

2045 Comprehensive Plan Update Work Session Notes

September 26, 2023

Planning Commission Members: Mike Shepp, President; Matt Knott, Vice President; Wade Louthan, Secretary; Steve Stolipher, County Commission Liaison; Jack Hefestay, Tim Smith, and Aaron Howell, and were present in person. A quorum of the Planning Commission was present for the Work Session.

Staff: Alex Beaulieu, Zoning Administrator; Luke Seigfried, County Planner; Michelle Evers, Planning Clerk; were present in person.

Executive Summary

On 9/26/23 the Planning Commission held a work session to prepare a full draft of Goals and Objectives for the 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU).

Agenda

1. Comprehensive Plan Composition
 - a. Drafting of Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives
 - b. Written Comment from Planning Commissioner Mike Shepp
 - c. Letter from WVU Medicine
 - d. Public Comment from Bobbi Blok Re: Goals and Objectives

Item 1: Comprehensive Plan Composition

The work session focused on reviewing public input and potential changes to the draft Goals and Objectives. Planning Commission discussed agricultural processing and agreed to language supporting on farm processing. Requiring perimeter fences by developments adjacent to farms was proposed by Commissioner Smith to resolve issues between new residential communities and farms. Additional edits were made to the Promoting Tourism and Conservation theme. In goals ten and eleven additional Objectives were added by the suggestion of stakeholders on how the Comprehensive Plan could support education and Parks and Recreation in the County. Staff was directed to gather more information regarding a possible path between Ranson and Sam Michaels park. Several written comments were included as part of the agenda.

These notes were prepared by Luke Seigfried.