

CPAC # 6 : IMPLEMENTATION

CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS

Comprehensive Plan

MARCH 15, 2022

In collaboration with City staff, the Consultant team held the sixth and final official meeting for the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) on March 15, 2022, which primarily included a review of community input on the “Big Ideas” boards and a focus on the plan’s Implementation section.

The meeting began with a reminder of the plan’s overall community engagement program, which began in January 2021 through the current meetings, with four additional meetings remaining.

Next, the consultant team reviewed the community’s comments on the Big Ideas boards. These boards featured the plan’s eight guiding principles and the key goals that support each principle. The activity was available in-person at City Hall and the Public Library and online between February 4-28, 2022 and the community was encouraged to share their feedback. The committee was asked to consider whether additional strategies should be included or whether existing strategies should be modified based on the input.

Lastly, the discussion focused on the key question, “is the plan ready to move forward?” Although adjustments to the draft plan are anticipated in the coming steps (including a community meeting, joint workshop, and two public hearings), this CPAC recommendation was an important step in moving forward with the plan development process. The CPAC expressed unanimous support for the plan to move forward to the next steps.

Throughout this discussion, key revisions to the plan draft include the following:

- Add a recommendation for ongoing comparison of development fees in Siloam Springs vs. surrounding communities to ensure that development pays for itself while remaining competitive;
- Note the City’s interest in developing an industrial park in Siloam Springs;
- Add a recommendation to continue to be transparent in the City’s decisions, highlighting the existing efforts and practices that the City undertakes to remain transparent;
- Add a recommendation to promote tree preservation and mitigation; and
- Note that shaded areas are a priority for recreation areas, particularly for small children.

The plan’s recommendations – incorporating the edits from the CPAC’s final review – will be presented at the upcoming communitywide meeting for additional feedback.

CPAC Meeting and Discussion

