

Long Range Planning Committee
Thursday, May 9, 2024, 4:00 P.M.
Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and in the Bushor Conference Room
Draft Minutes

Members Present	Michael Gaughan, Alex Friend, Erin Malone, Evan Gould
Staff Present	Charles Dillard
Public Attendance	

1. **Agenda**

Call to Order	Time: 4:00pm
Agenda	No changes.

2. **Chair's Report**

N/A

3. **Draft Scope: planBTV: New North End**

Presentation by C. Dillard

The Walk Bike plan – the city's pedestrian and bike plan produced in 2017. It focuses on safety and outline the number of actions for all the geographies within the city in order to improve the safety and comfort of moving around for pedestrians and cyclists.

Parking needs to be addressed in the context of the Neighborhood Code (NC).

E. Gould:

- "One thing that would be interesting to at least explore is potential ways as like modal filters or something else to reconnect some of the disconnected cul-de-sac neighborhoods in the in the North End."
- The issue of reverse commuting.
- Spoke about the importance of having inclusion and diversity in the committee.

M. Gaughan:

- Highlighted that 127 is underused and needs to be made more exciting.
- Likes Charles' idea of trail-oriented development.

Market analysis feasibility is not in the scope of work.

Overall profile: led by a planning and urban design firm with a transportation sub consultant, with a water infrastructure sub consultant who will be working very closely with DPW. Probably not looking at a specific community engagement consultant at this point although that could change. The City to be the face of the plan and the public.

The Walk, Bike Plan will be doing community engagement throughout the process as well.

The Planning team has been talking with DPW about stormwater strategies to incorporate.

The need to look at and to really understand that there are vulnerable populations living near resources like the bike path who if we encourage something like a trailer and a development may be pushed out through the process of gentrification.

M. Gaughan shared a case study presentation.

Next steps: The Planning staff will meet with the Regional Planning Commission next week to get their thumbs up on the scope.

4. Committee Member Items

The members unanimously decided that A. Friend will be the chair of the committee moving forward.

5. Adjournment

Adjournment		Time: 5:13 p.m.	
Motion: E. Malone	Second: E. Gould	Vote: unanimous	