

MINUTES
FACTS Subcommittee Of CLRP Committee
March 20, 2008
Town Hall

Subcommittee Members Present: Noah Eckhouse (Chair), Craig Donaldson, Alaric Naiman, Al Schmertzler, Tim Higgins, Peter Braun.

Present As Observers: Jeff Eaton, Patty Kelliher (COG)

Absent: Bob Sutherland

Next Meeting: April 3, 8:10 A.M.

General Comments of the Chair: The Chair welcomed new member Al Schmertzler, who selected participation in the Facilities sub-group. The Chair reported the resignations of Scott Dale and Fez Morse. The Chair requested, despite the latest resignations and prior subcommittee turnover, that the subcommittee rededicate itself to producing useful input for the CLRP, which will be finalized in one year. Intensive subcommittee activity in the Spring of 2008 is necessary. The subcommittee's fundamental objective was reiterated: enhancement of the Town's long-range planning activities by development of a process and set of principles for comprehensive, coordinated evaluation of facilities and services. The objective is not to evaluate specific existing facilities or services, nor to create a "wish list". The subcommittee's output will include a sub-report on facilities and services, and a sub-report on transportation.

Discussion Of Facilities Sub-Group Objectives: An initial draft of facilities sub-group discussion-points was reviewed. Regarding consolidation of facilities management, it was reiterated that greater coordination would be cost-effective, be more efficient, and lead to better achievement of services objectives. In contrast, current planning and evaluation tends to be decentralized, ad hoc, episodic, and primarily handled by staff who have more expertise in managing the programs they oversee than in facilities planning. There was consensus that "facilities" should include all Town-funded public works, not just buildings. There was also continued consensus that "services drive facilities". A revised draft will be prepared and circulated by the facilities sub-group.

Discussion Of Services Sub-Group Objectives: An initial draft of services sub-group discussion-points was reviewed. There was consensus that the essential objective is to outline a regular process and set of principles for assessment of Town services, with maximum input from residents, which will in turn enhance Town agencies' interaction regarding specific projects and long-term planning. A revised draft will be prepared and circulated by the services sub-group.

Discussion Of Transportation Sub-Group Objectives: An initial draft of transportation sub-group discussion-points was reviewed. There was consensus that the discussion points were appropriate.

Submitted by Peter Braun.