

2030 Comprehensive Plan Update



Sustainability Topic Meeting

The Sustainability topic meeting for the Five-Year Comprehensive Plan Update took place on July 11, 2017 at the Campbell Lodge in the Durant Nature Preserve (3237 Spottswood Street). The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public about the City's approach to sustainability and share proposed revisions to the Environmental Protection and Public Utilities elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

Meeting Format

The meeting was held in the Campbell Lodge at Durant Nature Preserve. A projector was set up to show a slide presentation. Tables were placed to one side of the room with materials related to the update. Three tables were devoted to specific topic areas from the update. The topic areas were Energy and Resilience, Stormwater, and Public Utilities. A fourth table contained other revised chapters of the Comprehensive Plan and the White Paper.

The meeting began with a presentation delivered by Bynum Walter followed by John Anagnost. Ms. Walter made introductory remarks about the update process and the purpose of the meeting. Mr. Anagnost explained the topic of Sustainability and highlighted a selection of content topics from the update. The presentation was followed by about twenty-five minutes of questions from the audience. A member of staff took notes about the questions and answers on a flip chart.

Attendees were then asked to circulate among the topic tables. Staff from Engineering Services, Stormwater, and the Office of Sustainability were stationed at the tables to converse with attendees about the issues presented. On the tables were drafts of the updated Environmental Protection and Public Utilities elements. Attendees were encouraged to use self-adhesive notes to place their written comments on the draft documents. Comment cards were collected from attendees as they exited the meeting.

Summary of Public Input

In addition to 23 comment cards collected during the meeting, staff also collected input using the flip chart during the question and answer period. One written comment from the public was gathered via self-adhesive notes. All together comments from at least 24 citizens were received. Public comment touched on these broad themes:

- Solid waste reduction, recycling, and reuse
- Building energy efficiency incentives
- Renewable energy incentives
- Wastewater and biosolids
- Partnerships with governments, utilities, and the private sector to develop renewable energy and encourage resource efficiency
- Public outreach and promotion of sustainability initiatives
- Food systems
- Tree Conservation

Public comment is generally well-aligned with the revisions in the update. However, comments received suggest that the public supports more aggressive approaches to private sector resource efficiency and distributed power generation.