



Envision Sandy 2050: CAC Meeting #1

March 16th, 2022, 6:30pm-8:00 pm

[Community Advisory Committee - 16 Mar 2022 - YouTube](#)

Attendees:

CAC Members

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

Project Staff

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

Other

Emily Meharg
Laurie Smallwood

Meeting Notes

Shelley welcomed the group to the first Community Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Anaïs Mathez, 3J Consulting, started the conversation with a round of introductions and asked the question, what do you love about Sandy? Members expressed their love of the small community Sandy provides, the recreational opportunities, and the access to amenities like food carts. CAC members come from a wide away of backgrounds, some are 5th generation Sandy residents, and some just moved to the area a year or two ago. Professional associations include auto dealerships, schoolteachers, equity groups leaders, engineers, healthcare workers, and IT specialists.

Anaïs followed with the presentation of the 2050 Vision and Comprehensive Plan update process. Starting with background information on what a community vision and comprehensive plan is.

- *What is a Community Vision?*
 - This is where we enter conversations to understand what you love about Sandy, what you are worried about, and what you want for the future.
- *What is a Comprehensive Plan?*
 - A land use document, a blueprint for city's future. It considers population and employment growth over time and sets the goals and policy direction for future

change. The plan is implemented through updates to documents like the city zoning map and development code.

Anaïs moved into the Project Overview, outlining the objectives and process. Explaining that behind the scenes, 3J and the other consultants put together a series of background reports (existing conditions). These reports will be distributed in the next CAC meeting to help set the stage for where Sandy is now and guide the conversation of developing the vision for the future. The Vision helps to guide conversations into applicable Goals and Policies, which in turn guides the update of the Comprehensive Plan as a whole.

Next, the general schedule was discussed as outlined in the PIP, with the goal of adoption in Summer 2023. There will be eight CAC meetings throughout the process, with a set objective for each discussion. The project team was introduced as 3J consulting, ECONorthwest, Geos Institute, and Veritas, each with varying roles throughout the process.

Anaïs then discussed the role of the CAC, and the general items members will work on. Describing the process as a multi-level look at the data, from current conditions to a 30,000' level to create a vision. As for general ground rules, if you can't make a meeting, let the team know in advance.

Public Involvement Plan

Anaïs described the Public Involvement Plan (PIP). It is put together for any public engagement process, and outlines activities, types of community members are out there to reach. Its purpose is to guide public and stakeholder interactions with the intention of creating opportunities for discussion, knowledge sharing, and problem-solving with community members. Objectives, key messages, engagement activities, and communication tools were outlined. All of which guides the transitioning into Phase 1: Develop the Sandy 2050 Vision, where over the next 6 months, the goal to understand community desires, preferences, and priorities. This will then all be synthesized into themes and big ideas.

Community Conversation Kit

Anaïs transitioned the conversation to go over the Carlton Community Conversation Kit. It contains a series of questions to engage the community. The group then participated in an example Community Conversation discussing the following questions:

- *What makes sandy so special today?*
- *What should we strive to enhance for the future?*

The meeting turned over to a group discussion, and CAC comments included:

- *A lot of people are moving here, therefore Sandy is losing its small community feel*
- *Noticeable crowding*
- *Chose to live in Sandy for its livability. A mixture of rural living with access to economic opportunity*
- *Concerns over lack of transportation options, particularly related to evacuating the city from fires*
- *Sense of community needs to be preserved*
- *Concerns of overgrowth and inadequate infrastructure*

- *Preserving downtown walkability*
- *Safety for our children*
- *Affordability of housing*
- *Develop better business development practices, to attract new businesses*
- *Preserve access to, and maintenance of trails and natural areas.*

Anaïs outlined the Community Conversation process as essentially, a “meeting-in-a-box”, meant for anyone to take with them to host their own conversation anywhere. The kit outlines all the information you need for a successful conversation. It is helpful to rely on your networks to connect with all corners of Sandy. Conversations should take place over the next couple of months. After conversations, email your notes to Shelley, or fill out the survey with the responses. Lastly, keep track of planned conversations in log: [Envision Sandy 2050: Community Conversations Tracking Log](#).

Public Comment

Kathleen Walker wanted to thank everyone for participating.

Announcements

- Anaïs announced the next meeting is slated for May 11th at 6:30 pm
- Shelley will send a “Housing Snapshot” exercise follow-up email
- Anaïs said to watch out for a packet of information to review for next time

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