

## Trustee Deakin's 2020 Work Plan Preliminary Priorities

### Board operations

1. BoT Code of Conduct and Ethics: Our current one remains untouched and out of date. (see: <https://boardsource.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Code-of-Conduct-Ethics.pdf?hsCtaTracking=508c16c3-f23d-48cb-87e3-e72111881869%7Ce9e66529-f81f-4def-81c1-8973c53d66bc> and <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/code-of-conduct-en>).
2. New packet requirements: We've made a lot of progress, but I think there's still some room to improve. My expectation would be that all materials must be in packet/agenda at time of publishing, including material from outside presenters. One particular gap that remains is the presentations—we may have multiple attachments that cover ALL of the information, but it would be helpful to also have the PowerPoints that they load for the screen. Also, while I recognize that we don't have a full electronic record of all prior decisions, I'd still like to see all background info (including prior reviews, actions, agreements, resolutions, ordinances, etc.) included or linked to current actions.

### Town policies

1. Move to coordinated elections: May require a consultant and some legal advice to reconcile peoples' terms, but our April elections are not efficient, in my opinion.
2. Campaign finance reporting: I would love to have Erie follow a similar process to Loveland's, where all candidate and committee forms are published proactively, rather than forcing residents to CORA them. I'd also be interested to explore what, if any, controls Erie might be able to place on the types of entities that can participate, though I suspect that is all governed by state statutes.
3. Home Rule: This feels like one that keeps stalling but I fear that if we don't take concrete steps to start the process, this can will continue to be kicked.
4. Protecting our planning area: I do recognize that aggressive annexation might lead to aggressive development, but I feel that we need to better protect our planning area. IGAs at every edge—like the one with Lafayette—would be optimal, but given the number of jurisdictions and the potential disagreements on the eastern side, annexation might be the most effective tool.
5. County unification: Similar to above, I think the town would be better served without the complications of dealing with two counties. I understand this might not be as easy as to do as I think, but after years of asking, I still don't feel like we've gotten a legal analysis.
6. Move URA legal to HPWC: Seems like this would save us money and reduce complexity.
7. Communicate a comprehensive road/infrastructure improvement plan: Residents (and self) feel like they only get an answer when they push. I think that we need to build the strategic plan for funding and scheduling the work, then document it on the website so that people can see where they stand in the queue.
8. Town events: I'd like for us to develop a more strategic plan for town events, and I'd appreciate a review of the events run by other entities in the town's name (specifically, the Chamber). If our name is on it, it needs to be run to our standards.
9. Marijuana: Have a more substantive conversation about whether and how we might want to change our approach.

## Town vision and economic development

1. Comp plan and UDC changes: A work in progress, I know, but I feel like the comp plan, in particular, would help us to attract the kind of projects we're looking for. Also, specific to UDC, here are some of my remaining challenges with the current code:
  1. Add change log requirement to applications and revisions
  2. Add a "response to referrals" requirement, particularly OSTAB's
  3. Architectural standard changes, including:
    - i. Parapet massing and masking of unfinished elements. 2x4s, trusses and false fronts shouldn't satisfy our height variation requirement.
    - ii. Mechanical screening. Same as above, with particular attention to elevation differences. I keep finding project with visible mechanicals due to altitude variations—something masked from the parking lot is fully visible from the road...
    - iii. Lighting: Low voltage, color temp, hours, bleed
  4. Neighborhood and development standards, including:
    - i. Density calculations: Can we stop including open and green space in calc? I'd like to know the true density of the occupied space.
    - ii. Require curvilinear streets in residential
    - iii. Require front setback variance between homes to avoid "soldiered" neighborhoods
    - iv. Model variance for fronts and backs, especially along roads (Colliers)
    - v. Colors and material standards, especially for multifamily and commercial
2. ED vision: Like the comp plan (or perhaps as part of the comp plan), I would like Erie to clearly enunciate what we're looking to attract so that we don't accidentally wind up filling all of our prime locations with dentists, banks and fast food.
3. Economic development review: Review of how the Chamber and EEDC are operating—and how they're spending the money we give them.

## Service providers

1. Broadband: I know the Comcast charter can't touch broadband, but I feel like we are continuing to ignore a very clear mandate from our residents and businesses to help improve broadband. Perhaps it's time to send out some RFPs for public/private partnerships?
2. Trash plan: Also on 2019 list, but again, there's a resident mandate to consolidate and provide more/better service.
3. Service provider ROW maintenance: Service providers are not adequately maintaining the visual appearance of the infrastructure they manage in Erie. Phone and cable pedestals are often held together with electrical tape, street lamps in some neighborhoods are leaning and bending, and natural gas (and O&G facilities) are rusting, listing and otherwise showing their age. People looking to buy a home in one of our older neighborhoods may be turned off by the visual appearance of the infrastructure.