Meeting Notes

Friday, June 10, 2016

City Staff: Sandra Towne and Bryan Snodgrass from City of Vancouver; Mark Harrington, RTC; Eric Eisemann, City of La Center; Jeff Niten from City of Ridgefield.

County Staff: Oliver Orjiako, Gordy Euler, Colete Anderson, Jose Alvarez, Sharon Lumbantobing

Meeting Notes by: Sharon Lumbantobing

Welcome & Introductions:
- Oliver welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Discussion of the Planning Commission (PC) recommendations to the County Council on the 2016 Comp Plan Update:
- PC recommendations on the Decision Table and Issue Paper 8.1, which is a summary of all proposed changes to zoning map, comp plan text changes, recommendation on rural area, Title 40, CFP and CFFP updates, are on the website. PC unanimously approved city’s proposals for boundary expansion. The PC for the third time voted to deny changes to Resource Lands. BOCC can accept, reject or amend the PC recommendation.
- The decision table did not have a formal recommendation for the PC to approve the Community Framework and Countywide Planning Policies. The BOCC will do that.
- In the cities’ Comprehensive Plan adopting ordinances, be sure to include by reference the Countywide Planning Policies (CWPP) and the Community Framework Plan. There have been no changes to the Community Framework Plan, but there were some minor changes to the Countywide Planning Policies.
- City and county comprehensive plans have to be internally consistent. The County is writing its adopting ordinance now.
- La Center already adopted its Comp Plan and did not make reference to the CWPP and Community Framework. They will amend their adopting ordinance either now or during our annual review process.
- City of Vancouver will check its 2011 Adopting Ordinance to see if it included reference to the CWPP and Community Framework and will amend it in annual review, if needed.
- The BOCC held a work session on June 8 to discuss the implications of delaying approval of the Comp Plan and to discuss whether the county can expand the UGA boundary unilaterally? The county has the authority to do that, but it must be done in consultation and coordination with the cities.
- Community Planning had a conference call with the Department of Commerce on June 9. Commerce had questions and concerns about reducing the minimum parcel size for Agriculture and Forest lands. They were concerned about the cities’ UGB expansion requests. Community Planning sent them the de-designation reports from Ridgefield and La Center.
Commerce will send written comments before the June 21 hearing. The 60-day comment period ends June 29.

- Bio-diversity layer in Critical Areas Ordinances: Vancouver is not doing anything about biodiversity. This will likely be a bigger issue for counties, rather than cities. Clark County would like to have a BOCC worksession on this later in the year.

**Preparation for the Council Deliberation**

- Discussed:
  - The BOCC hearing is scheduled for June 21. June 22 is set aside for continued deliberation, if needed.
  - City staff and city representatives are welcome to come and are encouraged to testify.
  - Community Planning will have the adopting ordinance to the BOCC on consent on June 28.
  - Cities are concerned about missing out on grants if County does not approve its Comp Plan in time. There are legal and political concerns about grant funding being denied.
  - Suggestion was made to consider having two adopting ordinance for the County Comp Plan, which might give more severability by having the Resource Lands issues in a separate adopting ordinance.
  - Councilor Mielke is on leave through June 27.
  - July 1 is the effective date of the Comp Plan, with the possible exception of the Impact Fees. BOCC may or may not delay impact fees. Parks Dept is recommending graduated fees. The county’s Tidemark replacement needs more time to incorporate newly approved impact fees.

**Discussion on the level of continuing coordination post-plan adoption**

- Suggested to take a summer break from coordination meetings and resume quarterly meetings (or more frequent, if needed) starting in September.

**Roundtable**

- La Center: City will adopt Parks and Transportation CFP by end of June or early July. City schools received state funds for parks and trails to develop a non-motorized boat launch, trail, and bathrooms which will open up the waterfront.
- RTC: Fri, June 24, 10-12, Transportation Modeling Workshop on how the regional travel model works. Summer kick-off to develop 2040 update.
- City of Vancouver: Riverview Gateway Master Plan on 192/SR14. Waterfront development is moving forward with construction of 2 new restaurants, residential tower, office building and hotel. City is constructing a park and pier. Westside Mobility Strategy is going to city council in mid July. Safe pedestrian crossing on Main Street near Starbucks is being proposed. Evergreen Corridor Strategy goes to city council at the end of August. Fourth Plain Forward is a business district plan. Crude oil and oil refinery prohibition amendment is going to council in late June. Critical Areas Ordinance has been completed by PC and will go to council in September for adoption. Deferral of collection of Impact Fee Ordinance (new requirement under SB 5923) by Sept 2016. City of Vancouver will share their draft ordinance with the county. Low Impact Development (LID) has to be adopted by 2016. City has received an annual review request for a tiny home development for female veterans. City will look into tiny homes ordinance in early 2017. City is going forward with annexation of commercial area around Costco.
- Ridgefield Development continues on 700 lots, south of Ridgefield along 45th. Tiny homes code in September. Gee Creek Plateau subarea ordinance is in the works. Expansion of golf cart zone. 200 houses built so far in 2016. Commercial design standards are going before the Planning Commission this month and to Council in August.
- Clark County. The 60-day comment period on RILB is half-way through.

**Action Item:** Cities need to submit their Comprehensive Plans and CFPs to the County

**Next Meeting:** Possibly September, or earlier if needed