

Comprehensive Plan

Grand Junction



Steering Committee Meeting #2
12/4/7

The Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (SC) met on December 4th to continue to discuss issues important to the Comprehensive Plan and its process.

The group began the meeting with discussion on the Kitchen Table Conversations, a homework assignment from the previous meeting. Members of the SC met with community members to discuss issues, concerns and values.

Issues identified in the Kitchen Table Conversations include:

- Plan corridors to avoid eminent domain, condemnation,
- Concern with the population growth projection over the next 20+ years,
- Need of a new mentality to address growth and density,
- Some support to continue density development,
- How to expand college with land-locked campus,
- Mixed opinions on growth – some ok with it, others not,
- Fast expansion of energy industry,
- Growth in entire region impacts GJ: Douglas Pass, Garfield County, Naturita, Landing
- Fears of boom – bust cycle,
- Dislike of haphazard growth,
- Need to figure out mass transportation,
- How to accommodate growth over time,
- All commercial is in one place and shopping is too general,
- Affordable home ownership.

The group discussed other Cities that might have beneficial knowledge or advice for GJ such as Boise, ID, Parker, CO, Fort Collins, CO, Stapleton/Lowry, CO, Phoenix, AZ, and Tempe, AZ.

The group may prefer to look at goals instead of geographically depicting scenarios. It was noted that the Comp Plan should cover all aspects of the community and not just land use and transportation.

The group noted that there were some challenges to expect from the public due to different opinions, mindsets, length of time in community. The group agreed that the City needed good examples on concepts (especially density) and successes before new ideas will be well received.

The group reviewed materials for the Open House and provided input and guidance for the presentation.

The group would meet again in January.