

CITY OF NISSWA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #5 – 6:00-8:00pm



Date: Thursday, May 3, 2017

Location: Bix Axe Brewery in Downtown Nisswa

Meeting Chair(s): Ashley Kaisershot and Dawn Espe

Summary by: A. Kaisershot

In Attendance: Dawn Espe, R5DC, Ashley Kaisershot, NJPA, Steering Committee Members: Mike Sedivy, Cari LaRose, Sheila Johnston, Larry Petron, Shawn Hansen, and Anne Laufman, Nisswa Planning Commission

Copies: To all steering committee members

1. Introduction and Presentation: Meeting facilitators, Ashley Kaisershot of NJPA and Dawn Espe of R5DC, started the meeting at 6:00 pm at Big Axe Brewery. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss policy development efforts in transportation, infrastructure, sustainability, and land use.

2. An overview of the agenda and progress was presented. Upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

3. Visioning Session #2, held on April 18th, was discussed. Participants seemed to view the goals on how it would monetarily affect them versus the long term benefits. Written comments emphasized the importance on not becoming “Edina.” Positive and successful discussion occurred around the Nisswa Character. Questions were brought forward on why there aren’t pop up music events, or community band evening.

4. The policies for the following plan elements were reviewed:

- Land use (LU)
- Infrastructure (INF)
- Sustainability (SUS)

The following discussions were held:

- LU, goal 4, policy 4, language should be simplified, and focus on providing a better balance of housing choices for local residents and second homeowners.
- LU, goal 6, study the effectiveness of this goal. Perhaps this language is better suited for narratives in the land use chapter.
- LU, goal 7, add bike trails along CR 77 a short-term strategy
- Infrastructure chapter: add language on the importance of the creation and maintenance of a capital improvement program (CIP) and street master plan.
- INF, goal 6, add broadband infrastructure narratives to the report.
- SUS, goal 1, rephrase entire goal.

5. Draft survey questions were reviewed. SC will review questions and respond with feedback. The survey will be available for six weeks. Promotional materials will be made to market the survey.

6. Vision statements were presented. SC will review options and respond with their preferred top 3 statements. These visioning statements will then be included in a community survey. Tentative date to launch the survey is mid-May. Project will be extended one month to capture the voices of the tourist and second home owners' voices.

7. A draft of the plan will be submitted to the SC for review and comment.

NEXT STEPS:

Project managers will summarize the meeting, e-mail it to the SC, and follow up with those who were unable to attend.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

SC Meeting #6 – June 13th from 6:00-8:00pm

UPCOMING SUBMISSIONS:

Submit draft document to Crow Wing County for their 60 day review and commenting period starting at the beginning of June.

Post 30 day review for public comment in mid-June.