherry spoke about the new educational video that was produced by City staff and Visit Great Falls.

There was a reminder about the virtual stakeholder groups. Members were asked to let staff know if they had not received an email invite to the groups.

Associate Planner, Alaina Mattimiro, walked through the two major presentations that were done in the month of October: Bridging Communities and KEY. She introduced the feedback that was heard during

the events, and conducted a demonstration of the Slido function used to solicit feedback during the presentations. Steering Committee members gave feedback for future presentations.

At the end of the meeting, Ms. Mattimiro asked for suggestions and ideas on how to make the community survey more enticing to the public and how to get the word out. There was discussion on providing incentives or prizes for those that took the survey.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at about 5:00pm.