

**Town of La Pointe
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
Thursday July 21, 2022
4 p.m. at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Alex Nelson, Chair; Dan Bartholomay, Vice Chair; Charley Brummer, Michael Collins, Sarah Caruso, Jane Vogt
Members absent: Sally North
Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator
Public present: Cameron Kadlubowski, Northland College
Nicole Foster, Northland College

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Alex Nelson, Chair.

2. Public Comment #1

None

3. Minutes to be considered for approval:

A. July 14, 2022

Motion by Michael C to approve the July 14, 2022 minutes, seconded by Sarah, all ayes. Motion Carried.

4. Review where we are and plan for next 6 weeks

- Michael stated the committee is on plan, with the survey completed and forums scheduled.
- Next steps to plan: further survey analysis, additional forums/groups needed, publish survey results, formulate construction of comprehensive plan document.
- Discussion on how to reach groups not captured in survey. Consensus to wait until Northland does crosstab analysis and review at next week's meeting.
- Discussion on what, when and how to share the survey results.
 - How to make sure the survey is viewed as legitimate and build trust in the community.
 - Problems with survey responses that are contradictory.
 - Forum promotion could touch on survey participation. Michael K asked Nicole and Cameron to review 7/14/22 minutes to make sure his summary of the survey discussion was correct.
 - Discussed ways to answer questions with community organizations that have been engaged already.

5. Discuss rescheduling of August 11th committee meeting

Due to scheduling conflict with the Apostle Island Area Community Fund, Jane would like to change the 8/11/22 meeting.

Motion by Jane to move the 8/11/22 meeting to 8/18/22, seconded by Sarah, all ayes.
Motion Carried.

6. Community Forum Planning

Discussion on what information we need to know; where there are strong differences of opinion, contradictions, ideas, and concerns not in survey.

Nicole explained the session topics they would like to discuss:

- Land Use including participatory asset mapping exercise such as identifying and marking key assets, identifying current healthy/strong and vulnerable/need attention assets, identifying wanted assets including locations.
- Housing discussion including top-level survey results, education on types of housing/developments and current housing stock. They would do an activity asking people to match housing types with who they believe needs it most. If time allows, Nicole would like to do a mapping exercise also on where specific types of housing should be located. Jane asked Northland to have a discussion with Michael about locations the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee is already investigating.
- Virtual Session to include defining self-sufficiency/economic development with break-out rooms asking specific questions such as: what does self-sufficiency look like, what essential services are needed/not needed, what are the challenges or opportunities? This session would also touch on transportation to/from the island.

Nicole mentioned a possible cap of people (30, with 10 per break-out group) unless others are able to facilitate a group.

Alex noted the need for each committee member to communicate with the affinity groups they were assigned to about these upcoming forums.

Nicole would like to see this committee utilize existing assets/groups maybe using some of the same exercises in the public forums.

Discussion on draft flier Michael K created to promote the forums.

Nicole and Michael K will speak tomorrow to work out space/technology needs.

7. Public Comment #2

None

8. Set next meeting and agenda

Next regular meeting scheduled for 7/28/22 @ 4pm

Affinity group outreach, additional survey results, forum planning

9. Adjourn

Motion by Sarah to adjourn, seconded by Michael C, all ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant
Minutes approved as presented 7/28/22.