ELEVATE ERIE COMP PLAN AND TMP
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Information

Meeting:	**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting #4**
Date:	**June 16, 2023**
Time:	**10:00 – 11:30 AM**
Location:	**Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Attendees

Technical Advisory Committee

✓	MJ Adams	*Affordable Housing Manager*
	Jarod Ballentine	*Communications Specialist*
	Luke Bolinger	*Development & Neighborhood Services Division Manager*
	Scott Brown	*O&M Manager*
	Bruce Chameroy	*Water & Wastewater Division Manager*
	Jon Coyle	*Chief Plant Operator - Water Reclamation*
✓	Alberto De Los Rios	*Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Manager*
	Todd Fessenden	*Public Works Director*
✓	David Frank	*Energy & Environment Specialist*
✓	Stefanie Furman	*Director of Finance*
✓	Patrick Hammer	*Director of Parks & Recreation*
	Julian Jacquin	*Director of Economic Development*
✓	Dylan King	*Water Conservation Technician*
✓	Kathy Kron	*Senior Parks Planner*
✓	Lee Mathis	*Deputy Chief of Police*
	Levi Moser	*Recreation Supervisor*
✓	David Pasic	*Town Engineer*
✓	Stephanie Pitts-Noggle	*Economic Development Manager*
✓	Gabi Rae	*Director of Communications & Community Engagement*
	Alexis Rankey	*Business Service Division Manager*
✓	Eryka Thorley	*Sustainability Manager*
✓	Rachel Wysuph	*Recreation Division Manager*

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

Structure of the Plan Discussion

1. *Comprehensive Plan Table of Contents*
    - Where will sustainability and climate change adaptation and resilience be addressed?
        - It will be a cross-cutting theme integrated throughout the plan, but some specific discussion on climate change and resilience will be in the Natural Resources chapter.
        - Sarah recommends putting climate change and resilience into the chapter title to make it easier to find.
    - Sarah recommends combining land use and growth sections to pair land use policies with the Future Land Use.
    - How will water be integrated?
        - Water is currently planned to be in both Natural Resources (quality and conservation) and Public Facilities (supply and distribution) sections
        - Consider making water a cross cutting theme, or its own chapter
        - Water will be important to factor into scenario development as an available resource in scenario modeling.
    - Departments will be involved in developing the structure of relative chapters to make the document most useful to them (e.g. Economic Development depart to input on Economic Vitality Chapter)
    - TAC favors creating a conservation/sustainability/resilience and adaptation chapter that could incorporate hazards, green infrastructure,
        - This could be a reframing of the Natural Resources & Environment chapter.
    - Logan Simpson will send a more detailed table of contents out to the TAC, following the meeting.
    - Implementation Matrix will be an appendix, and will be more specific than the doc implementation chapters
    - Need to frame the conversation around open space v. vacant land. Perspectives among public vary on this,
    - Cross-reference the Vision/Values in each chapter, to close the circle.
2. *Transportation Mobility Plan Table of Contents*
    - Town priorities are looking at a holistic planning approach and how walkability intersects with transportation, health, economics, and land use.
    - Consider incorporating a vision zero into the program recommendation in the TMP
    - TMP will need to take into account the community wide survey.
    - Vision should incorporate the same values in the TMP, but the definitions may be

different as to how they are applied.

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- Need to be sure to incorporate PROST trails plan as part of an overall Bike/Ped, Trail plan

3. *Logan Simpson will send detailed Table of Contents to the TAC.*

Key Themes and Issues and Opportunities

- TAC needs to identify any issues are missing, or need revisions, in the Existing Conditions & Issues Report (draft online)
- Some of the issue statements are too aggressive or don't paint the full picture.
    - Erie is okay with water right now, so it's not beneficial to frame a dire water issue.
- Frame water this as environmental stewardship piece- how can this be reframed to reflect on the fact that these reflect a 100% build out scenario. Colorado Water Basin is real issue.
- "Nature based solutions" for floodplains, (Widen coal creek for example). There's an opportunity to alleviate floodplain issues through mitigation.

Draft Vision and Guiding Principles Discussion

1. *Vision*: "Together, we envision Erie as a thriving and inclusive community that embraces sustainable growth, fosters a high quality of life, and reinforces a sense of place."
    - Maybe it's a strong sense of community vs place
    - I agree with the Sense of Place definition. Is there somewhere for the inclusion of public safety/community safety?
    - "Sense of place" do we want to share/define what this means
    - Erie is a connected community, where residents and businesses thrive in the Town's many diverse places and environments
    - Sustainability and growth don't necessarily go hand in hand. What will happen when we can no longer grow sustainably? Are we ready to communicate that limit?
    - Can we also change "high" quality of life to something more sustainable?
    - Take out the "we envision"
    - What about sense of place is changed for resilient community OR engaged community?
    - I think it might be missing more of our role.
    - Allows for a diversity of places, Erie is anchored by unique places and experiences.
    - Does this align with the recent 2023 Community Survey?
    - I prefer equitable over inclusive. Equity prioritizes best life outcomes for all, inclusiveness just brings people over.
    - Growth and sustainability rather than sustainable growth. This distinction calls out our priority for overall sustainability rather that a desire to only grow sustainably.
    - In unity, we aspire for Erie to flourish as an empowered and inclusive community,

exemplifying sustainable progress, nurturing an exceptional quality of life, and cultivating a profound sense of belonging.

