

Elizabeth Public Meeting #2 January 16, 2024

Meeting Summary

The project team facilitated the second public meeting for the Elizabeth Comprehensive Plan, part of the Harrison County Town Planning Initiative, on January 16, 2024. The meeting occurred at the Elizabeth Civic Center at 8128 Hurricane Street in Elizabeth, Indiana. The meeting was attended by two TSWDG members, the Elizabeth Town Council, and a few other residents of Elizabeth. The purpose of the meeting was to present a draft of the vision, goal statements, and big ideas from the Elizabeth Comprehensive Plan to the community. The project team also gathered feedback on those items for review.

Attendees -

- Three members of the Elizabeth Town Council
- Elizabeth Town Executive
- Elizabeth Clerk Treasurer
- Two community members
- Sam Wiser TSWDG
- Matt Pytel TSWDG

Overview and Discussion

The project team prepared a vision, three goal statements, 18 big ideas, a future land use map, and a future transportation map for the Elizabeth Comprehensive plan. These items were presented on nine boards at the January 2024 Elizabeth Town Council meeting. Each board was used to gather input for the plan. The following is a summary of the community comments and feedback heard at the meeting.

Board #1: Draft Vision Statement

- Our Vision for the Future
 - The community and Town Council agreed with the vision.

Board #2: Draft Goal Statements

- Theme #1: Celebrate Our Assets
 - The community and Town Council agreed with this goal statement.
- Theme #2: Build Quality Places
 - The community and Town Council agreed with this goal statement.

- Theme #3: Collaborate to Expand Our Offerings
 - o The community and Town Council agreed with this goal statement.

Board #4: Draft Big Ideas

- Parks, Recreation, & Trails Big Idea #2
 - o A community member agreed with this big idea.
 - o Build a trail to connect South Harrison Schools to South Harrison Park.
- Parks, Recreation, & Trails Big Idea #3
 - o Bring at least a small YMCA presence to the area.

Board #5: Draft Big Ideas

- Utilities Big Idea #1
 - o The Town Council agreed with this big idea.
 - Much of the community is wary of sewer implementation because it comes with a large cost. It will likely be necessary to pursue state, federal, or other funds.
- Utilities Big Idea #2
 - o The community and Town Council agreed with this big idea.

There was no feedback on the items not listed here.

The project team also received some feedback that is not specific to any if the ideas presented on the boards.

• Work with South Harrison Community Development on as many projects as possible.