
**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPCAC)
PUBLIC MEETING
ACTION SUMMARY**

Meeting Held Thursday, May 1, 2014, 8:00 am, at the Rosa Parks Transportation Center

Members Present

- Greg Manuel
- Hector LaSala
- Jerry Prejean
- Bruce Conque
- Troy Bergeron
- Susannah Malbreaux
- Tad Sebastian
- Tom Meyers
- Louis Perret
- Stephanie Cornay Dugan
- Kam Movassaghi
- Dr. Joby John
- Beau Bourque
- John Guilbeau
- Gerd Wuestemann
- Flo Meadows

Members Absent

- Jared Bellard
- Andre Mitchell
- Jerrod Olivier
- Carrie Templeton
- Don Bertrand
- Tony Tramel
- Alton Trahan
- Jeremiah Supple
- Mark Mouton
- Mike Hefner
- Tim Supple
- Virginia Jones
- Mandi Mitchell
- Marilyn McDonald
- Mary Jane Bauer
- Mitzi Moss Duhon

LCG

- Joey Durel
- Keith Patin
- Carlee Alm-LaBar
- Cathie Gilbert
- Kevin Blanchard (CPCAC)
- Cecilia Gayle
- Johnny Orgeron
- Jim Parker
- Sara Fawcett Gary
- Conrad Comeaux (CPTRT)
- Greg Roberts (CPTRT)
- Nathan Norris (CPTRT)

Public

Rachel Godeaux

Media

WRT

- Silvia Vargas, WRT

1. Welcome – Chair, Kevin Blanchard

2. Action Summary

Dr. Joby John made a motion to approve the action summary for the Jan. 22, 2014 meeting. John Guilbeau seconded the motion.

MOTION: Joby John

SECOND: John Guilbeau

VOTE: 17-0-0-15, Yes: 18, No: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent 14

3. WRT Presentation:

Silvia Vargas of WRT took the committee through the following:

- Outline of the plan chapters
- Described the Implement chapter and associated action matrix
- Next steps to Planning Commission and Council plan approval
- One year implementation assistance by WRT as part of the contract for the comp plan
- Update on the supplemental items including the Downtown Action Plan, the small area and nodal plans and the UDC

Discussion:

Chair, Kevin Blanchard - offered wording that addresses the need for modernized parish courthouse downtown.

Stephanie Cornay Dugan – the Mardi Gras photo from Mamou does not represent Mardi Gras in Lafayette.

Conrad Comeaux – often the pictures do not reflect the text in which they are associated.

Dr. Joby John suggested going to the third floor of UL’s library for archival pictures.

Stephanie pointed out that given this is a thirty year plan we should consider how we refer to the Horse Farm. Gerd Wuestemann suggested checking with EB Brooks regarding the timeline for the park’s name.

Joby asked how the plan would be amended. Silvia explained that there is protocol in Chapter 4 regarding 5 year amendments and 1 year monitoring.

Joby thanked WRT for the plan and welcomed the year implementation assistance. He stressed the importance of a very accessible online version once the plan is adopted. Kevin added that we want to have a dashboard method to follow policy progress.

Kam Movassaghi asked about a transportation plan for LCG. He pointed to the lack of coordination between LCG, the MPO and the DOTD.

Flo Meadows stressed the importance of task forces with certain expertise to implement components of the plan.

Conrad – Animal control at a parish level needs to be addressed in the plan.

Stephanie – technology in public buildings needs to be emphasized.

Gerd Wuestemann – emphasized the importance of investment in Arts and Culture and told the committee about a Arts and Culture plan his office is working on.

Conrad – felt that the plan did not effectively recognize race relations in this community. He recognized that various aspects of the plan, eg. neighborhoods, blight, disinvestment policies, addressed many of the concerns.

Gerd – felt that the culture of the community needs to bridge that gap.

Flo Meadows – complemented the Upper Lafayette Economic Development Foundation for their efforts in the north part of the parish. She also pointed to the new urbanism development of Corett Farms.

Kevin – talked about the TIGER grant that will look at those neighborhoods adjacent to the I-49 and the importance of this effort and revitalizing neighborhoods in the plan.

Greg Manuel – pointed out that the divide that needs to be addressed is socioeconomic.

Greg Roberts – talked about education as the number one factor and the importance of pre-K education and parental involvement.

Joby recommended looking the WRT, the experts, for guidance with regard to this issue. Silvia responded that the plan cannot address cultural attitudes but can address the north south divide with regard to growth and development.

Stephanie – did not like the wording of the challenge of our waterways and asked that the word threat be replaced with manage.

4. Next Steps – Kevin Blanchard told the committee that they have until noon on Tuesday, May 6th to send their feedback. The plan will be unveiled to the Planning Commission on May 20th and the public hearing for the plan will be June 10th. Council will be asked to endorse the plan on July 1st.

5. New Business/Old Business – None

6. Public Comments – No public comment

To be approved by the CPCAC