

**TOWN OF MOUNT PLEASANT, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FORUM
MAY 1, 2018
MINUTES**

Present: Pearl Ascue, Billy Barnwell, Tracy Blanchard, Daniel Brock, Michael Carmody, Pat Eardley, Kathryn Ellis, Grant Gilmore, Randy Glenn, Lucy Gordon, Stephanie Hunt, Julie Hussey, Pam Ireland, Matt Jones, Catherine Main, Scott Mesa, Dominique Milton, Mark Monaghan, Karin Peace, Ingrid Schneider, Adriane Smalls-Owens, Austin Sneed, Thomasena Stokes-Marshall, Pat Sullivan, Kai Yeh

Absent: Lorraine Cichowski, Charles Coker, Benjy Cooke, Sara Couch, Hamer Darby, Bruce Koedding, Jody McAuley, Molly Neumeyer, Robert O'Neill, Michael Samuel, Jessica Shipman, Bernard Steed, Patricia Sy, Mike Zettel

Staff: Christiane Farrell, Jeff Ulma, Brad Morrison, Liz Boyles, Austin Rutherford, Lynnette Lynes

Also: Consultants: Jennifer Humphreys, Greg Dale, Tim Smith

Mr. Dale called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm

Mr. Dale reviewed the upcoming events with the Forum. He stated that after the June meetings, staff would work on a draft plan and would bring this back to the Forum after the summer.

1. Public Comment

There being no comments, Mr. Dale continued with the agenda.

2. Review of LRTP/Mobility Topics

Ms. Humphreys and Mr. Smith reviewed the Transportation Data Analysis with the Forum. She reviewed the CHATS transportation travel demand model with the Forum through a PowerPoint presentation.

The Forum discussed the data and asked how the household size is determined. Ms. Humphreys answered that it is based on the census and American community survey. The Forum asked about the Bluetooth study and if it was included in the model. Ms. Humphreys answered that the Bluetooth survey provides information for calibration. Mr. Smith stated that approximately 20% of the traffic is captured through the Bluetooth survey. They asked if the Bluetooth sensors would capture

multiple signals in a single vehicle. Ms. Humphreys answered that she was not sure. They asked if the signal has an associated IP address. Ms. Humphreys answered in the negative.

Ms. Humphreys stated that the project identification would identify individual projects throughout the area for the future.

The Forum discussed levels of service and what would be considered a “problem intersection” or when the level of service (LOS) is determined a “problem”. Ms. Humphreys answered that each municipality determines what would be an acceptable LOS. Mr. Morrison stated that a LOS D is considered throughout the industry as an acceptable level of service.

3. Work Session

Mr. Dale stated that the members received a draft copy of the goals and objectives and stated that the following topics require further discussion:

Urban Corridor

The Forum discussed different aspects of the urban corridor and how the existing development and redevelopment can be consistent and provide a cohesive streetscape.

Mr. Dale stated that once the draft Comprehensive Plan is completed, it would be beneficial to work on better defining the nodes and character areas and what the specific characteristics would be for those areas.

Housing Diversity and Affordability

The forum discussed how affordable housing can be accomplished. They discussed ensuring that there is housing equity. Ms. Boyles stated that the Town is looking at the possibility of implementing additional requirements and permitting for accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

They discussed how to keep the Town financially viable and the impact that programs such as impact fees, assessments, etc. have.

Open Space

The Forum discussed open space and the need to have an open space network with connectivity throughout the Town that connects to Mount Pleasant Way (bike and pedestrian network). They discussed that it is important to include protection of open space as well.

Settlement Communities

The Forum discussed the desire to protect and preserve the historic settlement communities. They discussed the concern with development occurring outside of the settlement communities that fiscally impacts the community and endangers preservation.

Cultural Core

The Forum discussed the importance of the area centrally located within the Town limits and how this can be utilized as a connection between the different areas of the Town. They discussed the need for better education efforts on the history of the area, settlement communities, and cultural diversity.

They discussed the need for a cultural arts center that houses the history as well as defining a central location for cultural art displays and how this can be done in conjunction with tourism efforts.

They discussed the need for coordination between the Town and Charleston County as many of these areas are not located in the Town jurisdiction. They discussed the issue that there needs to be coordination with the local settlement communities.

Mount Pleasant Way

The Forum discussed having a town-wide bike system that connects with the pedestrian network and links natural, cultural, and historic resources.

Fiscal Sustainability

The Forum discussed the need to remain and maintain financial stability, particularly with buildout approaching. They discussed the need to have financial diversity of revenues. The Forum discussed that there is not a balance between residential and non-residential and that an acceptable ratio needs to be determined. They discussed the need for environmental sustainability and sufficiency.

The Forum discussed the need for revenue diversity and looking at other revenue streams such as the tourist industry, economic development, etc.

4. Discussion of June Plan Forum Meeting and Open House

Mr. Dale stated that the forum will have a draft framework and goals and objectives in addition to a draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He stated that this would be presented at the June open house as well.

Ms. Boyles asked the preference of time for the June meeting which would be prior to the open house.

The Forum agreed that the June meeting would be at 2 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

Submitted by,
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