

Crook County Land Use Plan

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes



Wednesday, April 16, 2025

3:00 pm

Present:

CCLUPSC Members, County Staff & Consultants: Megan Nelms, Y2; Michael Surface, Y2; Donna Bye; Houston Engineering

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm. The group went around the room and did introductions, as well as those present on the virtual TEAMS meeting.

II. 3 QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Megan took the group through the issues discovery exercise that was postponed from the first meeting. The questions were:

1. What do you like about Crook County?
2. What don't you like about Crook County?
3. What do you want Crook County to be like in 10 years? 20 years?

There was robust discussion on each topic, ranging from private property rights, to community amenities and how to get young people to stay in the community once they graduate high school. Other topics included workforce housing, economic development and extensive discussion on development regulations and issues with development throughout the County.

III. STEERING COMMITTEE SURVEY

Megan gave a brief overview of the project team's takeaways from the Steering Committee surveys and thanked the committee members for their input. She stated that it will be very valuable as the team moves forward in the planning process with stakeholder interviews and developing the public input survey.

IV. STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW LIST

Megan put the stakeholder interview list on the large screen for everyone to review. She stated that this was the list the consultants had come up with and now they needed the committee's assistance to fill in the gaps and provide input on areas they may have missed. The committee spent time going through the groups and contacts listed, added groups they thought should be consulted/interviewed and provided any contact information they had for different individuals.

V. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The group also had a general discussion on the purpose of the plan and the "outcomes." Megan explained that the plan is not a rule or regulation. It will not set any standards to be met by anyone (developers, county departments, etc). It is intended to be a community's vision of the future, and from that vision, goals will be developed, and it will be the responsibility of the County to implement rules, regulations and policies in order to meet those goals.

The group discussed past efforts to correct issues with development in the county and how nothing ever seemed to change. They stated that they would like to speak directly with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss what will happen once the plan is complete. They do not want it to be a document that merely sits on the shelf and does nothing, as they feel previous efforts have. The committee gave direction to the consultant team, with the assistance of County Staff, to invite the BOCC to the next committee meeting to discuss their concerns.

V. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm. The next regular steering committee meeting will be held on May 21, 2025, at 3pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room and virtually on TEAMS.