



Envision Sandy 2050: CAC Meeting #2

May 11th, 2022, 6:30pm-8:00 pm

Community Advisory Committee – May 2022 - YouTube

Attendees:

CAC Members

Jessica Clark
Amaya Peralta
Daniel Prata
Michael Prata
Renaë Gregg
Shannon Ulizio
Melissa Grant
Shelby Butcher
*Kellie Treanor**
*Tonja Stradley**
*Annette Freetage**
*Omar Khan**
*Amanda Van Wormer**

Project Staff

Shelley Denison
*Kelly O'Neill, Jr.**
Anaïs Mathez
Natalie Knowles
*Jeff Aparti**

Virtual

Emily Meharg
Janet Michaels
Kathleen Walker
Megan Baker

**Not present*

Welcome and Project Updates

Shelley welcomed the group to the second Community Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan Update and went over the agenda for the night.

Shelley followed with an update on the progress of Outreach and Engagement. Anaïs added to the update with a summary of upcoming events and activities and opened the floor for input and questions.

Anaïs followed with a preview of the background reports, and a review of the Vision and Comprehensive Plan Process and Project Schedule.

Background Reports

Anaïs moved into the Key Takeaways of the Background Reports, outlining the relative Statewide Planning Goals and key facts. After briefly reviewing the key points from each background report, Anaïs asked for questions (bulleted below; responses in italics) and reiterated that the full reports are printed for each member to peruse.

- Kathleen Walker asked whether this process would include an updated analysis regarding the City's land supply and Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), and whether there will be updates to the Comprehensive Plan Map and/or Zoning Map. *This process only includes updated goals and policies for the Comprehensive Plan document, as well as a new Economic Opportunities*

Analysis (EOA) that will inform policies for the economic development component of the Comprehensive Plan. It does not include a Housing Needs Analysis (HNA), which would involve a Buildable Lands Inventory (BLI) that provides more technical information about land supply. Updating the zoning and comprehensive plan map is an implementation mechanism that would occur after this process.

Strengths Weaknesses Threats Opportunities (SWOT) Discussion

Anaïs transitioned the conversation to the SWOT Analysis Exercise. CAC comments from the group discussion included the following:

Strengths

- *The updated High School (robotics program)*
- *Low crime rate*
- *The library is updated and is a great community space*
- *The community, specifically the people, programs (Antfarm), holiday celebrations, and the trolley (noted as a transportation gap filler)*
- *The museum*
- *Mountain Days Festival*
- *The Fish Hatchery*
- *Farmers Market*
- *The trails, specifically the system connectivity*
- *Tourism/natural resources*
- *Utilities/Sandy net*
- *Info/webpage*
- *Police and emergency response services*
- *Cleanliness of the city*

Weaknesses

- *Traffic congestion, specifically the two roads in and out, which are not enough for the sheer volume of vehicles. Members noted the need for more ways to get “out” like secondary roads*
- *Lack of small businesses, there is a pattern of businesses coming in and not lasting. One member noted small business prices are hard to afford. Another member noted that starting a business is hard in Sandy due to the processes (upfront costs).*
- *Low housing availability, specifically the lack of choices. A member mentioned that there is an apartment waiting list. Additionally, new developments are not including amenities like green space*
- *Parks/trails are hotspots for cleanliness issues*
- *Elementary schools are not keeping up with demand (too many kids per classroom)*
- *Vacant pool space*
- *Inaccessible youth engagement*

Opportunities

- *The vacant pool space should be reopened*
- *Would like to see a visitor's center/chamber center – goes back to lack of small businesses*
- *Community spaces to host events – cost prohibitive with lack of options*
- *Sandy net expansion – hotspot locations beyond the schools*
- *Neighborhood Associations – sense of community, could help with safety*

- *Main street – investment in local needs*
- *Bus system – partner with school district to help get kids to and from school*
- *Farmers Market – increase vendor amounts and type*

Threats

- *Lack of disaster preparedness*
- *Insufficient transportation network*
- *Weather changes, specifically the lack of local access to warming and cooling centers*
- *Absence of senior social services (ways to help the elderly population)*
- *Scarcity of houselessness services*
- *Rising crime rate*
- *Utility infrastructure, specifically the weakening capacity of water/sewer systems*
- *Rising cost of living*
- *Potential of power grid blackouts*

Public Comment

None.

Announcements

- Next CAC meeting: July 20th, 2022
- Upcoming community events:
 - Farmer's Market (May 20, June 10, and July 8)
 - Sandy Mountain Festival (July 9 & 10)
 - If you are willing to help at any events, please sign-up on the clipboard being passed around.
- Community Conversations:
 - If you have a group of people you want to chat with, you can host a conversation and report back. Otherwise, members can join ones that are already scheduled and help take notes. Sign up on the clipboard being passed around.

Project staff thanked the committee for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 8pm.