Jefferson County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

Meeting Notes

PRO Planning Steering Committee

Friday, October 10th 2008, 12pm to 1:30pm

Jefferson County Public Works Office, Large Conference Room

Present: Davis Steelquist, Richard Hull, Trevor Huntingford, Ryan Hunter, Joel Peterson, Matt Tyler

County Comprehensive Planning

Joel Peterson and Ryan Hunter made a brief presentation about County comprehensive Planning. The county is updating it's Comprehensive Plan in 2011 (Comp Plan). Chapters 6 and 12 in the Comp Plan regarding parks, recreation, open space and trails should be reviewed and updated by the PRO Planning committee to make sure the Comp Plan and the PRO Plan are consistent. This can be done by reading chapters 6 and 12 of the comp plan and flagging areas of concern, checking the priorities lists, and by giving the suggestions back to Ryan.

Joel asked if we thought the process being used by the PRO Plan would be adaptable to the Comp Plan update. Specifically the facilitated town meetings. It was agreed that this process is adaptable.

Discussion with Sam Gibboney

Sam Gibboney exchanged in a question and answer with the group. Sam emphasized the need to reach out to 'voices who will oppose you' and make sure to connect not just with our user groups, partners and supporters, but to make a deliberate effort to communicate with 'tax-revolt' groups or interests that might be at odds with Parks and Recreation. Sam said that this could be done through surveys that are specifically designed to gather input from certain groups. Sam felt that this type of survey would be more helpful to the process.

Sam also recommended doing stakeholder and political mapping as a way of identifying various groups and interests. She said that it is important to do this and then to systematically reach out to those groups. For example, open space and habitat conservation groups non-profits, rural and urban people, people who have lived her longer than others.

Sam noted that is was important to ask people about what they want us to do today, what the want tomorrow, and what legacy do they want to leave for the future.

Survey

Review new draft survey-feedback. Feedback on the new version of the survey was gathered and incorporated.

Partnering with a consultant for implementation and analysis. Mentioned-nothing to note

Town Meetings

Review logistics

Map with Parks – Postponed

Review State Methodology – Postponed