



Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
November 8, 2017
6pm to 7:30pm
Scarborough town hall
259 US Route 1

Minutes

Attendance: Susan Auglis, Chris Caiazzo, Allen Paul, Dave Merrill, Richard Shinay, Jay Chace (Staff), Karen Martin (Staff), Jamel Torres (Staff)

I. Review of “Guiding Principles” from Planapalooza

The group discussed the nine Guiding Principles identified at Planapalooza:

1. Welcoming Community

Susan A. noted that safety is an important part of this principle.

2. Stewardship

Chris C. noted that fiscal stewardship is also important.

3. Authentic

Susan A. noted that authenticity is subjective and hard to quantify. Chris C. wanted to know if “cultural authenticity” could be added to the definition. Chris also noted that it is important to maintain cultural authenticity without losing Scarborough’s individual community identity.

4. Connected

Susan A. noted that this is a very important guiding principle but it also may be most significant challenge in the comprehensive planning process. Chris C. asked why technology was not included in the principle and staff noted that this was more of a transportation principle. Jay C. noted that transportation includes other modes of travel including walking, bicycling, and public transportation. Allen P. noted that the younger generation prefers these modes of transportation instead of owning a personal vehicle. Susan A. noted that while it is important to think of just Scarborough during the comprehensive planning process, it is also equally as important to think regionally to become more interconnected.

5. Healthy

No comments from the committee.

6. Vibrant

Susan A. thinks this principle should be more specific.

7. Fiscally Sustainable

No comments from the committee.

8. Engaged

No comments from the committee.

9. Be Bold

Karen M. noted that she thinks Scarborough has started to trend towards being a bold community. Susan A. noted that while Scarborough has been trending towards being a bold community, we have not been a bold community historically. Chris C. noted that the Town Council has received a lot of feedback from various State / Regional entities for the great programs that Scarborough has and feels like the community is willing to take chances, so long as they are logical and reasonable.

II. Discuss Public Engagement

Jay C. told the group that he expects many public meetings once the draft Comprehensive Plan is completed. He also expects that there will be many edits and revisions to the draft based on the community's specific needs and opinions.

a. Past Activities

Karen M. passed around a handout that included a summary of public participation during the Planapalooza events. The group was impressed overall by the participation but also noted there could be a lot more participation. The group also noted that they thought the open studio was a great idea and that it should have been advertised a little better. The group also felt like the closing night presentation was a little underwhelming and that it should have included more community input. However, the group is giving the consultants the benefit of the doubt that the closing night was a general overview of the community and that they will create a draft comprehensive plan that will include all of the community's input received during Planapalooza.

b. Future Activities

Jay C. noted that staff has heard that we could be reaching out to more community members to receive more feedback. He noted that a survey is an option and could be put in the mail, community newspaper and / or online. The group suggested that the survey include a question that asks how we can get more community members involved in the comprehensive plan update. Susan A. noted that most community members receive their information from the Scarborough Leader, so the survey should be included in an upcoming issue.

III. Next Committee Meeting(s)

Jay C. asked the committee if they felt like they wanted to keep meeting during the evenings. The group felt like going back to the Friday morning meeting schedule would be best. The next meeting will be held in early December and will be a meeting with a developer interested in purchasing the Scarborough Downs property.

IV. Public Comment

None.