



Type of Meeting: Regular monthly, Zoom

Meeting Number: 2

Minutes - *FINAL*

1. Agenda item: Roll Call

City of Littleton Members Present: (3) Ryan Thompson, Pam Grove, Scott Melin

NGAC Members Present: (10/12) Iftin Abshir, Abbie Steiner, Larry Thompson, Jennifer Makis, Catherine Riggs, Alyssa Campbell, Lauren Burgess, Joshua Hall, and Charlee Ottersberg, Carrie Zwanzig

2-3. Agenda item: Approval of Agenda / 5.28.20 Minutes

Overview:

Approve agenda: Iftin

Second: Josh

Approved (9 in favor)

Approve minutes: Alyssa

Second: Iftin

Approved (9 in favor)

4. Agenda item: Public Comment

Overview:

Commenter #1: Pam Chadbourn

- The packet online was only an agenda, can you please post the actual material being shared.
- Regular meeting dates, please do not conflict with other committees.
- Commend: every board and commission should have a clear vision of what they contribute the city. Appreciative to the committee for setting up the transportation committee
- The Envision plan is an environmental disaster, please criticize the plan
- The protests and demonstrations are showing income and race segregated housing have been an issue for 80+ year. This committee has the ability to make a real impact

Close at 6:42 PM

5. Agenda item: Guest Speaker, Scott Melin, Littleton Mayor Pro-Tem

- Thanked the committee for their service, passion, and commitment
- Excited to see we are considering an environmental committee
- Grew up in the mountain of Colorado, fly fishing, exploring the wilderness, and hunting wild asparagus.
- Academically: law student with coursework in environmental justice, water law, environmental law. Thesis was around climate change and risk collapse
- Opportunity to do environmental/sustainability initiatives around ULC initiative
 - o Incentivize homeowners/developers to have water conscious landscaping vs water hungry lawns

- Beekeeping in the downtown area
- Community supported agriculture
- Many folks in Littleton are committed to make sustainability a cornerstone of the community, looking for additional advocates and partners
- Lauren Asks: What are the three top goals for sustainability for the city of Littleton (actionable and attainable)
 - Move toward a sustainability action plan, an opportunity to explore what sustainability means to it, prioritize funding and project, and develop work plans
 - Native Plant Demonstrations throughout the city
 - Low hanging fruit for the public works department
 - Maintenance is low because they are adapted for the region
 - High Country Gardens could be a valuable resource
 - Three ways to make your environment better immediately
 - Organic Agriculture
 - Green Energy
 - Plant Native Plants everywhere
- Larry: how can we assist in the project/efforts
 - Give your opinions to council. Council wants to hear from NGAC. Our purpose is to weigh in and give guidance on the things that are important to us
 - Move and shake politically
 - This may be a heavy lift in the community. Show up for public comment
 - Be data driven, help reduce the workload for Council
- If we don't do something as a society now, it poses an existential threat. We need to be aggressive in turning the tide
- Littleton is behind, it has never been a political priority.

6. Agenda item: Discussion: Envision Littleton Plan

Overview:

- What did you find interesting?
 - Josh: amazing that we have 20-year plan, having transportation component is important.
 - Iftin: it is very dense, but is lacking detail.
 - Example: environmental plans, arts and culture, land use
 - A good starting point, but its just that, a starting point
 - It is a living document, we are well positioned as a committee to expand and improve the document
 - Continue to Support vs enhance
 - Carrie: there are no milestones or benchmarks to determine if we are making progress against
 - Abbie: question to Pam/Scott around plans/goals? How is the city measuring progress?
 - Pam: this is just an overall master plan, a guiding principal.
 - UCL has been a first project that has been worked on
 - This is a strategic plan, not a tactical plan.
 - This is a frame of reference, ensuring decisions are in line with the values.
 - Scott: it is a values statement, to distill what the community wants
 - Then we can translate this into our built environment
 - We must do data driven implementation and follow up. It is important to keep track of the project over time
 - Charlee: There is more room for discussion around the cities environmental values
 - Catherine: When I first read the document, I was expecting it to be more detailed, it helped me to view it as a "corporate vision statement"
 - This feels in line with what it is
- How can we incorporate the plan into our work?
 - Alyssa: we should be referring back to the envision plan in our work. This is the anchor and we need to make sure what we say aligns
 - Charlee: this is a strong opportunity to flesh out the plan for environment and transportation.
 - Iftin: agrees with charlee. If we can do the heavy lifting here, it will make it easier for the council to adopt it. It needs to be fact based and community supported.

