VISION 2040 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Vision 2040 Advisory Committee met on the above date and time in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Luana Beeson, Wayne Belmont, Cynthia Jacobi, Leslie Palotas, Ralph Breitenstein, Patti Ferry, Bri Goodwin, Rolla Cleaver, Gil Silvia, and Beatriz Botello.

Staff in attendance was Spencer Nebel, City Manager, and Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion and Finalization of Plans for Ford Family Foundation. Palotas introduced the agenda item. She said the dinner in for the group would be at 6:30 P.M. Belmont stated he could come to the dinner, but not the tour. Palotas said she would check the status of table coverings. She added a seafood exhibit at the Maritime Museum will also tie into the theme of the dinner. She reported she will give a short speech on the bus before the dinner, and that the formalities of the vision and its formation will be delved into the following day. For the purposes of the meal, she said visionaries in the community that predate the vision will be the main speakers. She added the focus at the dinner will be the maritime industry. Beeson suggested nametags. Belmont mentioned Ford Family Foundation also visiting the Performing Arts Center for a grant application. Nebel stated that would be a good story to share.

Palotas said the speakers will give a presentation of interconnectedness and vision at the dinner. Hawker listed those who would attend the dinner. Palotas reported there will be a buffet style meal, a menu provided by local, sustainable fisheries and produce, and vegan options. For the tour, Palotas explained there will be an experiential activity that starts with the city-centric formation of the vision at city hall. She said speakers from the city will describe the vision formation and roles they played. Goodwin will give a presentation on the hurdles of tracking feedback and goals. Goodwin requested five minutes to present. Palotas added the beauty of this design was the more time crunches, the more it fits into the metaphor of the vision committee. Palotas explained then the Vision through Action Tour participants will split into six groups mirroring the six focus areas. She said the purpose of dividing into six teams is to show what the work groups do, and once teams are formed, she'll hand out bingo cards that will lead the group into the tour experience.

Palotas stated the goal is to have an activity that the Foundation is all about and be as memorable and fun as possible. She explained the group will be searching for locations themselves as a team while on the bus. She added the sixth group will have a separate activity on fostering collaboration. She stated the each visitor will go for full blackout on the card before reaching Samaritan Health and Education Center. At the center, she said each group will debrief with an iPad or computer, and the debrief will be recorded. She added working groups can make suggestions for places on the bingo card and listed places already on the card. She said volunteers on the committee will lead the debrief as well. Nebel volunteered for the creating and enhancing a livable region group; Goodwin for preserving and enjoying the environment; Ferry for creating new businesses; Beeson

for learning and exploring; Breitenstein for improving community health; and Palotas for fostering collaboration.

Silvia asked when the individual groups would explain where they are in the visioning process. Palotas explained questions can address the work group's focus. Goodwin emphasized setting up the question rather than giving a presentation so that bias is not introduced. Nebel said the city will give them the full vision document and other governmental documents at the beginning.

Jacobi asked how many people are coming. Palotas replied 26 or 27 people. Nebel added the general theme that gets to the Foundation is the vision committee has its act together but needs help.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.