

PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, January 11, 2023, 6 PM
Hybrid Meeting

City Planner Dan Daniska read information pertaining to virtual meetings and clearly stated that the meeting, including video, will be recorded.

A. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Frank Manfredi called at the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. INTRODUCTIONS OF MEMBERS AND GUEST PARTICIPANTS:

Present: Committee on the City Plan: Chair Frank Manfredi ; Norwich Public Utilities: Chris LaRose; Norwich Police Department: Chief Pat Daley; Department of Public Works: Pat McLaughlin; Community Development: Sydney Phelps; Norwich Historical Society/Historic District: Regan Miner.

Others Present: City Planner Dan Daniska.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None presented.

D. OLD BUSINESS: None presented.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Review DRAFT Data Deck Section 2:** Dan Daniska shared the draft of Data Section 2 completed by SLR on screen for all to view and noted it had already been reviewed by Chris LaRose and would be revised accordingly. Chair Frank Manfredi noted he did not see the Ellis Ruley Park in the draft which Dan Daniska responded the document was a rough cut that would need to be revised. Dan Daniska reviewed the Census data included in the section, which would be updated by the consultant once 2020 Census data was available. Dan Daniska discussed the functional classification of roads and traffic volumes as outlined in the section. Dan Daniska provided an overview regarding the various traffic data included in the data deck section which had been taken directly from the DOT. Dan Daniska also touched on railway data and data related to the walkability of the downtown area. Dan Daniska discussed the Southeastern Connecticut MTP goals, some of which were currently being addressed. Dan Daniska went through the community facilities and infrastructure portion of the section, which had many things that needed to be added or revised. Discussion ensued. Dan Daniska discussed the comments by Chris LaRose and revisions made to the water service portion of the draft section. Discussion ensued regarding the maps and plans within that portion. Dan Daniska noted that recently completed and ongoing improvement infrastructure projects would be listed in the section. Dan Daniska showed the list of parks, recreational and open spaces and stated he would like to include a recommendation in the plan to develop a separate open space plan, opposed to only being a single page within the current plan. Discussion ensued. Dan Daniska provided an overview of the cultural and historic portion of the section. Discussion ensued. Dan Daniska discussed the natural resources listed and the data included in the section. Dan Daniska went over the climate resilience and sustainability portion of the section, which included hazard plans.

- 2. Preliminary Results of the Online Public Survey:** Dan Daniska reported there were 227 responses to the public survey and noted that not all questions had mandatory responses. Dan Daniska showed graphs detailing the response data on the screen for all to see. Discussion ensued regarding the survey responses. Dan Daniska stated that now that the survey had closed he would move his focus to outreach and follow up with City Departments. Discussion ensued regarding potential ways to increase exposure of the public survey.

F: OTHER ITEMS

1. Public Comments: None presented.

2. Miscellaneous: None.

G. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Frank Manfredi adjourned the POCD Committee meeting at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Rose

Recording Secretary