Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee (CPCAC)

Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 22, 2014, Noon
Rosa Parks Transportation Center, Multi-Purpose Room, Main Floor

1. Welcome/Introductions – Chair, Kevin Blanchard
2. Dec 3, 2013 CPCAC Action Summary – Approval requested
3. Review of Plan Lafayette Week – Kevin Blanchard
4. Overview of material and committee participation for Community Forum Series 4 – Silvia Vargas/Nancy O’Neill, WRT
5. Marketing overview – Blake Lagneaux, of Right Angle, will highlight our marketing efforts
6. Next Steps – Moving forward, what is the role of the CPCAC?
7. Public Comment
1. Encourage compact, mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly development in centers and along corridors as designated by the Future Land Use Map.

2. Coordinate with the Louisiana DOTD to ensure that the I-49 Connector corridor improvements are consistent with established policies, working within the parameters of the Corridor Preservation and Management Action Plan.

3. Improve connectivity by encouraging bike and pedestrian paths that provide a variety of safe options for traveling, including walking, biking, transit, and vehicle travel.

3. Review zoning, subdivision, and site plan applications for consistency with the Lafayette Comprehensive Plan.

3. Develop a clear annexation planning policy that is based on the need and benefit of expanding the tax base and efficient delivery of services and utilities.

3. Strengthen multi-municipal planning and coordination through the MPO, Lafayette Public School System (LPSS), and emergency service providers, including land use planning, coordination of parks, transportation improvements, schools, community buildings, and provision of police, fire, and EMS services.
**COMMUNITY CHARACTER**

1. Protect and preserve historic and cultural resources and maintain historic character – especially in downtown and surrounding areas - while promoting reinvestment that is complementary to community character.

2. Promote downtown, UL Lafayette, and surrounding neighborhoods as the historic and cultural epicenter of the Lafayette community as described in the Downtown Framework.

3. Integrate streetscape and pedestrian amenities into transportation corridors and streets to provide a distinct character and image and serve to better connect our neighborhoods.

**HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS**

1. Increase opportunities for mixed-use housing development and live-work units in downtown and in mixed-use centers.

2. Identify strategies to encourage redevelopment and prevent and mitigate blighting influences such as foreclosures, adjudicated occupied housing, and vacant properties in neighborhoods.

3. Create infill and housing redevelopment strategies that complement and enhance the character of existing neighborhoods.
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**HISTORIC & CULTURAL RESOURCES**

1. Strengthen gateways and placemaking within Lafayette commercial centers and neighborhoods with public art and coordinated streetscape elements.

2. Increase coordination and resource sharing between organizations with a focus on historic and cultural resources, including the Preservation Alliance of Lafayette, Downtown Development Authority, Acadiana Historical initiative at UL Lafayette, Lafayette Preservation Commission, Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission, and others.

3. Preserve and strengthen neighborhoods that are culturally and historically valuable but which do not meet eligibility criteria for designation as a local, state, or national district.
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

1. Increase business skills training for high school graduates to allow local companies to hire and compete globally.

2. Diversify economy by supporting start-up and entrepreneurial businesses.

3. Dedicate resources to encourage existing/additional airlines with greater levels of jet service to Lafayette on an enhanced schedule.

**TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY**

1. Improve corridor preservation and management to protect existing and planned transportation corridors from inconsistent development and minimize potential negative environmental, social, and economic impacts.

2. Make Lafayette a model city that is safe, convenient, and attractive for walking and biking options for people of all ages and abilities.

3. Provide multi-modal facilities along transportation corridors to improve connectivity for neighborhoods and surrounding uses by facilitating mobility for all users.
**UTILITIES**

1. Develop policies that encourage new development within the service areas of existing infrastructure with excess capacity, or where systems can be realistically expanded.

2. Seek the eventual conversion to all-underground electric utilities.

3. Ensure that there are adequate LUS utilities available to serve future growth areas.

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES**

1. Coordinate with the University of Louisiana to support implementation of its Master Plan and Guiding Principles to realize the benefits of investment in the urban core.

2. Work with LPSS to implement its strategic Turnaround Plan in the short-term and continue to improve school district educational opportunities and results.

3. Collaborate with the parish’s colleges, university, and public school system to increase access to technical schools and colleges and match workforce training with employer needs.
**RECREATION & OPEN SPACE**

1. Increase access and connectivity between and within parks and neighborhoods through a network of safe sidewalks, bike paths/trails, greenways, and transit options.

2. Plan for present and future park and recreation needs and encourage multi-use public spaces that can function in a variety of ways to serve the recreation needs of the surrounding neighborhoods.

3. Protect the quality of the Vermilion River and its use for passive and active recreation.

**RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND HAZARD MITIGATION**

1. Increase open space and create a green infrastructure network that provides recreational opportunities, helps alleviate stormwater runoff, and assists in protecting the parish from storm hazards.

2. Enhance the protection of rivers, coulees, and wetlands to improve water quality and stormwater management.

3. Increase the urban tree canopy in established and new neighborhoods, as well as in newly developing areas.