

**Meeting Notes**  
**Newton Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee**  
**Formal Meeting**  
**March 21, 2022**

Members present: Showalter, Michener, Yeager, Messinger, Lundberg

Members absent: Kahn, Robinson, Otto, Illingworth, Moran, Triplett

Others present: Shannon Gapp, Brian Dunkelberger, Danielle Rogers, Erin Chambers

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Meeting began at 12:03 PM.

Dunkelberger reviewed all engagement efforts that staff had conducted over the course of the past several months. This included a variety of online and in-person methods including surveys, crowdsource mapping, presentations, real-time interactive activities, focus groups, and round-table discussions. He shared that the engagement portion of the planning process had finished and that MSA was working on creating the framework of the plan. First, though, the vision and overarching strategic objectives of the plan needed to be identified.

Staff and members of the Committee discussed and collectively examined a statement that will be reflective of Newton's vision for the future. The group determined that the vision of the plan needs to meet three criteria: it needs to be authentic, self-affirming, and aspirational. A statement was created which will continue to be modified and refined until the final plan is adopted.

Then, the group evaluated a handful of strategic objectives which were extrapolated from feedback received from the community during the engagement portion of the planning process. The Committee and Staff discussed each objective one-by-one, and three overarching objectives were identified. These will continue to be scrutinized and improved until final adoption of the plan.

After the discussion, Gapp described the next steps from MSA's perspective and how the final plan will be completed and eventually presented. Discussion ensued about implementation and coordination throughout the community after final adoption.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 PM.