

GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

TOWN MEETING #1 SUMMARY

Date: Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Location: Sallie Bush Community Center

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

ATTENDEES

Over seventy people attended the Town Meeting. Of those that included their address at sign-in, the distribution of attendees is shown below.



MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Notification

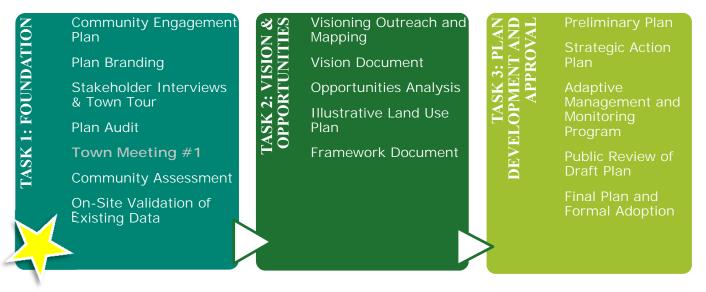
Notifications for the meeting included direct emails to Town residents, full- and half-page advertisements in the *Mountain Jackpot News*, and posters around Town including at the post office.

Presentation Overview

The meeting started with a welcome and project introduction. This included a description of what comprehensive plans are and how they are useful for residents, businesses, town leaders, and decision makers. The need and reasons to update the plan were discussed, including maintaining a plan that is valid and effective, and to provide additional social, economic, and environmental sustainability components not currently included in the plan. Setting the stage for grant proposals through DOLA and other state agencies was also mentioned.



The overall process and schedule was laid out with a tentative completion date of June 2019.



May – August 2018

September – December 2018

January – June 2019

Meeting participants were notified of the project's public outreach process which includes focus group and stakeholder interviews, public workshops, in-person events, and online surveys. As a part of next steps, attendees were invited to take part in one-on-one interviews. The consultant team will be distilling the information from stakeholders and results of the town meeting discussions and start investigation into some of the big issues identified.



Small Group Exercise

Participants were asked to contribute to a small group exercise by identifying what they love about the Town; what they would improve about the Town; and key issues, opportunities and programs, plans, and initiatives. Groups were encouraged to think big. It was explained that specific funding and capital improvement prioritization will occur later in the process. The exercise finished with group sharing and response to discussions.

LOVES

As one resident put it "Everyone who is here wants to be here." Big topics for reasons the community is loved include:



*The larger the word, the more often it was mentioned.

The top ten reported **LOVES** include:

- 1. The lake
- 2. Trails
- 3. Small town feel
- 4. The musical swings
- 5. Green Box Arts Festival

- 6. Restaurants
- **7**. Community
- 8. Great people
- 9. Size
- 10. Scenic beauty

OPPORTUNITIES

Areas to improve within Green Mountain Falls were varied and focused mainly on issues related to infrastructure, amenities, and growth:



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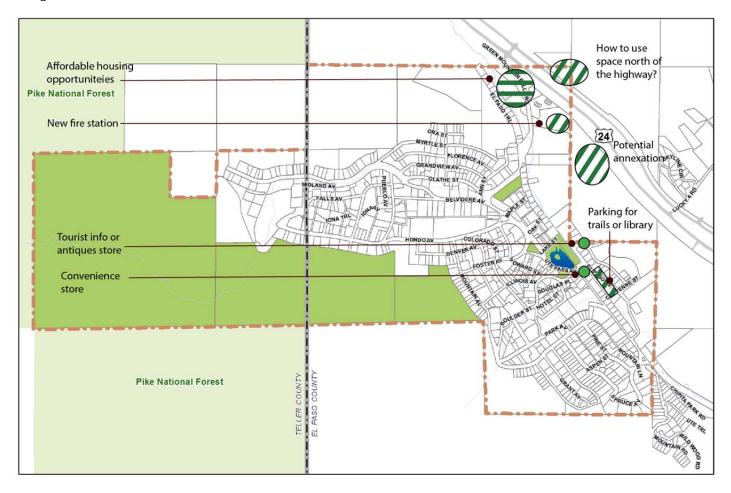
The top eleven reported **OPPORTUNITIES** include:

- 1. Improve roads
- 2. Improve cellular service
- 3. Attract commercial growth
- **4.** Establish consistent leadership direction
- 5. Add a small corner store
- Add welcoming/wayfinding signage

- 7. Address parking in Town
- 8. Improve lake water quality
- 9. Improve pool facility
- 10.Incentivize tourists to stay in Town
- **11**.Investigate sewer system feasibility

Locational Opportunities

Participants were invited to identify locations where there might be opportunities on a map. The figure below illustrates what we have heard so far.



Plans, Policies, and Initiatives

Plans and initiatives largely mirrored issues and opportunities. Many discussions centered on how the opportunities might be achieved. They included:

- Improve maintenance of the lake, gazebo, and general look of the Town
- Investigate and implement partnerships with El Paso and Teller counties and the National Forest Service to target major wildfire mitigation efforts
- · Expand youth and senior programs
- Create consistency in government and program funding
- Investigate conversion to a sewer system and wastewater treatment facility
- Initiate a summer farmers' market
- Implement a safety committee
- Create a Town presence in regional and state interests

Before they left, participants were encouraged to participate in future workshops, surveys, and stakeholder interviews, and reminded to stay abreast of the process by visiting www.PlanGMF.com and liking the PlanGMF Facebook page.





