

Comprehensive Plan Task Force
Thursday, September 23, 2021
Preliminary Draft Plan Review

Criteria

To assist with development of the Implementation Chapter of the Plan, Task Force members were requested to review the plan strategies and projects in relation to the following criteria and to select their five top items in each breakout session.

- a) Which strategies and/or projects will best advance race and equity and climate action?
- b) Which strategies and/or projects are most likely to have the greatest positive community impact to best meet the plan's goals over the next five years?
- c) How will these projects expand access to places, resources, and programming?

Affordable Housing Breakout

- 3.4 Acquisition of land for affordable housing +4
- 1.2 Reduce barriers for new homebuyers +1
- 6.3 Pursue federal and state housing funds +2
- 3.1 Expand the provision of Accessory Dwelling Units +2
- 6.2 Explore passage of a housing bond +1

Transportation and Infrastructure

- 1.1: Centering equity in transportation planning process*
 - Compensating people for their time
- 4.2: Investigate and reduce negative effects of parking requirements on housing costs
- 2.2: Create safe streets and trail networks for peds/bikers*
 - J: Develop connected systems of on and off -road facilities to accommodate varying level of cyclists
 - Sidewalks need more attention. Missing pieces of sidewalk.
- 4.1e. Electric vehicle chargers/Electric bike chargers (more stations)*
- 3. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles by 80% by 2030*
 - 2.1.b. Seek to increase funding from the Triangle TDM and partner with transit authorities.
 - 2.1: Encourage non automobile use in the community, reduce VMT through land use decisions*

Economic Sustainability

- 2.1 Well-planned and designed higher density and mixed-use development in the downtown
- 3.3 Expand tourism opportunities
- 1.1 Living wage
- 1.2 Support existing and attract new businesses that include a range of BIPOC, gender and abilities
- 2.2 Strengthen other business districts and commercial areas / rezoning

Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Resources

2.3: Preserve, enhance and promote access to existing parks and open spaces through partnerships with other agencies

1.1B: Conduct a feasibility study for an indoor recreation center/swimming pool in Town.

4.3: Continue to support, fund, and install public artwork throughout Town to celebrate the history and story of Carrboro

2.5: Support the development of greenways and trails for public use, creating a complete network of connected greenways connecting parks, open spaces, and areas for biking, walking, and wildlife corridors.*

Consider ways the Town can coordinate with and encourage Orange County to implement plans for Twin Creeks Park

Land Use

2.1 A - Pursue concerted land use planning/small land use plans for high priority/high potential areas; identifying areas ripe for dense affordable housing/development

2.2 - Preserve and promote the availability of affordable housing along key corridors and nodes that are transit-accessible, walkable and bikeable*

Goal 4 - Promote land use planning and development that reduces GHG emissions through reducing auto-dependence; including amenities within 15min walk*

5.1 - Increase the amount of land available for commercial and mixed-use development; increase density in creative way that doesn't price out anyone

5.2 - Improve the development approval process to be more predictable and efficient while continuing to offer vibrant community participation

Public Services

Goal 1, 2, 3 Police Dept. - response to be appropriate; better skilled at resolving domestic issues with the right personnel

Appropriate – meaning response needs to deescalate situations; does not always mean a person with uniform/badge needs to resolve the situation

Goal 1 & 3 Information technology - having information be more integrated within departments, synergy and tie things together

Goal 1 Planning – Provide thorough, timely and responsive service, ensuring accuracy, effective and efficient use of financial, human and physical resources, innovative and engaging support for community

initiatives, and clear and successful communication strategies; timely response - difficult to respond to items when information is not readily available

Transparency within planning departments; predictability is key; knowing the timeline of a particular project/process

Goal 1 Finance - strengthen financial accountability throughout the organization

Goal 1 Town Manager - To lead an organization that functions well internally and implements Council policies in a timely, effective, efficient, and friendly manner.

Additional points to consider

No Task Force members selected the Climate and the Environment, breakout session. Selected items in the summaries above that relate to these topics have been noted with an *. Outreach to assist with selecting the first five year priorities from the Task Force is being discussed among staff and the consultant team.

Additional priorities noted in two break-out sessions:

Affordable Housing (for the next five years)

Legislation to require developers to include affordable housing (inclusionary) in exchange for density

Tiny homes (land use chapter)

1.3 Expand resources for Land trust model

3.2 Support options for older adults and persons with different abilities

Support projects seeking 9% Tax Credits to serve 30% AMI

2.3 Support rental housing through the Affordable Housing Fund

3.3 Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing – mobile homes and manufactured housing

Expanding capacity for Town staff

Economic Sustainability (timeframe not noted)

3.4 Support/attract business opportunities and unique ownership models/coop model

1.3 Expand access to capital for entrepreneurs and small businesses +1

4.2 Promote green economy

4.1 Promoting energy efficiency and green buildings

Improving managing of parking spaces in the downtown area

3.1 Support access to capital to the cultural community - BIPOC