2. *Values (General discussion)*
    - Are these also informed by the recent 2023 community survey, or is this just from Phase 1 outreach?
        - Top 5 priorities from the community survey: managing growth, fiscal responsibility, protect natural resources, environmental safety, maintain small town feel
        - Generally, these were formed from Phase 1 Outreach, due to the timing of the 2023 Community Survey coming out, but we can review to make sure that they're supported by those results
    - Add Resiliency
    - Smart/Innovative growth
3. *Value: Sustainability*
    - How is "balance mix of land uses" related to sustainability?
    - Carbon reduction
    - Leadership
    - I would change "Economic and fiscal resilience" to: Economic, social, and fiscal resilience (triple bottom line)
    - Holistic approach
    - Building social capital
    - Maintaining high level of service
    - Being prepared for disruptive events
    - Housing/job balance
    - Taking care of the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability to meet the needs of future generations.
    - Resiliency = adaptability
    - Smart growth
4. *Value: Quality of Life/Livability*
    - Parks, trails, and open space certainly contribute to QOL
    - Walkability
    - Public health
    - Diversity of jobs
    - Daily needs met
    - Clean air and water
    - Access to opportunity
    - Range of housing and transportation options
    - Equitable access to goods and services
    - I'd change "Vibrant Old Town" to "Vibrant neighborhoods and communities"
    - Access to active and other modes of transportation besides vehicles; connectivity within and outside our community; public health services (a myriad of items underneath that…)
    - Active transportation

- Community support
- Safety
- Values

5. *Value: Connectivity*
    - Rename to "Connection"
    - Connect is too close to Transportation. Can we rename to Community?
    - Connecting our multiple communities with services and activities available in Erie (businesses, amenities, etc.)
    - Recreation connections
    - Safe connections
    - Safe routes to schools
    - Safe routes to parks
    - Walkability
    - Connections to nature
    - Sense of belonging
    - So there's physical, emotional, personal connections
    - Regional connectivity (trails and transit systems)
    - Building social capital
    - Accessibility
    - Active and passive opportunities for interactions with nature
    - Human connection to the environment in which they live
6. *Value: Equity*
    - Eliminating disparate life outcomes
    - Active and long-term engagement to improve equity in Erie
    - Reduced vulnerability to displacement (Old Town has some affordable housing that needs protection)
    - Not just equitable distribution of services and infrastructure, but also access to amenities
    - Vulnerable populations are protected from hazards
    - Giving people the services they need; one size does not fit all
    - Eliminating structural/systemic barriers for historically underrepresented groups
    - Overall this sounds vary bare bones and minimum. How can the plan promote the idea of going the extra mile with regards to Equity?
    - Cultural responsiveness and awareness; services that accommodate our growing diverse populations
    - For "inclusive of all members of community", it will be important to define what Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion means. Possibly add a glossary of terms.
    - For "Services/infrastructure are accessible to all ages and abilities", its not just ages and ability. What about race, genders, and other demographics?
    - Services and infrastructure is repeated in both "equitable distribution" and "accessibility to all ages and abilities"
    - Mitigating harm and disparate life outcomes for diverse demographics (e.g. displacement, discrimination, isolation, lack of resources, etc.)

- Social/fiscal responsibility to mitigate structural and systemic barriers; equal access to goods and services and recognizing that everyone does not start at the same place.

7. *Transportation Vision:* The Town of Erie will be a place where residents, employees, and visitors can travel comfortably, efficiently, and conveniently with a range of transportation options. Driving is reliable, efficient and incorporates innovative technologies. Walking and biking for transportation or recreation is comfortable for all ages and abilities through a network of on and off-street facilities and crossings that connect to key destinations. Transit is reliable and convenient, with strong first and last mile connections.
    - The transportation sector is a large emissions source for Erie. Can we add something about the climate changing contributions of transportation and Erie's commitment?
    - Jazz it up.. an amazingly connected community…
    - Balanced transportation system
    - Focus on safety, mobility, accessibility
    - I think it's too long – perhaps consider cutting it by half:
        - Erie will be a place where residents, employees, and visitors can travel comfortably, efficiently, and conveniently with a range of transportation options. Driving is reliable, efficient and incorporates innovative technologies. Walking and biking for transportation or recreation is comfortable for all ages and abilities through a network of on and off-street facilities and crossings that connect to key destinations. Transit is reliable and convenient, with strong first and last mile connections.
    - Reduce reliance on driving
    - Support healthy, active lifestyles
    - Create a transportation system that focuses on reducing environmental impacts
    - I feel that this statement makes walking, biking, and other modes of transportation that isn't driving a secondary thing. That is a car-centric approach.
    - It would be worth sharing that people should get everywhere conveniently regardless of their mode of transportation.

Next Steps

1. *Homework*: Please provide feedback on the Existing Conditions & Issues Report by 6/23.
2. *Upcoming events and engagement activities for Visioning*
    - Online Vision Survey (August)
    - Pop-up events (August)
3. *Next TAC Meeting: July 14 @ 1pm*
    - The meeting will be held at the ECC to do a hands-on transportation activity.