



## RIVER CENTRAL MULTI-MUNICIPAL PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE Minutes from October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 7 pm

### WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS

#### ROLL CALL

##### Members

Vicky Roth – Hanover Township

Melissa Wehr – Hanover Township

Mark Thomas – Hanover Township

Brian Welsko – Northampton Borough (in place of LeRoy Brobst)

##### Others in Attendance

Victor Rodite – Northampton Borough

Jill Seitz – LVPC

Matt Assad – LVPC

#### COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Jill Seitz mentions that, after speaking with Brent Green, it is recommended that the Steering Committee meetings be virtual moving forward. The Committee members agree.

#### MINUTES – September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The committee reviews the prior meeting minutes. Jill Seitz requests a motion to approve.

Motion: Mark Thomas

Second: Vicky Roth

#### DRAFT PLAN COMMENTS - DISCUSSION

Jill Seitz and Matt Assad present an overview of Draft Revisions based on comments provided by the Steering Committee on the first draft plan, September 2022 version:

- **Accessory Dwelling Units Section**
  - o Based on comments received on the Accessory Dwelling action under Policy 5.3, Jill Seitz outlines a draft revision to the action and Special Section. After discussion, the Steering Committee agrees to the draft Policy 5.3 action revision, and decides to eliminate the Special Section image rendering. The revision included modifying the text with the potential to remove the Special Section and create a callout box instead.
- **Policy 2.2 Support the expansion of technology, communications and utilities... Additional Implementation Actions**
  - o Jill Seitz outlines additional Implementation Actions that can be added to provide more specific detail about ways to work towards this Policy with utility providers. The Steering Committee mentions that references to 5G should be removed because technology is rapidly advancing and 5G will become outdated.

- **Equity and Inclusivity Policy Addition**
  - o Jill Seitz presents a new Policy addition to enhance equity and inclusivity. The Steering Committee agrees to the addition.
- **Graphic addition – Rendering of canal rewatering**
  - o Jill Seitz presents an image rendering of the Lehigh River and canal near North Catasauqua Borough, to visualize reuse of the canal for stormwater management. The graphic was part of the Lehigh Valley Catalyst project in partnership with the D&L National Heritage Corridor, PennPraxis, LVPC and the Wildlands Conservancy. The Committee supports the addition of this image in the plan.

### **OTHER COMMENTS**

Jill Seitz asks the Committee if there are any other comments or edits to the Plan that should be discussed. Victor Rodite mentions that Northampton Borough desires to add an Economic Development section to the plan, and will provide LVPC staff with a draft.

The Steering Committee discusses graphical changes to the document, including removing the blue filter over the cover of the Plan document, and removal of the fishing bobbers graphics throughout the document.

The Steering Committee requests to review the revised document prior to releasing the Plan to the public.

### **PROJECT SCHEDULE STATUS**

Jill Seitz reviews the project schedule status. The second draft of the plan and next steps for scheduling public meetings and hearings will be discussed at the November Steering Committee meeting. The Steering Committee requests that the Plan Review & Adoption Schedule be anticipated for February 2023.

### **CLOSING REMARKS + ADJOURNMENT**

Jill Seitz requests a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Melissa Wehr

Second: Mark Thomas

Submitted by:  
Lehigh Valley Planning Commission