January 21, 2020

MEETING INFORMATION

January 17, 2020

1:30pm – 4:30pm

Montana Dept. of Commerce (301 S Park Ave, Helena)

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ATTENDEES

Mark Haggerty, Amy Barnes, Scott Bischke, Steve Thompson, Lee Spangler, Todd O’Hair, Jayne Morrow, Joe Thiel, Kathy Hadley, Tom Kaiserski, Kristian Richardson, Rebecca Harbage

THEMES

The Committee has drafted two white papers, one focused on community transitions and the other on the innovation landscape, each containing draft recommendations. At the meeting, the Committee carefully reviewed each draft recommendation and discussed whether or not to move each forward to the full Council. Committee Chair Mark Haggerty explained that the recommendations we move forward should be clear, include enough context so they can be understood, and include a list of potential stakeholders and those that need to be engaged. We also need to provide specific, actionable recommendations that indicate who we recommend should implement what. The Committee acknowledged early on in the discussion that the recommendations may involve future actions that are outside of our control.

The Committee’s discussion focused on clarifying the draft recommendations submitted by Committee members as well as several that were passed along from other Committees and the public. Consideration was given to areas of potential overlap with the work of other Committees. The Committee also considered whether recommendations were likely to generate consensus support from the full Council. The discussion resulted in decisions to combine, re-word, and/or table several of the draft recommendations. Assignments were made to Committee members to continue working on the draft recommendations over the weekend in anticipation of submitting final draft recommendations to Council leadership by the end of the day on Monday, Jan. 20.

Next steps will include further refinement of recommendations by the full Council at the upcoming meeting in Missoula, after which final recommendations from all Committees will be made available to the public for review and comment.