



Local Comprehensive Plan Committee Agenda

Remote Meeting
Monday, October 3, 2022 – 5:00 pm
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Open Meeting

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Public Comment Period

The Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law limits any discussion by members of the Board of an issue raised to whether that issue should be placed on a future agenda. Speakers are limited to no more than 5 minutes.

Minutes:

- ◆ Assignment of Today's Minutes
- ◆ Approval of Minutes: None
- ◆ Outstanding Minutes: September 20, 2022

Planner Update

Discussion and Planning for October 15th Event

Outreach for October 15th Event

Next Meeting Date: Discussion

Adjourn

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Truro Vision and Values Workshop

October 15, 2022

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome (5 min.)**
- 2. Introduction and Overview – Mara Glatzel, LCPC Chair (5 min.)**
- 3. Opening Presentation (5 min.)**
- 4. Large Group Visioning Exercise (30 min.)**
- 5. Discuss Common Themes (15 min.)**

BREAK – (10 min.)

(view Walsh poster boards, coffee/bagels, humanity break, etc.)

- 6. Breakout Groups Visioning (30 min.)**
- 7. Reconvene and Report to Large Group (15 min.)**
- 8. Wrap-Up and Adjourn (5 min.)**

Truro LCP Vision and Values Workshop

Facilitator Cheat Sheet

- 1. Welcome – each participant will be given a colored index card to identify their group for small group exercise with four sticky notes; facilitators direct people to use the sign-in sheet**
- 2. Introduction and Overview – Mara**
- 3. Opening Presentation – StoryMap with voiceover?**
- 4. Large Group Visioning Exercise (30 min.)**

Using colored stickynotes and newsprint, have participants answer the following:

What word or phrase is one thing you value most about Truro today? (give participants up to 3 stickynotes)

What is one thing that you would change about the Town? (one stickynote)

- Encourage people to be specific, use categories to describe change, such as: people, housing, schools, jobs/business, health care, transportation, amenities, environment, public involvement.

5. Group Elements into Common Themes (15 min.)

Find the areas of consensus and identify any areas of disagreement. Focus on the areas of some consensus.

(Prompts: natural characteristics, built environment, people, places)

Create a new sheet listing items that have strong support

Be careful to nurture ideas that may come from an ethnic, gender or demographic perspective even though they may not initially gain the support of the entire group. Vision statements can include ideas that pertain to only one segment of the community.

10-min. BREAK – during this time encourage participants to look at Walsh property poster boards, add stickynotes or icons with ideas (if time to develop these in advance)

6. Breakout Groups Visioning (30 min.)

Break into small groups to brainstorm what an ideal community would be like in 10 to 20 years using large-format maps of the Town. Also have some resource maps (land use, traffic circulation, floodplains, etc.) available to the groups. Encourage people to either use sticky notes or mark up the maps directly. Ask groups

- Encourage group members to be specific. As a guide, the groups might use the categories that came up in the 1st exercise to describe change in the Town such as people, housing, schools, job/businesses, health care, crime, transportation, amenities, environment, and public involvement.

7. Reconvene and Report to Large Group (15 min.)

Return to the large group. Ask one member to report out from each group about how the community will be in the future. Make the statements in the present tense.

Write these statements on a piece of newsprint that all can see and that can be saved for revision later.

Ask group members to highlight some of the major differences between now and the future they have created. Try to elicit changes in attitudes and values regarding the community or surrounding environment.

8. Wrap-Up (5 min.)

Wrap up by talking about how this information will be used; discuss next steps in the comprehensive plan process, additional events planned, follow-up virtual session on draft vision; focused workshops on key issues, etc.; how the committee will conduct outreach to groups not represented.

Themes/Areas of Consensus:

- DIVERSITY
 - o Value economic diversity
 - o Housing variety/diversity
 - o More civility/discourse/constructiveness/creativity
- SERVICE & SUPPORT
 - o Services for all ages (year-round)
 - o Balancing diverse needs and concerns
 - o Transportation
 - o Infrastructure/wastewater/internet/ pathways/sidewalks
- ECONOMIC DIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABILITY
 - o Economic generator hub for region
 - o Climate emergency/net zero/sustainability
- MAINTAINING CHARM & CHARACTER
 - o Personality of Truro: nice, ordinary, sandy feet

What would Truro be like if you had the power to make it any way you wanted it?

- Environment and Sustainability
 - o Truro is known nation-wide as an innovative, zero carbon, economically and environmentally sustainable community. Must have an economically diverse population.
 - o Beautiful, quiet, open, spacious, filled with natural resources
 - o Continuation of agricultural uses
- Improved Infrastructure
 - o System of safe pathways and sidewalks
 - o Sewer beach pt.?
 - o ¼ acre zoning?
 - o Access to public transportation all year round
 - o Access to services (healthcare, groceries, etc.)
 - o Comprehensive plan for building on coastland
 - o Better internet
- Housing Affordability
 - o Town owned town employee housing, workforce housing, more affordable and market rate rentals
- Community Building (Arts, Education, TECH, etc.)
 - o Maker space, commercial kitchen, coworking spaces
 - o Network for tradespeople /regional effort
 - o Geographic hub for neighboring communities (childcare? Afterschool? Health care? Swimming?)
 - o Economic development and community minded behavior
 - Continued support and development of arts programs
 - YMCA type facility and programming for Walsh/Town Center
 - o Active community center all year for all people
 - o The ability to support a local school
- Diversity and Character
 - o Community cohesion – embraces and encourages acceptance (for everyone who is here), not divided over how long people have been here, diversity

- Still recognizable as Truro and not a generic Cape town
 - Rural, green, neighborhoods hidden/tucked away
 - No major development on highway
 - Not commercial
 - Age, race, economic diversity

Future goals, what Truro would look like:

- Civil, engaged, collaborative, creative
 - More year-round residents and businesses
 - Protected coastal community with a range of housing and businesses to support year-round population
 - Engaged population – include a plan for people who are busy and aren't as active in the community
 - Year-round store & breakfast, lunch, and coffee!
- Strategic policies and planning
 - Discussions in Town are about balancing a variety of needs and not framed as either/or
 - Municipal space
 - Creativity
 - Messaging about housing variety / communication of values
 - Internet
 - Housing
- Water issues/environmental/transportation
 - Responsible decisions to protect the resources
 - Requires a variety of housing types and opportunities
 - Easy to move around Truro without owning a car
 - Sewer in denser parts of Truro