



CCRPC Long Range Planning Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm

Location: CCRPC Office, 110 West Canal Street, Suite 202, Winooski, VT.

Attendees: Justin Dextrauder (Chair), Edmund Booth, Paul Conner, Heather Danis, Lisa Falcone, Jim Fay and Bob Henneberger

CCRPC Staff: Emily Nosse-Leirer and Regina Mahony

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**
2. **Approve Minutes from December 9, 2015.** Bob Henneberger made a motion, seconded by Edmund Booth to approve the minutes from December 9, 2015. No further discussion.
MOTION PASSED.
3. **ECOS Plan Amendments.** Staff review the proposed amendments to the following sections and the LRPC provided comments:
 - a. Update ECOS Project List – Regina explained that the yellow highlight indicates changes, and new projects are added at the end, including waste water treatment plant updates (WWTPs) as described in the TMDL. We ask for updates to this list every year, and with the addition of the WWTPs we thought we'd update the entire list as much as we can. The LRPC recommended that we identify the source document and date for the WWTP targets; as well as add a catch-all statement for projects that are brownfields eligible.
 - b. Flood Resiliency – Regina handed out the draft flood resiliency language. Since the intent of this was mostly already addressed in the Plan, and the meat of this will be in the All Hazard Mitigation Plan update, the edits were limited to Sections 2.3.3 and 3.2.3. Regina explained that she was tempted to re-write 3.2.3 in full given the emphasis on the new TMDL and flood resiliency, however this was drafted with a great deal of input and she didn't want to undo the work without that same level of review. The LRPC recommend a clarifying edit to the wastewater treatment plant

section.

- c. Child Care – Regina explained that the high regulation/low profitability sentence was edited; and the Blue Ribbon Commission is in process so this action statement was edited accordingly. There was significant discussion regarding summarizing the problem accurately in a concise way. The LRPC suggested reorganizing the content to clearly describe the unaffordability, unmet need and what’s next (Blue Ribbon Commission). It was also recommended to add that if people can’t find child care they can’t work; and that municipalities could consider waiving fees for child care businesses.
- d. Earth Extraction – Edited further based on comments from the last meeting. The LRPC recommended a clarifying edit regarding commercial viability.
- e. Surrounding Regions – Regina explained that the last two sections for transportation and hazard mitigation were added as requested. Regina suggested that we don’t remove the commute to work data as we don’t have it from all of the regions. The LRPC felt that we should keep it in as an example as it is telling. The LRPC also suggested that we reinforce the lack of housing in the transportation section – as those demands are not going to decrease unless we have more housing that is affordable in Chittenden County. It was also suggested that we clarify that the Jeffersonville Commuter is a bus.
- f. Utility & Facility Section - The LRPC reviewed the revisions to the sections within the Utility & Facility section and had the following suggestions:
 - i. Schools – Regina explained that the content was edited based on input from the last meeting; and an additional edit was made since the packet went out (there 7 Chittenden South Boards). The LRPC felt that keeping specific information about each district/union was helpful. However it could be simplified to X boards, X schools and which Towns are served in a list or simple table. There was also a suggestion to display this as a map. Edmund Booth will work on a map, and the LRPC can decide if it is helpful to include.
 - ii. Regina explained that the recommended edits were made to the library, energy and government facilities sections. Information on the Essex/Essex Junction consolidation to Govt. services was added. The LRPC suggested that this is described as “an example of creative solutions...”. Regina indicated that the specific information would be further updated with FY15 Annual Report.
 - iii. Hospitals – Regina explained that at the last meeting the LRPC asked for a information regarding need of nursing facilities. Regina didn’t find this exact information from DAIL, however she added some information on a movement away from nursing facilities and towards home-based care. The LRPC recommended that we look further into unmet need and length of wait lists. While there is a movement to home-based care it does not help explain the overall need we are facing. We are significantly unprepared for the aging population.
- g. The LRPC also discussed the data that is currently included in the ECOS Plan, and whether or not it should be updated. Regina explained that we now host the indicators online, and it would be a significant effort to update the data in the ECOS Plan itself. Considering we need to undergo a more comprehensive update in 2018

and the purpose of this amendment was to simply address the deficiencies, the LRPC does not feel the need to update all of the data at this time.

4. **Next Steps/Meetings.** The following list includes the proposed timeline for the remaining LRPC meetings:
The first public hearing draft will be sent via email to the LRPC in the first week in February for review prior to it being sent out for public comment. No meeting will be needed.
Wednesday, April 13, 2016 from 4pm to 6pm – to address comments received at the Board’s first public hearing.
5. **Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.