

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR

Comprehensive Planning Committee

June 17, 2022, 12 noon to 1 PM

Outreach and Event Planning Subcommittee

Community Forum/Open House #1

WORKSHOP NOTES

The meeting was held via Zoom, under the provisions of the committee's Remote Participation Policy.

Outreach and Event Planning Subcommittee members present were Elissa Chesler, Cherie Galyean, John Kelly, Calistra Martinez, and Val Peacock.

Staff present were Planning Director Michele Gagnon and Assistant Planner Steve Fuller.

Consultants present were Steve Whitman and Liz Kelly.

Date of Event: late October/early November with additional outreach and engagement activities happening leading up to the event

Location: Both the elementary school and high school have been discussed as possible locations (both have pros and cons), but no decision has been made on where the event will be held yet.

Number of evenings: To be determined. Two approaches have been discussed - two evenings in two separate locations or two events on the same evening but at different times (this will require additional budgetary consideration).

Format: open house style, stations set up with tables, chairs, informational posters/prints, discussion questions, maps, and interactive activities (there will also be an online version of the forum for those unable to attend).

Stations: Desire to have a table station for each existing conditions topic; stations should have activities for youth and adults to participate in providing feedback collectively

Subcommittee Role in Station Development: Provide input/ideas for informational posters that provide facts, figures, and findings from the existing conditions report, help consultants

brainstorm questions, and pitch other creative approaches for interactive activities (see Brainstorming Station Topic Materials worksheet)

Station Topics: Those that were in attendance selected a topic to review in the existing conditions report before our next meeting and to pull out ideas for a table station for that topic at the community forum (see additional details above). Volunteers that have selected topics so far include the following listed below. Many topics do not have volunteers yet. Those who did not attend the meeting can select any of the following below (it is okay if we have more than one person on a topic, but it would be great to have folks spread out among them).

- Demographics – Cherie
- Housing – Elissa
- Economic Development – Val
- Transportation – Cali
- Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure
- Natural Resources
- Parks, Open Space, and Recreation
- Historic and Archaeological Resources
- Land Use
- Fiscal Capacity

Outreach Strategy for the Interim: The consultant will work with staff to devise a more detailed outreach plan to connect with community members and solicit input before the October/November event. This will be presented to the Comprehensive Planning Committee on the July 13, 2022. There were some recommendations related to tabling, specifically at events, including Open Table, Community Suppers, and the book sale at the Jesup Memorial Library.

Next Meeting: Doodle Poll will be sent out by Steve Fuller. The next subcommittee meeting will be scheduled before the July 13 Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting and will include a status update by subcommittee members