

Memorandum

To: Debra Hines
Mayor Pro Tem

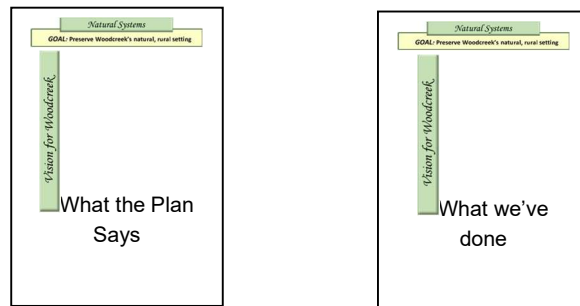
Date: August 2, 2024

From: Jim Miller

Re: Input On City Comprehensive Plan Changes

These changes came out as an agreed item from Planning & Zoning and therefore have no relevancy to the Ordinance Review Committee; and the fact that it does not directly affect an ordinance does not warrant our involvement. Further, the City's Comprehensive Plan is the mandated purview of P&Z.

However, as a sitting member of P&Z, my opinion is that the instructed review of such Plan by P&Z every two years (as detailed in the P&Z ordinance) implies a rewrite (albeit modest) similar to what is done by revising an ordinance. That would require, I believe, a town hall meeting wherein the revisions are distinctly made clear to the public. Use a side-by-side comparison of what has been done. Show the public that the Plan has been addressed in many ways.



Once that has been done, incorporate the actions taken into the body of the Plan as a modest re-write.

If I can make a criticism of the process as I have observed it. It appeared that this project was done by one person who appeared to tire of the project based upon her responses ("some progress"). Since the plan crosses several areas of City concern, such as parks, trees, roads, I believe an ad hoc subcommittee with participation from other Committees was warranted. The "what has been done" part would be assigned to the appropriate subcommittee member. A referral to the Council for the formation of such a subcommittee should have been done.

I further believe that thought should be given to merge several Committees. I believe we have too many committees and we are struggling for participation and relevancy. Perhaps Trees into Parks, ORC into P&Z.

