



Town of Corydon Comprehensive Plan

Town Work Session – Meeting Summary

November 17, 2022

Attendees

See attached sign-in sheet.

Meeting Overview

On Thursday, November 17th the project team facilitated a work session with select individuals from the community to review the vision, goals, and big ideas for the future. The work session was held from 12:00 – 1:30pm at Town Hall. There were 11 people in attendance. The meeting agenda included an overview of the Harrison County Town Planning Initiative, highlights from the last public engagement opportunity, and then a discussion around the draft goals and big ideas. The project team presented a series of big ideas that were organized around nine topics. The purpose of the discussion was to ensure the group agreed with the draft big ideas, identify any missing ideas, and confirm the status of some items that were carried over from the previous comprehensive plan.

Summary of Input

General comments –

- Attendees asked the project team to post the meeting materials on the project website for others to review.
- It's important for the project team to identify project leaders and remind the community that the town isn't responsible for everything within the plan.

Placemaking – In general, meeting attendees supported the draft big ideas. Comments and feedback are summarized below.

- The Main Street Façade Improvement Program isn't active right now but should still be included in the plan as it had positive impacts on the downtown.
- Marketing for the downtown and local businesses is important.
 - Who is the audience? Need a plan targeted at residents but also visitors.
 - Consistency is key. Where are we sending people for information? Main Street versus the CDB website for tourism.
- Downtown
 - What incentives can we provide to our existing and new business owners?
 - Memories – We need to provide a reason for people to come back. Many attendees are only in Corydon today because they grew up here and have great memories with friends and family.
 - Attendees agreed that the downtown business hours are a challenge. Main Street is working on doing a 1st Friday every month when businesses are encouraged to stay open later.



- Attendees agreed that downtown public restrooms have been addressed and the idea can be removed.
- The mix of land uses was brought up. How can we entice offices to be located on the upper floors and incentivize retail on the ground floor?

Historic and Natural Assets – In general, meeting attendees supported the draft big ideas. Comments and feedback are summarized below.

- Attendees liked the idea of streetscape guidelines for the historic district / downtown. Especially in reference to outdoor dining. Some feel this has gotten out of hand.

Parks and Recreation – In general, meeting attendees supported the draft big ideas. Comments and feedback are summarized below.

- The county will be developing a new park by the post office – Glamping/RV park.
- The town has a parks board, but they don't meet. The strategy needs to be revised to encourage them to start meeting.
- The county is working to provide pedestrian connectivity along the bridge at Chestnut. A new strategy should be created to cover this.

Land Use - In general, meeting attendees supported the draft big ideas. Comments and feedback are summarized below.

- Employment as a land use needs to be addressed.
- The plan should outline future areas for annexation.
- Corydon's utility rates could be promoted as an incentive to be annexed.
- The Keller Property is for sale – revise the strategy to support the tourism bureau on the sale of the property.
- The Keller Property could be an opportunity for additional housing. Development would be tricky in the floodplain though.

Utilities - In general, meeting attendees supported the draft big ideas. Comments and feedback are summarized below.

- Corydon has a recycling program, but people don't know about it. The strategy should be revised to focus on promoting the existing program.

Transportation - In general, meeting attendees supported the draft big ideas. Comments and feedback are summarized below.

- Strategies B and E should be combined since they are both addressing the Chestnut Street sidewalk project.
- Include a statement about working with the county on the pedestrian bridge project.
- The town could look at updating its current bike and pedestrian master plan.
- The town doesn't have the tools needed to implement a noise ordinance, but the strategy is still desirable.



Health and Wellness – In general, meeting attendees supported the draft big ideas. Comments and feedback are summarized below.

- Purdue Extension always has new grant programs available – the plan should include those.

Economic Development - In general, meeting attendees supported the draft big ideas. Comments and feedback are summarized below.

- Childcare is a big issue in the county. Blue River Services is working on addressing the challenges. They lost 50% of their licensed providers during COVID. The biggest challenge for existing providers is staffing.
- The Harrison County Community Foundation helps with the Childcare topic – this should be included in the plan.