

DATE: April 15, 2019

TO: Mayor Troxell and City Councilmembers

FROM: Dale Adamy, for Fort Collins Parity (**FCP**)

RE: Agenda item 24; Items relating to the Adoption of City Plan

FCP recommends Council approval of Draft City Plan (**DCP**) only if the name is changed to **City Vision**, or to **City Code Plan**. Please read the conclusion at the end for clarification.

A plan should, at its core, contain detailed methods for preserving that which is positive, and preventing that which is negative. A plan should also contain a list of resources required to achieve the plan, to include funding sources. And, a plan should demonstrate ways the prior plan achieved its goals, and ways to measure achievements in a current plan proposal. A modern plan should be easy to read, and simple to share.

FCP assumes Council members have solicited feedback from family, friends, and neighbors, who have expressed a priority concern, and have found comfort or confidence in the Draft City Plan (**DCP**).

FCP did solicit feedback on the DCP. For the following concerns (highlighted in **Bold**), confidence and comfort were scarce, as follows:

- o **Metro District**: Knowing the Mulberry MD was before Council on Apr16, sought to learn how MDs would shape our community, and found no comfort in the DCP. FCP recommends a delay in Mulberry MD until MDs (and their associated Service Plans) are included in a City Plan.
- o **Childcare**: Seeing that the local Chamber of Commerce had shared their TALENT 2.0, which (to paraphrase) found that a lack of affordable childcare will limit the progress of the local workforce. A search in the DCP for childcare found no comfort.
- o **Resilience**: Concerned for an unexpected loss of reliable energy to power our city, sought robust strategies to prevent a crisis or catastrophe, and found none.
- o **Housing**: A homeless person sought comfort in the DCP, and found none, and expects to remain homeless in the near term.
- o **Arts**: wishing to learn the role of city government in supporting the arts, found confidence. Ref URL 'FCGOV' "FoCoCreates".
- o **Privacy**: Concerned over the ways data is used as a method for crime, sought how Information Technology is protecting the community, and innovations for progress beyond broadband; found nothing to offer confidence.
- o **Other**: Many other topics have been overlooked from the DCP, including a plan for reducing food deserts, or a strategy on how to address human trafficking, to name a few.

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FCP continues to write its plan for the city, which will include measurable outcomes for all the above feedback responses, along with many other planning elements. And, at a future date, will share with the community.

Council members will hopefully see from this communication, that there is something basic missing from the TCP. Foremost, the DCP is not a plan, and the community expected a plan. Thus, Council might legitimately question the DCP's value to community. Council might also ask why anything should be missing after such an exhaustive outreach and an approximate \$1M expenditure. Regardless of a decision on whether to adopt the DCP, FCP implores Council to study an alternative approach for creating a comprehensive City Plan, and look to the community for input beyond outreach, which might also prevent future Memos in a Read Before packet.