

Doney Park-Timberline-Fernwood Area Plan Update Committee Notes for Meeting #18
May 13, 2021 5:00-8:30 pm on Zoom

I. Welcome and Introductions

Committee Members

Rob Wilson (chair)
Saylor Caudill
John Ruggles
Monica Julian
Evelyn Wannie
Dave Browning
Bernice Carver
Liz Baldwin
Bryan Bates

County Staff and Supervisors

Melissa Shaw
Jessica Simmons
Kelly Bingham
Jess McNeely
Cheryl Barlow
Naomi Yazzie-Sloan
Jeronimo Vasquez
Jay Christelman
Areina Contreras

Members of the Public

Don Walters
William LeRoy
Barbara Greenlees
Bill Miller
Bruce & Diane Jacks
Doug Meyer
Joshua Wear
Kelly & Gary Wilding
Mike & Reneé Smith
John Paxton
Adrienne Poirier
Sheila Walsh
Ken Lorton
Russell Wiedmann
Teresa Alfred
Toni
James Michael
Sandra
Andrea Guerrette

Jodi Keogh
Karen Burdorff
Carol Bickford
Beth
Michael Smith
Mike Downey
Anne Johnson

II. First Comment Period

D. Walters: The Committee should explain the Regional Plan and how it fits in with the Area Plan, and that changes were voted on by voters and adopted by the Board of Supervisors (BOS). J. Ruggles: the regional plan was only voted on by Flagstaff residents.

W. LeRoy: Where can the Regional Plan be viewed? Answer: A link was posted in the chat.

T. Alfred: When will the Area Plan be finished? Answer: The schedule will be reviewed later in this meeting. Question: Why does it say should instead of shall? That language isn't strong enough. Answer: An Area Plan is not an authoritative document with the rule of law behind it, but a guiding document for decision-makers.

J. Wear: Ideas already addressed by federal, state, or other laws/statutes probably don't need to be covered in the Area Plan. If density increases in DPTF how would that affect the water supply? Answer: Those things will be discussed tonight. The County is not allowed to look at the impacts from/on water supply.

K. Burdorff: Doesn't like people shooting close to houses. Doesn't want limitations on the keeping of livestock.

D. Jacks: How much weight will public comment carry in this process if it's the BOS who makes the final decision? Answer: Comments can be given during Committee meetings, the open houses, and the public hearings that follow.

W. LeRoy: Whose voice matters the most: the public, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the BOS? Answer: We will define the hierarchy at a future meeting.

R. Wiedmann: We're not talking enough about the results from the public survey; that should be the most important thing, and more emphasis should be placed on those answers. Answer: Two full Committee meetings were spent reviewing the results, and they are discussed by the Committee and considered often. Those two meetings can be viewed online.

M. Smith: The County adopted the Regional Plan that was voted on by the city. Wondering what effects that has on the Area Plan. Concerned that DPTF voters didn't have a say in that. Answer: The BOS adopted the County's version of the Regional Plan.

K. Burdorff: Agrees with Wiedmann and Smith. Is there a limit to the number of people that can join on these Zoom meetings? Answer: Don't know the exact limit but it is at least 100, and we haven't reached that number yet. (The meeting had about 40 participants at this point in time.)

T. Alfred: Can documents related to the Area Plan be obtained somewhere else besides online? Are there photos of Rural Activity Centers? What are Rural Activity Centers? Answer: There are no physical copies of draft documents since they are still being constantly reviewed and edited by the Committee, but they can be printed from the website. Photos are on the story map (a link to this was posted in the chat). Rural Activity Centers are areas with commercial zoning.

III. Review of Comments Received

R. Wilson read through comments received from the public and answered questions that were raised at the last committee meeting.

IV. Housekeeping

- The notes from the April 8 and April 21 meetings were accepted.
- M. Shaw read the definition of a Rural Activity Center.
- Updates to committee operating procedures, which address virtual meetings, were adopted by the committee.

V. Review Draft Vision Statements

Natural Resources, Open Space, and Environment: No changes.

Community Character and Values: No changes.

Land Use, Growth, Development, and Partnerships: Deleted “new” before “residents”, and added “/additional” before “development.”

Transportation: No changes.

VI. Schedule

The schedule for the Area Plan process was reviewed.

VII. Land Use Chapter Review

M. Shaw reviewed some lingo and concepts that everyone should understand during the Land Use discussion.

M. Shaw explained that to build on areas of Open Space that have been set aside in a cluster development would require a whole new hearing, etc. and in the end would be unlikely to be approved because it would not comply with the Comprehensive Plan and/or Area Plan.

The committee read through some of page 2 of the Land Use section, with M. Shaw making changes into the document.

VIII. Closing

A “mini-meeting” to continue reviewing the Land Use chapter will be held **May 20 from 6:00-7:30** on Zoom. **Committee members, please RSVP to M. Shaw ASAP to ensure there will be a quorum present at that meeting.**

Next regular meeting: **June 10 5:00-8:00** on Zoom.

IX. Second Comment Period

R. Wiedmann: People often apply for zone changes in order to make money.

W. LeRoy: Thank you to the committee for challenging the language in the draft documents. Supervisors should represent what the majority of their constituents want.

S. Walsh: Trails should be of the same construct as what the Forest Service is building between Timberline and town, i.e., not paved.

D. Walters: Everyone should be sure to look at the Comprehensive Plan and Regional Plan.

B. Jacks: What modes of transport will the trails be for? Answer: This will be discussed during the Transportation chapter analysis.

J. Vasquez: Members of the public should contact their Supervisors to let their opinions be known. If enough opposition is shown to a zone change, a supermajority of the BOS would be required to pass it. The Supervisors do listen to public comments and take them into account.