

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY  
March 12, 2008  
5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  
Boards & Commissions Room**

Steering Committee: Jan Callison Sue Sjeklocha  
Jim Couling David Nichols  
Gauri Subramani Terri Yearwood  
John Cheleen

Project Manager: Ann Perry, Resource Strategies Corporation

City Staff: GERALYN BARONE Ron Rankin  
Julie Wischnack Elise Durbin

Others: Beth Bartz, SRF Consulting  
Monique MacKenzie, SRF Consulting

**1. Bus Tour**

The committee took a tour of city.

**2. Accept February 27, 2008 Meeting Summary**

The committee accepted the meeting summary.

**3. General Discussion on Overall Land Use Strategy and 2030 Land Use Map**

MacKenzie said they put together a map and a chart showing all of the locations in the city where staff was proposing land use plan changes from the 2020 Land Use Plan. She said the traffic modeling is not yet complete.

The committee had discussion on what density the Knollway/Horn Drive and Northridge/Southeridge areas on the north side of I-394 should be. Bartz said some of the basis for the high density recommendation for the Northridge/Southeridge area is because staff has seen the medium density is not economically feasible for redevelopment. Some on the committee felt the high density designation for the Northridge/Southeridge area is appropriate, but that the Knollway/Horn Drive area should be left low density residential. There was discussion on the housing goals for new units and new affordable units that must be achieved. Staff will review the land uses throughout the rest of the city and see how many possible housing units can be added. This information will be brought back to the steering committee to review before a decision is made on the recommendations for the Knollway/Horn Drive and Northridge/Southeridge areas.

The committee reviewed the Ridgedale area and the mixed use designations for several areas. Committee members said they are concerned about the intensity that will be created around Ridgedale with these proposed land uses. Wischnack said

master planning with design standards can be done for the area. The committee was okay with the suggested changes in the Ridgedale area with the conditions that master planning be done along with design standards including building height of two to three stories, pedestrian accessibility, green areas, and buffers.

There are two proposed changes near Minnetonka Boulevard and County Road 101. The committee agreed that the area south of Minnetonka Boulevard is appropriate for the proposed change, but to leave the area north of Minnetonka Boulevard the way it is currently guided.

The committee agreed on the other land use plan changes.

#### **4. Discussion on Revised Policies**

Perry said included in the packet is a map showing the overall growth strategy and the intention of this map is to reflect what is stated in the policies. The committee agreed that there needs to be a time reference on the map and a narrative explaining the big ideas. Perry said the policy will set forth the big ideas.

#### **5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.