

Beaufort Comprehensive Plan Update

Steering Committee Meeting #2

Meeting Information

Date: » February 18, 2021
Time: » 4:00 PM
Location: » Zoom Meeting: Video / Conference Call
Attendees: » Guy Copes, Diane Meelheim, Ralph Merrill, Paula Gillikin, Johnna Davis, Robert Harper, Heather Polling, Jay McLeod (Stewart), Allison Evans (Stewart), Kate Allen (Town), Kyle Garner (Town), John Day (Town)

Agenda Items

- Project Schedule and Status Update
 - Mr. McLeod provided a brief status update and discussed upcoming important dates
 - March 23, 2021 – Public Meeting #2
 - May 6, 2021 – Steering Committee Meeting #3
 - The Project Team conducted a community tour and discussed several notable sites and topics
 - Cedar Street Improvements, Cedar Street Park, Beau Coast and East Village, Atlantic Veneer Property, Old Elementary School Redevelopment, Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion, Randolph Johnson Memorial Park, Transportation Improvements and Active Recreation Updates
- Word About Town
 - Mr. McLeod provided an overview of Town efforts to reach the public regarding the survey and upcoming public meeting.
 - Project web page (beaufortnc.org/future)
 - Town of Beaufort Facebook Page
 - Volunteer efforts to get survey participation
 - News coverage (Channel 7)
 - Carteret County News Times Article
 - Staff engagements throughout the community
 - Committee members shared observations and the overall word around town and thanked town staff for their ongoing public engagement efforts.
- Plan Assessments Update
 - Kate Allen provided an update on the existing plan assessments, to include:

- Small Area Plan (2018)
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan (2018)
- Watershed Restoration Plan (2017)
- Carteret County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (2014)
- Statewide Transportation Improvement Program 2020-2029
- Entry Master Plan (2012)
- Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (2020)
- CAMA Core Land Use Plan (2006)
- Review/Discussion
 - Socioeconomic Snapshot Chapter
 - Ms. Evans presented data for the Socioeconomic Snapshot chapter of the Plan. Data included current population, population projections (permanent and seasonal), household income, and more. Further, the presentation included various socioeconomic maps, such as:
 - Median Home Value
 - Recreational Housing Share
 - Median Household Income
 - Median Age
 - Minority Population
 - Focus Group Summary Chapter
 - Mr. McLeod briefly discussed the Focus Group feedback, noting the chapter is still in development, but will be available for review in the coming months.
 - CAMA Issues and Assets Chapter
 - Mr. McLeod discussed CAMA Issues that are statutorily required to be included in a CAMA Plan.
 - Environmental Vulnerability
 - Mr. McLeod shared information regarding environmental vulnerability, to include sea level rise projections and climate change.
 - Mapping
 - Mr. McLeod shared several maps with the committee
 - Future Roads and Improvements (Carteret County CTP)
 - Average Annual Daily Traffic Counts
 - Water Quality and Shellfish
 - Environmentally Fragile Areas
 - Soil Suitability for Development

- Soils
- Floodplains
- Storm Surge Modeling (SLOSH)
- Plan Focus Areas
 - Infrastructure (water, sewer, stormwater)
 - Environmental water quality
 - Natural hazards mitigation/preparation
 - Affordable housing
 - Tourism economy and short-term rentals
 - Bike/ped facilities, including ADA accessibility
 - Parks and recreation
 - Public water access points
- Next Steps
 - Survey #1 Status, closes 03/10
 - Public Meeting #2 – 03/23
 - Survey #2 – opens 03/23, closes 04/13
 - Steering Committee #3 – May 6