



**City of Lawrence
Douglas County**
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



**Horizon 2020 Steering Committee
City Commission Room
4:00 – 6:00pm
March 7, 2016**

AGENDA

- 1) Approve August 31, 2015 Meeting Notes**
- 2) Receive communication from the Public**
- 3) Proposed 2016 Meeting Calendar**
 - a. March 7th**
 - b. June 13th**
 - c. September 12th**
 - d. December 12th**
- 4) Updates on Related Plans**
 - a. Lawrence Parks & Recreation Master Plan**
 - b. Cultural Arts Plan**
 - c. Food Policy Council**
 - d. Affordable Housing Advisory Board**
 - e. Pedestrian – Bicycle Issues Taskforce**
- 5) Discussion of Draft Document Outline**

**Horizon 2020 Steering Committee
August 31, 2015
Meeting Notes**

Members Present: Comm. Thellman, Mayor Amyx, Bill Ackerly, John Gascon, Clay Britton, Lisa Harris, Kyra Martinez, Marcel Harmon, Patrick Kelly, Scott Zaremba, Charlie Bryan (ex officio)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Scott McCullough, Amy Miller, Jeff Crick

Others Present: Several members of the public were present.

Mayor Amyx welcomed everyone.

The meeting notes from the July 20, 2015 meeting were discussed. There was one correction noted: The approval of the meeting notes were seconded by Martinez, not Harris. Motioned by Ackerly and seconded by Thellman to approve the July 20, 2015 notes. Motion passed 9-0.

The committee received communications since their last meeting.

Scott McCullough introduced the next item which was a discussion of the revised Issue Action Report.

(Clay Britton joined the meeting during the above item)

Mayor Amyx suggested Issue 2 should be strengthened by making sure that Downtown remains the heart of where people go and that the city-produced biennial retail market analysis should continue. The committee decided not to make any changes, but instead keep that sentiment in mind when writing the actual plan.

Mayor Amyx suggested that Action Step 7.5 needs to move up higher on the list of those action steps and appear on the first page of that Issue.

Mayor Amyx suggested that Issue 19 will need more language as the plan is drafted related to the new interchanges and thoroughfares.

(Scott Zaremba left the meeting during the above item)

Ackerly wants the Issue Action Plan to have more of a framework that ties in three major themes that Mayor Amyx was talking about: Technology, Transportation, and Commercial Development. McCullough stated that this item will go before the Planning Commission and those three items can be included in the memo, but he also felt that the memo should lay a foundation with this new plan is to accommodate the next 30,000 people and tie back into the top things that were heard during all of the public input, namely economic development. The

committee decided that the Issue Action Report should stand on its own with just an introduction memo and that those items were adequately addressed within the document.

Harris requested that the title of Issue 1 be changed to say "Enhance Readability and Track Performance of the Plan". Motioned by Harris, seconded by Thellman. Motion passed 9-0

Staff will also change Action Step 16.3 to reflect the current name of the corridor plan, the East Ninth Corridor Plan.

Comm. Thellman wanted to make sure that under Issue 4, climate protection and water conservation should take a front seat and should be highlighted.

Martinez suggested that Issue 8, it should be "Manage Future Lawrence Growth".

Gascon suggested that each Issue should be on one page.

Motioned by Britton, seconded by Harris, to recommend that the Planning Commission, City Commission and the Board of County Commissioners accept the Issue Action Report. Motion passed 9-0.

McCullough introduced the next item regarding the revised staff memo on the future timeline. Given changes with the City Commission, Amyx suggested that the earliest the City Commission would hear the item would be beginning of December. Staff will revise the timeline accordingly and still plan to have a Steering Committee meeting during the fourth quarter of 2015.

Motioned by Harris and seconded by Britton to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned (9-0) at 5:10 p.m.

Green Text: Issue from the [Issue Action Report](#)

1. History, Vision, and Application

- Introduction
- Purpose/Vision
- Background
- Application
 - Integration of Other Plans
 - Issue 1: Enhance Readability & Track Performance of the Plan

2. Growth & Development

- Residential Land Use
- Commercial Land Use
 - Issue 9: Plan For the Size & Location of Retail Development
 - Issue 10: Provide Opportunities for Small Neighborhood Retail
- Industrial Land Use
- Community Facilities
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Issue 18: Maintain a Strong System of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
 - Utilities
 - Education
- Growth Management
 - Issue 2: Maintain a Strong & Stable Downtown
 - Issue 8: Manage Future Lawrence Growth
 - Issue 11: Encourage Infill Development
 - Issue 12: Consider Increasing Height/Density in Appropriate Locations

3. Neighborhoods & Housing

- Neighborhood Planning
 - Issue 6: Create Quality Neighborhoods for All Ages
- Affordable Housing
 - Issue 3: Address Quality Housing for All Incomes
- Placemaking/Urban Design

4. Transportation

- T2040
 - Issue 19: Enhance the Transportation Network
- Bike/Ped
 - Issue 15: Enhance Sidewalks/Trails/Walking Paths
 - Issue 17: Enhance Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety

5. Economic Development

- Economic Sustainability
- Economic Development
 - Issue 7: Create Employment Opportunities

6. Natural Resources

- Existing Environment Chapter
 - Issue 4: Protect Natural Resources
- Climate Change
- Urban Open Space
- Rural Land/Agriculture Conservation
 - Issue 13: Enhance Agricultural Uses & Rural Character in Douglas County
- Local Food Production
 - Issue 14: Encourage/Support Local Food System Development

7. Community Resources

- Historic Preservation
 - Issue 5: Preserve Historic Buildings & Structures
- Community Identity/Urban Design
 - Issue 16: Plan For and Provide Arts & Cultural Amenities
- Arts & Culture

8. Appendix

- Community Profile
- Land Use Plans
- Master Plans
- Implementation Matrix