

Mooreville Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting Notes

Date / Time: Monday, October 20, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m.

Location: Mooreville Government Center

Attendees: John Earhart, Angela Kath, Perry King, Sandy Perry, Kathleen Brown, Alan Kramer
EGT: Scott Burgins, Erin Shane

Scott started the meeting at 6:30 pm. He noted that the committee should be able to get through the goals and future land uses during the next two meetings, so that the EGT can draft the comp plan over the holidays. He read through the vision statement which included the Ronald Reagan statement.

Erin went through the goals survey and noted how the results were tallied. Scott recommended that the goals that only got 1 or 2 votes should be dropped off. The remaining top 16 goals are going to remain. EGT will further refine the goals and objectives and add implementation tools to each. The goals that have been dropped may be included in the refinement of the top 16 goals.

Scott noted that eliminating the I-69 goal was not a problem, since the text of the comp plan and the corridor plan would be incorporated into the final version. EGT will ensure that I69 is adequately addressed to meet the intent of the grant.

Scott went through the top four goals as determined by the steering committee goals survey and started to discuss implementation tools. He noted that the top four goals and the associated implementation steps will comprise the action plan in the final comp plan. The discussion for each goal is noted below:

GOAL 1 (a): Support Mooreville's existing businesses and industries.

This goal can be difficult to address in a comp plan because there is dedicated staff – the Morgan County EDC – in place to deal with this issue. EGT recommends discussions with the Morgan County EDC to document what is being done now for retention and what can be done in the future.

The industrial park needs better circulation for commercial traffic and better access to I-70. The western area of the industrial park will be the growth area - need to address this in a subarea plan. We need to think about another thoroughfare to get to the industrial park – possibly from 42? The committee noted that new companies don't want to site here because of the stoplights on SR 67. They also noted that the buildings need to have fiber optics – to get ready for new economy and lure new tenants.

Scott noted that some of the listed objectives would be combined and the critical sub area map could address the industrial park area. The EGT will check with EDC for specific other implementation tools.

GOAL 2 (g): Explore the options to reduce truck traffic on State Road 267 through downtown Mooresville.

The suggested route by Cory and the bypass are two options. Cory's route is probably the best because it is less expensive and does not have to go over White Lick Creek. Committee wants to pursue Cory's route.

The EGT will drop bypass objective per the MPO – keep Cory's route – and further investigate whether Mooresville can legislate trucks off of local roads that are also state roads.

GOAL 3 (n): The Town of Mooresville shall promote an atmosphere with a high standard of community pride and small town charm.

This goal can be also be difficult to implement unless the community has a lot of political will – you need design standards to achieve the expected “high standard”.

The committee noted that the town needs to work on the vacancy issue, provide more street lights and ensure continuity. The example of the Dairy Queen was provided – where it was discovered that DQ had several facades they use – and the cheapest was provided. It was noted that the Plan Commission needs education on what design standards are available to use. EGT will research a continuum of designs standards such as 360 architecture, etc.

GOAL4 (q): Ensure that Mooresville maintains an adequate utility infrastructure to serve its agricultural, residential, commercial and industrial users.

The committee does not see much more expansion to local services. The sanitary sewer expansion plan and approval is not totally done yet. The town will have to bond.

Annexation plan has to be done and has to be stirred up now.

Scott noted that the EGT will further refine the goals and objectives, and will bring the results to the next meeting. At the next meeting, the committee will also conduct mapping exercises for the critical sub areas and future land use plan. The committee requested that the 2003 land use map be provided as a reference at the next meeting.

The next meeting is rescheduled to Monday, November 10th at 6:30 pm.

After the next meeting, the EGT will create a draft plan over the holidays. We may send occasional emails to the group to provide response and clarifications as we draft – or 3 minute emails. In January 2009 the committee will reconvene to address the draft plan.