

Meeting Minutes from the  
Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan  
Sustainability Partnership Group Meeting  
19 December 2008 – 0900 to 1030

**Located at:**

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG)  
15 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80905

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**1. Introductions:**

- Overview of the task handout

**2. Results of Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan Phase 1**

- Kate – gave overview of Fort Carson (FC) Regional Growth Plan
  - Sustainability is one task of Phase II –
    - Phase I was completed in October 2008.
    - Environmental factors such as water and air quality were not included in Plan because they weren't included in Phase I.
  - Phase I showed that demographics need to be better evaluated. The growth expectations were not consistent with what actually occurred. One of the primary reasons is because of deployment.
  - 12 partnership groups exist.
    - People in these groups are the subject matter experts.

**3. Discussion – Phase II, Sustainability Tasks**

- Christopher – Discussed indicators project in connection with FC Regional Growth Plan
  - PPSIP was to be a way to educate the three counties about sustainability.
    - Teller County should have been included, but was left out.
  - Development of the indicators took into consideration the existing planning documents of all those communities.
    - Seems that these plans were developed by randomness, not through established indicators.

- Southern Colorado Sustainability Coalition (SCSC) partnership needs to be an extension of the PPSIP to be further extended to SE Colorado.
  - Alicia leading SCSC and addressing concerns specific to the regions.
  - Education is the absolute purpose – not an activist program.
    - Other counties (i.e., Teller & Fremont) do not know about sustainability.
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  - Producing green products creates opportunities.
  - Need to inform SE Colorado about FC’s strategic green procurement path- need more contracts with regional businesses
  - Sustainable procurement needs to be understood as a competitive advantage.
    - Local businesses must be globally competitive in their sustainability efforts & knowledgeable of how to do business with Army (go thru APR stovepipes)
  - Local Chambers, EDCs, etc. need to promote & teach about sustainability advantages for businesses.
- Rich
  - This project will align with the FC 2027 plan
    - It will bring in all the indicators that have been identified by FC and other organizations.
  - PPACG will be hiring a consultant to help address key factors
  - Coordination with SCSC and Dream City Vision will be helpful.
    - The outcome of all this coordination should be plans for community development.
    - Goals and strategies will be developed as well.
    - Indicators will show if we are heading in the right direction.
- Annie
  - Four counties should work to complete the identified areas from Phase I.
  - The piece that has not been achieved is to develop an education curriculum just for the visioning and Dream City groups.
    - Training for Sustainability – whole systems thinking.
  - In regards to the work of this project – how will you keep the link back to FC growth? How to link visioning with FC goals?
    - Connection is thin & needs to be better defined.
- Christopher
  - Growth impacts of Fort Carson affect the community – how?
  - Ties need to be made to the four county region –
    - Teller, El Paso, Fremont and Pueblo.
  - Education of the vision groups needs to be really thorough.

- Sustainability is systems thinking and needs to be explained that way.
  - Explain difference between sustainability and environmental quality.
- Annie
  - Once we teach sustainability, need to funnel the focus back to FC.
  - A small comprehensive success can build to bigger successes.
    - This is a huge project and focus may need to be directed to one project.
    - Need to do really well in 1 area (e.g. transportation) first.
- Alicia
  - Transportation could be the one system that teaches people about sustainability.
    - Transportation as a “hub” that links to other indicators/environmental factors (i.e., health, air quality, social economics, etc...)
- Ann
  - Perhaps there can be connections between MCC projects
  - Social indicators could be drug use, homelessness, and child abuse.
    - Could be another link to FC as to how that affects community.

#### 4. Next Steps

- CDMC Meeting (Next meeting on Jan. 21, 2009)
  - Alicia and/or Christopher to attend meetings (possibly monthly)
  - Anne tentatively agreed to participate
- Who to include in future meetings
  - Need to bring meetings to other communities for better participation & attendance.
  - Alicia to provide sustainability champions list from the UBGC breakfast to Rich Muzzy
- Future Sustainability Partnership Group meetings
  - Next meeting in January
  - Will meet with consultant
- Feb. 6 FC Town Hall meeting at PPCC
  - Possible Environment & Sustainability breakout sessions
    - Christopher to participate – perhaps involve Col. Smith

Minutes records and submitted by Alicia Archibald and Sarah White.