ELEVATE ERIE COMP PLAN AND TMP
PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Information

Meeting:	**Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting #3**
Date:	**July 24, 2023**
Time:	**6:00 – 7:30 PM**
Location:	**Zoom**

Attendees

Plan Advisory Committee Members

	Sherri Booth	*Planning Commission*
	Ari Harrison	*Board of Trustees*
✓	Ben Hemphill	*Sustainability Advisory Board*
	Brittany Jones	*Historic Preservation Advisory Board*
✓	Dave Tazik	*Open Space & Trails Advisory Board*
✓	Mili Vazquez Pereira	*Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Task Force*
✓	Leanne Vielehr	*Tree Board*

Plan Advisory Committee Alternates

✓	Bob Braudes	*Open Space & Trails Advisory Board*
✓	Justin Brooks	*Board of Trustees*
	Alissa Kuzmich	*Sustainability Advisory Board*
	Patty O'Donnell	*Tree Board*
	Lindsey Terranova	*Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Task Force*
✓	Kyle Swikoski	*Planning Commission*

Town Project Management Team

✓	Kelly Driscoll	*Principal Planner*
✓	Miguel Aguilar	*Senior Transportation Planner*
	Sarah Nurmela	*Planning & Development Director*
✓	Lisa Ritchie	*Planning Manager*

Consultant Team

✓	Miriam McGilvray	*Project Manager, Logan Simpson*
✓	Joe Moss	*Assistant Project Manager, Logan Simpson*
✓	Carly Sieff	*Transportation Lead, Fehr & Peers*

Meeting Summary

1. ## Transportation Mobility Plan Existing Conditions and Outreach (see presentation slides)
    a. Key Takeaways from the Data
    b. Issues and Opportunities
    c. Key Themes from Outreach
2. ## Transportation Mobility Plan Vision
    a. Discussion on draft TMP Vision statement
        - Safety is missing. It's not just about crash data, but if it's safe to take a bus late at night etc.
        - Move driving piece of Vision to the end – emphasize other modes and alternative transportation
        - Access can include more than ADA, it means access to what is built from an equity and affordability standpoint.
        - Eliminate "innovative tech" line from driving sentence. Seemed an awkward fit for two PAC members. Relocate to sections that discuss more specific modes- perhaps transit. De-couple from driving.
        - Perhaps utilize term "walking, wheeling, and biking"- and "all ages and abilities"
        - Use Oxford comma throughout
        - Walking and biking might feel exclusionary to people that experience disabilities if not done well. Where is their voice represented in the transportation plan?
        - While it's not technically transportation, having hubs of services/stores/etc. so people can do more in a single location.
        - Move "innovative" to first sentence. Incorporate reference to ADA and safety.
3. ## Comprehensive Plan Existing Conditions and Outreach (see presentation slides)
    a. Key Takeaways from the Data
    b. Issues and Opportunities
    c. Key Themes from Outreach
4. ## Comprehensive Plan Vision and Values
    a. Discussion on draft Vision statement
        - Build on/incorporate Core Values
        - Mention more cultural elements in the vision statement
        - Feeling of belonging should be mentioned
        - Define/expand "opportunity" – could mean upward mobility, jobs, etc.
        - Collaborative is a good word to keep. There are partners from industry, business, social, etc. that can help us.
        - Maybe change "collaboratively building" to "fostering."

- Clarify what "connected networks" means- comes off cold, technical.
- Suggest adding "social" to resources
- Consider "conserve" rather than "protect". Conserve in the sense of "wise use".
- "We are committed to fostering community-wide and wholistic management of our natural, cultural, fiscal, and capital resources."
- Add "diverse"
- The wording seems awkward; maybe obtuse. The term "opportunity" is uninformative without further elaboration. Maybe find a different work (e.g. resources?)
- Erie could use more cultural resources: museums, performing arts, etc.

b. Discussion on SUSTAINABILITY Core Value
    - Energy efficiency, in addition to using renewable energy
    - Building communities where commerce is close to housing
    - Overly wordy. Maybe simply "…holistically balance…"
    - Change "equitable" to "balanced"

b. Discussion on LIVABILITY Core Value
    - Responsible
    - "Affordability" is subjective; perhaps anchor on "diverse housing options" or something similar
    - Perhaps tie cost of living to AMI
    - To what extent can we manage affordability, which is influenced by many factors outside our control.
    - Access to Parks and Trails (which Erie does well)
    - Change "vibrant and unique opportunities and places and experiences" to "leisure and recreational opportunities and experiences…"
    - Consider changing "prioritize" to "balance"

c. Discussion on CONNECTION Core Value
    - Not sure where this belongs – access to cultural activities (museums, performing arts, outdoor arts…)
    - Maybe "social" rather than "emotional"?

d. Discussion on EQUITY Core Value
    - Is diversity incorporated into Equity?
    - What do we mean by "empowered"? Too broad a term that would need further amplification. Not clear how equity connects with empowerment.
    - Is "equity" the right word? It just means fair and impartial. I had the impression that we are really trying to become a more diverse and inclusive community.
    - Acceptance of alternative lifestyles and gender identification
    - Does equal access include subsidies for admission? Having services distributed closer to where the perceived need lies or equal distance from all areas of the Town?
    - Equitable distribution or equitable access? How do we objectively assess this?

5. Next Steps

a. Visioning Outreach
    i. Board of Trustee Mtg 8/8
    ii. Planning Commission Mtg 8/9
    iii. Online Survey 8/14-9/5
    iv. ~4 in-person events (Pride, Farmers Market, Pop-up at Cristos)
b. Next PAC Meeting: September 18 (Scenario Modeling)