

Plan Fort Collins: Refining the Vision

Shaping the Future Community Workshop Feedback – June 29 & 30, 2010

At the June 29 and 30 Community Workshops, a series of posters outlined the proposed vision directions for each of the 7 Plan Fort Collins topic categories. During the City Expo portion of the workshop, individuals were asked to provide feedback about the proposed vision directions by writing their ideas and comments on sticky notes and adhering them to the posters. The ideas are listed below, by topic.

ECONOMIC HEALTH

- Be mindful of impact to businesses and low-income citizens.
- Stop watering sidewalks in the rain. Ground cover and drip systems work better and are more enviro-friendly.
- Locally, nationally, globally.
- Need other sources of city revenue besides sales tax.
- Stop war in Afghanistan-quickly and responsibly. Council should adopt such a resolution for President and Congress!
- Initiate study of financing government services in Colorado. Develop fair tax system based on adequacy and ability to pay.
- Attract and retain primary employers.

COMMUNITY LIVABILITY

- Continue historic preservation efforts.
- The housing choices should not be quite so open. Single adults in houses meant for families results in 1) fewer kids to fill neighborhood schools, and 2) No community (e.g. get-togethers, looking after each other, etc., etc.) The usual parking care, animal, etc. problems!
- Help CSU students (and other lively residents/renters) understand their role as members of safe, healthy neighborhoods.
- Use irrigation canal paths for recreation and transportation.
- We need programs for the serious alcoholics – Alcohol court is a great start.
- Affordable, convenient housing for seniors.

TRANSPORTATION

- Hop on – hop off free bus service to major shopping areas – Wal-Mart on north, Foothills Mall on south, and Council Tree on east (financed by benefitting businesses).
- Create a transportation system free of automobiles.
- Low cost jitney service similar to Mexico City's "Peso Cales" of 50 years ago.
- Straight line non-auto routes will encourage people to use non-auto transit choices.
- Non-auto traffic wants to be away from autos for safety.
- Why does one turning lane go at a time at several stoplights? It's a huge waste of time when only one side goes at a time!
- For 1-stop, the bus works pretty well. For 2 stops – it can take almost a half day.
- Eventually? A small vehicle system to get people to the places where they can hop the grid busses (it is over ½ mile walk for me to get down town bus).
- How about a transportation utility, a-la water, power, etc? (See Rich Shannon Soapbox)
- "Scramble" crossings to assist pedestrians.
- Street cars downtown and around CSU.
- Access for senior citizens.

CULTURE, PARKS, AND RECREATION

- Senior center expansion.
- Improve existing events – New West Fest, Taste of FC, more local arts and entertainment.
- Weekly evening farmer's market with local entertainment and booths for artists.
- Internationally.
- How about a parks user fee, like national, state, and county parks?