# CITY OF FORT COLLINS FUTURES COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: February 13, 2023

**Location:** Zoom

**Time:** 04:00pm-06:00pm

#### **Committee Members present:**

Councilmember Tricia Canonico Councilmember Susan Gutowsky

# **Additional Council members present:**

#### **City Staff:**

Caryn Champine

#### **Presenters:**

Caryn Champine

# **Additional Staff present:**

Kelly DiMartino, City Manager's Office Megan DeMasters, Environmental Services

Melina Dempsey, FC Moves

Aaron Iverson, FC Moves

Anna Kelso, FC Moves

Chad Crager, Broadband

Ginny Sawyer, City Manager's Office

Kendall Minor, Utilities

Carrie Daggett City Attorney's Office

Claudia Menendez, City Manager's Office

Tyler Marr, City Manager's Office

Terri Runyan, City Manager's Office

Michelle Finchum, Environmental Services

Teresa Roche

#### **Others present:**

Kevin Jones, Fort Collins Chamber

Dave Dixon

Ed Peyronnin

Kevin Krause

Greg Boiarsky

Marcia Richards

Sandy Lemberg

Todd Dangerfield, DDA

Tim Anderson

Whitney Allison

# Meeting called to order at 4:06pm

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Councilmember Francis moved to approve the November 14 minutes. Councilmember Gutowsky seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0

### **Chairperson Comments:**

#### Selection of chair

Council member Canonico was selected as the new chair for the Futures committee.

#### **Summary**

- This Futures committee meeting focused on the Future of Futures and included a discussion of
  - o Topics that have been covered in the past
  - o What the Committee has liked about how the Futures committee is run
- Committee reviewed cadence of meetings and identified priority topics for the rest of the year
- Action items:
  - o Futures committee meetings are now meeting every other month on the second Monday
  - Caryn Champine and staff will review topics and begin scheduling those that were identified as priority topics.

#### The Future of Futures, Caryn Champine

- Review of 2022 Futures Committee topics with discussion of what worked well and what could be improved for the Future
- When considering Futures topics:
  - Consider what cultural elements are necessary to preserve so that they stay part of our Future
- Thoughts about open format- more public participation
  - o Love seeing lots of participation.
  - o Consider having the State demographer come in on a more regular basis
- Should committee stay as a sub-committee of council?
- Benefit of Futures is that we bring in great thought partners- more thought based- look at the frequency of these meetings
  - o Consider moving cadence to every other month
  - o Provide more time to bring in external folks and do more outreach to the committee
- Alliance for Innovation- Futurist on staff see what they have
- Futures is plural- consider how we are ready for different Futures
  - o Focus on signals to be in tune with
  - Consider looking back to look forward
  - Uncover patterns
  - o Create a community
- Review of previously identified topics- organized by the 7 outcome areas and brainstormed additional topics
  - The Future of 15 minute Cities- what this means for work, infrastructure, business and community development
  - o Future of talent: trends and futures- what this means for our City and Placemaking
  - o Future of Public Safety, police, Poudre Fire Authority
  - New world of work- awareness of new businesses/occupations that will be part of our future
  - o Intersection of new world of work and how buildings are used at the City
  - Future of Utilities and resources
    - Water resources
  - o Misinformation and Democracy- how Cities are dealing with this at the local level.
  - o Future of retail (micro retail and how it connects to 15-minute communities
    - Twitter- pushback about 15-minute communities

- Misconception about density
- Placemaking
- Future of AI- chatbots
- Proactive health
- o Elevation Community Land Trust (Future of Housing)
  - Buy multiple homes to provide affordable housing options
- Water banking
- Future of community development -merge a few topics together
  - Future of retail
  - Role of City in achieving land use outcomes
- Future of neighborhood and town centers
  - Retail
  - Business
  - Workforce and City role
- Circular Economy
- Priority topics:
  - Misinformation and Democracy (1)
  - Placemaking and Future of work (2)
  - o Safety (3)
  - o 15-minute hub- community development
  - Chat GPT
- Next step- Caryn and team will work to group topics together and begin scheduling speakers

# **Q&A** and Additional Discussion

N/A

#### **Additional Items**

Meeting adjourned by Councilmember Canonico at 5:14pm

