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MEETING MINUTES
Franklin Park Borough & Ohio Township
Joint Comprehensive Plan
Steering Committee Meeting – Mapping Exercise
Location: Franklin Park Borough Building
MARCH 10, 2022

Meeting Attendees:

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Kelle Borawski	Resident, Franklin Park	

John Eriksen	Resident, Franklin Park	
Patrick Pagano	Resident, Franklin Park	

Public Comment

There were approximately 5 to 7 residents from Franklin Park Borough in attendance at the meeting (not all residents in attendance signed in). Residents were allotted five minutes each to provide any comments on the Comprehensive Planning efforts, if they desired.

Carol Hoover, a resident of Franklin Park Borough, stated she is thrilled that the Borough and Township are working together on this Comp Plan. She stated it is a wonderful opportunity to share resources and to address issues. Ms. Hoover would like the Joint Comprehensive Plan to address the following issues:

- Monitor, protect, and improve air quality
- Oil and gas regulations (should not be close to residential)
- Reduction of noise and air pollution related to transportation and traffic along I-79 and I-279

Ms. Hoover also stated that the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) has been reviewing and watching when proposals and applications come in to help to take the burden off of some of the Boards, Council, and Staff within the Borough.

Approval of Minutes from October 2021 Meeting

John Sullivan from Ohio Township made a motion, seconded by Rege Ebner of Franklin Borough, to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2021 Joint Steering Committee Meeting.

Review of Progress Made to Date

Laura Ludwig from HRG reviewed the progress made to date related to Phase 1 of the Comprehensive Plan Update, which involved the Determination of Compatibility between the two municipalities. Ms. Ludwig reported the following:

- Preparation of MAP Grant for funding (submitted on Dec. 9, 2021 and should hear between now and April)
- Review of Existing Plans and Studies
- Land Use and Zoning Review
- Update Existing Plan Information and Data (Trends Report)
- Analysis of Progress Made Since Previous Plan
- Recommendation to Proceed – Presentations/Meetings with Borough Council on January 3rd and Board of Supervisors January 26

Next Steps...

Laura Ludwig from HRG reviewed the next steps in the planning process as the planning team at HRG begins to work on Phase 2 of the project. Ms. Ludwig reported the following next steps as part

of Phase 2, which is the Visioning, Outreach, and Needs Assessment Phase:

- Day of Interviews with Staff/Officials/Department Heads
- Community Tours/Drive Around
- Neighborhood Pop-Up Events – What upcoming community events should HRG attend?
 - Potential suggestions were as follows: Poll sites on election day, Avonworth Baseball's Memorial Day Tournament, and maybe even Sam's Club.
- Online Community Survey – The Township and Borough should start to think about what feedback they'd like to receive from the survey. HRG can send some examples for feedback and then prepare a draft survey for the municipalities to review.
 - Outreach methods were discussed and will include getting the word out in applicable newsletters, online, websites, and Franklin Park would like to do a postcard mailer.
 - Target time period for survey – April through end of May
- Community Organizations Outreach Roundtable
- Official Public Kickoff Meeting – We need to start thinking about dates for these. Ideally these should be held after the survey is complete and we can talk about the findings and get more feedback re: issues identified as part of the survey. It was determined that for the kickoff meetings, one meeting would be held in each respective municipality in June.

Interactive Mapping Exercise for Steering Committee Members and the Public

Residents and Joint Steering Committee members present at the meeting were asked to participate in an interactive mapping exercise regarding future land uses in both communities. HRG asked attendees to think about the following questions.

- Future Land Use and Zoning
 - What is working?
 - What doesn't work currently?
- What are some target areas for improvements?
 - Stormwater and flooding improvements
 - Roadway Improvements
 - Trail development
 - Parks and recreation improvements
 - Other?
- What types of development would you want to see and where?
 - Housing
 - Mixed Use
 - Commercial
 - Preservation of Greenspace
 - Other?

HRG provided maps of the Borough and Township, along with color coded stickers, to mark up the maps with ideas related to preservation, growth, trails, etc. HRG staff collected the maps at the conclusion of the meeting and will place them in the project file and will work on compiling the findings into maps in ArcGIS that will be shared in the future with the public and the Joint Steering Committee.

Next Meeting

The next Joint Steering Committee will be held in June or July, at a date and time to be determined. Results of the public meetings and the online survey will be shared with the Committee at that time, along with the mapping exercise results.

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