



City of Powell Citizen Financial Review Task Force

MINUTES May 23, 2018

Attendees:

City Staff Members: Megan Canavan, Steve Lutz, Jessica Marquez and Debra Miller

Task Force Members: Ross Gillespie, Heather Robinson Lindsey, Lisa Gruebel, Jeff Gardiner, Rich Cline, Tom Ewers, Barb Walters, Bruce Dorstewitz, Craig Sedoris, Christina Drummond, Randall Sampson, John Cruise, Terry Hoppmann, Tom Jedlinsky and Mike Barker.

Introduction:

Mr. Cline called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Mr. Cline welcomed everyone to the meeting and the current draft of the committee report was distributed to the attendees.

Mr. Cline asked if everyone believes that the current draft reflects the intent of the message the Task Force was trying to convey. The group agreed that it does.

Ms. Drummond commented on page 5 and wanted to clarify that the new \$2,000,000 is all for infrastructure. She suggested verbiage to make such clarification which will be incorporated into the report.

The group had a discussion around the fact that City Council could always choose not to follow this recommendation. Mr. Cline and Mr. Hoppmann stated that it is crucial that we emphasize to Council that they should follow the proposed 75/25 policy to avoid a downfall similar to what happened in 2010.

Mr. Cline and Mr. Gardiner assured the group that the 75/25 policy will be discussed in detail during the presentation to Council.

More discussion followed regarding the scope of the report and the limitations to this group.

Mr. Cruise suggested some small grammatical corrections throughout the report. Mr. Jedlinsky also provided some small changes throughout.

Mr. Hoppmann provided his suggested changes and discussion followed his comments regarding how developers built the infrastructure and it has aged and now needs maintained. It was determined that the point that this maintenance was never budgeted and there is no revenue stream to support it needs to be emphasized in this report.

Mr. Sampson stated how important it is to make sure the all of the key concepts are identified up front in the report.

Ms. Drummond brought up the 3 bullets of conversation: 1. Revenue shortfalls; 2. Growth; and 3. Underfunded/lean budgeting.

Mr. Cline pointed out that roughly the same amount of money is being spent on infrastructure now as was being spent in the 90's.

Mr. Hoppmann continued his discussion of report changes.

Mr. Sampson made some suggestions to the Task Force Findings section regarding how the \$2,000,000 compares to other municipalities. The group decided that maybe this is better saved for later communications.

Ms. Drummond asked about whether there is a PAC that will support this recommendation. Mr. Cline and Mr. Gardiner suggested that there may be support from an area PAC.

Mr. Ewers asked where else this report will go other than through a presentation to Council. Mr. Lutz explained that the report will be posted on the website and that businesses and residents will have access. He outlined the thoughts on the education and engagement plan. Mr. Cline also explained that the digital copy of the report includes hyperlinks to important source documents. Ms. Drummond emphasized the importance of this group talking to others about how crucial it is to read the entire report.

Ms. Robinson Lindsey provided comments on charts throughout the report.

Discussion followed on the structure and layout of the report. Ms. Drummond suggested some reorganization to the Capital Needs sections.

Ms. Robinson Lindsey pointed out pictures in Exhibit E doesn't really portray a really bad road, not doing what we intended. The group agreed and decided we needed pictures that better conveyed the message the group was trying to communicate.

There was also discussion amongst the group about what photos to include and what kind of text to include with them.

Discussion followed about whether the purpose of this report is to educate or persuade. It was decided that it's sort of doing both.

Mr. Cline summarized at a minimum we need a photo of a road that is at a PCR 60, and suggested photos be included of PCR 60, 70, 80 and 90.

Mr. Jedlinsky requested that we add the name of the street to the photos so that readers know what they are looking at in case they want to drive to that location and see it first hand.

Mr. Gillespie suggested adding a photo of the pedestrian railroad tunnel.

Ms. Robinson Lindsey suggested a few more edits and asked why the report is organized as is.

The group decided that each committee's findings and recommendations should be presented together, then move on to the next committee.

Ms. Walters suggested a few edits.

Mr. Sampson asked if we should include photos of bike paths. The group decided probably not.

Mr. Cline pointed out that Exhibit L will be reformatted to breakout "other" revenue.

Mr. Cline proposed to 1. Vote on the report as it has been conceptualized tonight and 2. Allow time for changes to be made and distribute final report via email. If anyone does not believe that the report is acceptable at that point, then a special meeting can be called to finalize the report before the presentation to City Council.

Ms. Robinson Lindsey made a motion to accept Mr. Cline's proposal.
Mr. Gillespie seconded.
All present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Cline proposed foregoing to 2/3 attendance requirement that was established because support will be stronger if all members of the Task Force are able to sign off as being a voting member. A signature page was circulated to allow each Task Force member to sign indicating they were in favor of the report.

Ms. Canavan thanked all of the Task Force members for their hard work on this project. She then provided the next steps and suggested that members pre-brief the council member that appointed them to this committee to prepare them for the June 19 meeting. She also announced that there will be a public open house on July 10; at this open house there will be a brief presentation on the report and break out sessions with each subcommittee to answer questions. The educational engagement plan will launch at that meeting.

Information will be provided at a later date for Task Force members and City staff for the "Road Show" to educate and engage the public.

Mr. Cline encouraged as many people as possible to attend the June 19 City Council Meeting. He indicated that his goal will be to work on the final revisions to the report by June 4 with hopes of having a finalized version of this report by June 12.

Ms. Drummond thanked Mr. Cline and Mr. Gardiner for their extra efforts in writing the report.

Next Meeting Dates:

Presentation to City Council- 6/19 7:30pm
Public Open House- 7/10

Meeting adjourned: 8:32pm.