6. Agenda item: Proposed Committees

Overview:

- Abbie: What are the goals of the subcommittees? What is the role? Etc?
 - o Iftin: more effective to take the lead on a particular issue. These three committees were the ones that the leadership team felt had the most traction out of the previous meeting.
- Alyssa: What is the role the committee will have on the mission of the group
- Lauren: Successful commissions I have been a part of had a committee structure.
- Charlee: I view the committees as a group to do the heavy lifting, and bring directed conversation to the entire council
- Kitt: Were there committees last year?
 - o Iftin: no, we are hoping committees might allow for more involvement/more ownership
- Josh: great idea to get clarity and focus. Three seems like a good idea.
 - o Helps to keep things concise and focused
- Charlee: these committees could be a starting point
- Lauren: Passionate about zoning. Is there an opportunity to transition to hotter topics?
 - o Ryan: pedicabs could be an opportunity
 - o Scooters could be an option
- Charlee: Opportunity for Public Safety Policy
 - o Lauren: We have an opportunity to provide our insight and opinion
 - Iftin agrees with this
 - o Abbie: we talked extensively about diversity, equity, inclusion. We could focus on Racial Justice
 - We may want to put a hold on transportation, is because it is a long-term action item
 - DEIRJ is a now issue
- Abbie moves to amended committee of transportation to Diversity Inclusion, Equity, Belonging. Lauren seconded
 - o Approved (9)
- Charlee moved to approve the committees as discussed. Abbie seconded
 - o Approved (9)
 - Environmental Committee
 - Zoning/ULUC
 - DIEB
- Lauren: Can we do a raise of hand of who is interested in which committee?
 - Environmental Committee
 - Zoning/ULUC
 - DIEB
 - o Kitt: What is Zoning:
 - How is downtown going to look?
 - Abbie: It is how you bring your vision to life?
 - Resource: <http://online.encodeplus.com/regs/littleton-co/page.aspx?name=series-2019>
 - Specifically event 3
- Committee Assignments:
 - o Environmental Committee
 - **Iftin Abshir**
 - Abbie Steiner
 - Jennifer Makis
 - Kit Riggs
 - Larry Thompson
 - o Zoning/ULUC
 - **Charlee Ottersberg**
 - Larry Thompson
 - Josh Hall
 - Iftin Abshir
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 - o DIEB
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- Kit Riggs
- Jennifer Makis
- **Larry Thompson**
- Larry to reach out to Cassie and Jack about what they want to do

7. Agenda item: NGAC Feedback about city-Wide Trash Collection

Overview:

- Do we even want to talk about this? Should we wait until after council gets their presentation?
- Charlee moves to postpone this discussion to a later date. Seconded by Josh
- The motion carries

8. Agenda item: NGAC Feedback about “Weekends on Main Street”

Overview:

- Iftin shared her screen to include the Next generation advisory committee questions and perspectives
 - Attached as an appendix
- Lauren: I think it is important to drive people out to our hurting community
- Kit: worried and concerned due to COVID concerns
- Alyssa: None of these things happen in a vacuum. They are promoting this as an event, which brings more people out. This shouldn't necessarily be an event where people come and gather.
- Iftin: agrees with Alyssa. The tone of the video feels like it is an event
 - I would miss the Bemis library if it does not come back
- Ryan: this is what council wants to hear
- Charlee: Littleton brings more than just Littleton. It draws Englewood, Sheridan, Highlands Ranch, Centennial
- Alyssa: Little Car jam doesn't do anything for the small businesses, I feel like weekends on main does the same
- Josh: my first reaction was all in, but looking back, it doesn't make sense. It is seen as an event, the first weekend out. I don't know that the group setting will last very long.
- Ryan: Intension to go?
 - Kit: it will modify how we will interact with our home
- Lauren: In the future, can our committee be given a heads up so that we can give our feedback?
 - Ryan: will bring this to community development
- Pam: this was my idea to give feedback to council.
- Lauren: we are not all in agreement with the event. But is the thoughtful feedback that we can provide be that we give our feedback sooner.
- Josh: does anyone think this is a good idea?
- Abbie: Is it expected that people will wear masks? Businesses are good at holding people accountable, will people be held accountable on the street?
 - Can we provide standards/guidance?
- Alyssa: This is so food focused, it will be hard to enforce mask-wear
 - We just have a lot of signage
- Pam: The idea was health and safety. Masks are recommended by not required
 - The intension is just an expansion to allow for people to eat in the street.
- Lauren: There is a huge issue in requiring people with a disability to wear a masks
- Iftin: I think it is an interesting idea, I am planning on attending. I have no qualms in attending.
 - It is a great thing for restaurants in downtown
 - What can we do as a community to support other places than downtown
 - Is council still looking for written feedback?
- Pam: can we get feedback from people who attend sent to one person
- Iftin: Can people send answers to the questions to Josh and Alyssa no later than next Wednesday, June 18. They will consolidate and share with the group.
 - They will provide written commentary back to the group and get approval/feedback by June 26.

- Pam will speak to it at council on July 7
- Ryan: we need to do this the right way.

9. Agenda item: Announcements

Staff Report:

- Things are going well, this is an effective meeting tonight. This is exactly what I have been hoping for. Will have more announcements in July

Council Report:

- Will check with organizers to get tours out to the committee.

General Announcements:

- Sign up for Bemis Adult Programming
- Vote in the June Primary.

10. Agenda item: Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn – Alyssa
- Second – Iftin
- Motion Passed – 8:41pm



Charlee Ottersberg, NGAC Secretary
Approved as submitted on July 2, 2020.