

Riley County Vision 2025 Committee Meeting

March 6, 2008

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. County Commission Chambers

Meeting Summary

Welcome & Review of Public Comments Review of Previous Month Building Activity

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Monty Wedel. Wedel welcomed the group.

Report on Status of Vision 2025 Process

- Wedel discussed the general strategy to test and refine the LESA. He stated that after the suggested changes were made, five new model sites should be chosen and tested. After more refinement, five additional model sites should be chosen and tested.

Report and Discussion on LESA Trial Runs

- Wedel continued review of the 6 sites used for trial runs. The group reviewed the overall scores and discussed various differences. The Factor scores were then reviewed site by site, with adjustments made in the LESA system text and scoring as the review unfolded.

The Committee suggested:

- moving “buffering of site” to implementation and perhaps, rather than the use of buffers, the setback requirements for building areas should be increased;
 - remove points awarded for exceeding the minimum standards for stormwater drainage;
 - award more points for the creation or extension of a public sewer system and less for public water;
 - prohibit development if a proposed subdivision is entirely within the designated 100-floodplain;
 - increase the minimum requirement from one-foot above base flood elevation (BFE) to 2-3 feet above BFE;
 - any new streets as part of a proposed subdivision must be above BFE; and
 - Protection of riparian areas should be a standard and removed from the LESA.
- A suggestion was made regarding the hardship factor and how to calculate it.

The Way Forward

- Committee directed staff to prepare a new comparison scoresheet using the revised system. The packets from this meeting, which included maps, individual scores sheets and site particulars, would again be used at the next meeting.

Next Full Committee meeting: **March 20, 2008, 7:00 PM at County Commission Chambers**

Adjourned