

Meeting Notes
Plan Commission Work Session
June 26, 2018

Reports:

- Berkel attended Brunch Bunch on 6/9; many had attended the 4/21 gathering, so had no new observations, but the group appreciated the conversation
- Mary D. was unable to attend the Civic League meeting; will find out the date of its next meeting and share with the group so someone can attend.
- Chamber met on 6/21 – did the Mayor speak to the Comp Plan?
- Survey results from Northland should be available in July
- Hoopman had provided links to demographic and school data, broadband info
- Ringberg had provided spreadsheets of “action items” from 2001 plan
- Fey had collected local maps, contacted Senator Bewley’s office, and reviewed the Bayfield Comp Plan; still needs to work with UW folks on maps

Transportation Element Discussion:

- Guiding Principles in 2001 Plan are generally just re-statements of Objectives; no need to include Guiding Principles in the update
- Objectives from 2001 can provide guidance for 2018 update, but should be revised and clarified to reflect the categories of transportation mentioned in new Goals
- Actions can be suggested in the update, but committees will expand and refine to become basis of workplans for the next 10 years
- Key issues in this element are traffic, parking, safety and signage
- Add “safe and efficient” to Goal #1
- Signage requirements the state and county don’t need to be detailed in Comp Plan
- Local signage/wayfinding needs to be addressed, discussed in actions
- Street improvement plans need to be written down, guidelines provided
- Can’t divert Highway 13 traffic onto Washington Avenue (from late June through early September) without sending it through a residential area, on roads not built to support heavy trucks and long vehicles that require extra room to turn
- Sidewalks probably need an overall plan (to go with street reconstructions)
 - Snow removal
 - One side of the street or both
 - Marking crosswalks (check on 4th & Rittenhouse)
- Highlight para-transit in public transportation objective, provides access for all
- Bike plan probably isn’t needed, but
 - Add current bike route to the Transportation map
 - Consider marking a route into town for the rental business that will be moving from Manypenny to Highway 13 and J just outside of town
- Harbor/Marine objective should focus on the need to support visitors and residents with access to the Apostle Islands
 - Charter fishing operations should be mentioned in Transportation, Economic Development and Cultural Resources Elements

- Winter access to the islands also needs to be addressed and noted on Map

- Parking goal needs objectives that differentiate various needs
 - Residents – on/off street parking, 2-day limit
 - Visitors
 - Day trips, cruise boats
 - Recreational vehicles, campers, boat trailers
- Action Items on spreadsheet were reviewed to ensure the topics were considered during the discussion of Objectives

Next Steps/Calendar:

Scheduled Work Sessions on the following dates, 8-11am at the Fire Hall

July 24th

August 14 and 28

September 11 and 25

October 9 and 23

November 13 and 27

Need to know more about the Common Council's schedule of meetings. To meet the goal of adopting the plan by the end of the year, the Plan Commission will need to introduce a complete "draft plan" with a proposed Resolution for its adoption at a Council meeting that time allows for all City committees to hold public hearings, suggest revisions, recommend approval and return the draft to the Common Council for final action.