

In attendance: Adhir Agrawal, David Box (for Susan Randall), Reid Coffman, Kim Cooper-Hart, Brian Dougherty, Kelly Driscoll, Robert Gregory, Aubrey Hammontree, Tim Johnson, Derek Johnson, Richard McKown, Jacob Moore, Ellen Stevens, George Storm, David Yost

1:00 – 1:45 Defining the role of the Green Infrastructure Taskforce (GIT)

- Recap of last meeting
- Presentation on Oklahoma City's direction and what is Green Infrastructure
- Brainstorm on the mission for GIT

The Mission of the Green Infrastructure Taskforce is to proactively respond to the challenges of growth and its impacts on the environment by

- making recommendations to City departments and leadership that will be supported by the Comprehensive Plan,
- providing educational tools on Green Infrastructure,
- propose modifications to development regulations with an aim to create flexibility and incentives

These accomplishments will result in compliance with water quality standards, a built environment that has a lower impact on natural systems, and improvements to quality of life.

1:45 – 3:00 Three small groups developed Issue Statements for Topic Areas (in bold) and reported them to the large group. Proposed options are shown in italics for your consideration.

Group 1: Adhir Agrawal, Reid Coffman, Kim Cooper-Hart, Jacob Moore

Environmental Impacts and Environmental Services

If undirected development continues, then it will adversely impact the natural environment, resulting in deterioration of quality of life and environmental services.

Economic Impacts and Responsibility

If undirected development continues, then it will adversely impact economic viability, resulting in increased costs of retrofitting infrastructure and increasing future economic responsibilities.

Group 2: David Box, Robert Gregory, Derek Johnson, Richard McKown, George Storm

Regulatory Conflicts and Regional Boundaries

A lack of standard practices that provide mechanisms for allowing alternative approaches to engineering, development, water quality and natural area protection will result in increased erosion, increase Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) and the costs related to water quality degradation, decrease in open

space and a lack of a meaningful open space system, loss of opportunities, and loss of habitat and trees.

Group 3: Brian Dougherty, Tim Johnson, Ellen Stevens, David Yost

Development Patterns and Sprawl

If environmentally responsible development is not encouraged and incentives are not provided there will be increased pollution, increasing problems with stormwater runoff and a reduction in habitat.

Proposed option:

The lack of incentives for encouraging environmentally responsible development will result in fewer developments that integrate practices to mitigate pollution, stormwater runoff and loss of habitat.

Public Education/Awareness

The continued lack of private sector participation in awareness and outreach programs will result in a more lopsided view of environmental issues and little collaboration between the public and private sectors.

Proposed option:

The lack of public education and awareness about sustainable development practices, costs and benefits will result in development practices that contribute to the degradation of natural and environmental resources.

3:00

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