

City of Cook
Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting Notes
July 24, 2014 – 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Cook City Hall

Meeting Notes

The Comprehensive Plan Committee met on July 24, 2014. Nicole Peterson with Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) facilitated a discussion about the City's Comprehensive Plan. Participants reviewed the draft vision and goal statements in a handout made available at the meeting. Attendees also reviewed draft chapters of the Comprehensive Plan including: Healthy Community, Housing, and Transportation). The following notes were taken at the meeting.

Draft vision and goal statements

A handout was provided that included the updated Vision and Goal Statements based on the previous meeting comments. No questions or comments were added to the draft vision and goal statements. Nicole stated that the Committee will have another opportunity to review the vision and goal statements with the final draft plan.

Draft Comprehensive Plan Chapters (Healthy Community, Housing, Transportation)

A handout was provided that included the following draft chapters of the Comprehensive Plan: Healthy Community, Housing, and Transportation. Nicole stated that the Committee will have another opportunity to review the draft plans including the community survey results. The following notes were taken in regard to the three draft chapters.

Healthy Community Chapter - The following comments were gathered in regard to the Healthy Community Chapter. Add the following to the Health Care Section: Pharmacy, Assisted living, memory care, physical therapy, coroner/funeral home, future wellness center in former school building, opportunity to designate former school building an emergency facility – Red Cross.

Housing Chapter - The following comments were gathered in regard to the Housing Chapter. The Range Readiness Program may have survey results in regard to housing. Housing is being considered in the former school building. Multi-family housing units that may include geo-thermal heating and other green building strategies. In regard to the building and rental code, the City currently differs all building inspections to the St. Louis County Building Department.

Transportation Chapter – Nicole updated the group that she had spoken to Bud Ranta, Public Works prior to the meeting to gather comments on the draft street classification table and changes will be forthcoming in future drafts. The following comments were gathered in regard to the Transportation Chapter. A question was raised in regard to the status of the 4-lane Hwy 53 and maintenance of the cross-walks. The City is in discussions with MN DOT in regard to the crosswalks on Hwy 53. Nicole stated that the first four strategies in the plan are from the County Health Plan and study that was conducted in 2013. In regard to improving human-powered transportation network: Add amenities to improve connections to golf courses (Wolf Ridge and Vermilion Fairways. In regard to public transit add the availability of the Bois Forte system. In regard to Maintain and improve local streets: Change 'develop' to 'continue' five year CIP and maintain street lighting. In regard to low bridges, there was confusion about what that comment meant. We will add to replace the North River Street Bridge.