

# **Agenda – 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

## **Payette Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee**

### **1:30-4:00 PM, Thursday, July 13, 2017**

**Payette City Hall, 700 Center Ave.**

**1:30 PM**      **Welcome – Mayor Jeff Williams**  
**Committee Roster – Mairel Rodriguez (*absent & excused?*)**  
**Introductions – Jim Birdsall**

#### **June 8<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting De-Brief**

- *Comment on Discussions*
- *Updated Vision Statement*
- ***Continue Agricultural discussion with Danny Gabiola***

#### **Presentations from Subject Experts:**

##### **Natural Resources**

- Mark Sands, Idaho Department of Fish & Game

##### **Hazardous Areas**

- Steve Castenada, Chief, Payette Fire Department

##### **Parks and Recreation**

- Jaime Couch – Streets and Parks Supervisor
- Darrell Kanioa – Streets & Parks, City Arborist
- Emiley Gallegos - Assistant Pool Manager

##### **Cultural & Historic Sites**

- Don Belvoir – Historical Commission Member
- Ann Curtis - Payette Museum & Historical Commission

#### **What should go in the new Comp Plan? Reviewing draft chapter texts:**

- Hazardous Areas

#### **Scheduling Future Meetings**

**Thursday, August 10, 1:30 – 4:00 pm**

**Public Services, Facilities, Utilities, Airport and Transportation  
(Payette City Staff)**

**Thursday, September 10, 1:30 – 4:00 pm**  
**Will discuss in August**

**4:00 or sooner Adjourn**

# Payette Comprehensive Plan Open House Comments

May 22, 2017 and June 1, 2017

On Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, an open house meeting was held from 4:00 – 7:30 PM at the Payette Senior Center for purposes of soliciting public comment on the development of a new comprehensive plan for the City of Payette.

Payette residents were welcomed as they entered. The comprehensive plan and the process of re-writing it was explained to each. They were offered a chance to comment on the draft Payette Vision Statement. Then each resident was directed to four stations, titled Growth Management, Built Environment, Natural Environment, and Community Resources. Each station covered several chapters of the forthcoming comprehensive plan. Members of the Com Plan Advisory Committee and consulting staff were available at each station to answer questions and engage in discussion. Advisory Committee member Sue York was the event photographer. Here are the comments that were received. Multiple votes are noted in the number in parentheses:

On Thursday, June 1, an Latino Community Focus Group was held from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Payette High school for purposes of soliciting public comment on the development of a new comprehensive plan for the City of Payette.

Combined comments

**Growth Management** – This station covered the chapters on Population and Growth, Housing, and Economic Development. Edited Comments received:

## **POPULATION AND GROWTH**

### **Manage growth as best s possible**

- Do not want too much growth -
- Growth is even and not too fast...it's comfortable.
- Control growth, make sure infrastructure can support growth (safety, economic development, population)

### **Population**

- Attract younger folk with street fairs, art shows, etc.
- Young families are moving here

### **Keep the small town feel.**

- I like the small town feel

## **HOUSING**

### **Need Affordable housing**

- More affordable housing (3)
- Lack of rentals (apartments, homes)

### **Various housing types**

- There is a need for a variety of housing options.

### **Buying home**

- There are programs to assist with home improvement but there aren't programs to assist in purchasing homes. (IHFA).

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Business retention**

### **Business expansion**

- Need another good restaurant
- Need a larger or additional grocery store.
- Need mini-golf and another hotel or motel.

### **Business recruitment**

- Encourage new business; fill empty buildings.

### **Financial incentives**

- Need financial incentives to attract new entrepreneurs.
- Provide incentives for business growth, tax incentives for new businesses,

### **Downtown**

- Need more businesses downtown
- Need a downtown hotel (2).

### **Recreational Activities**

- Need a drive-in theater, bowling, and a family center (2)
- Family-centered activity center or hub

### **Economic Development Partners**

- Need better (friendlier) business relations
- Need a better (more supportive) business environment
- Need more events which will, in turn, attract more people and businesses.
- Offer business workshops on how to start a business.
- Need more events which will, in turn, attract more people and businesses. it will help make Payette more competitive.

## **Jobs**

- Young adults leave to seek opportunities – educational, employment, progress.
- More jobs

## **Others**

- No nuclear power plant...yikes!

**Built Environment** – This station covered the chapters on Land Use, Transportation, Public Airport, Public Services, Facilities, and Utilities, and National Interest Electrical Transmission Lines. Edited Comments received:

### **LAND USE**

- Would like to see a cultural center, hospital, community college, central community park (conducive for the community to come gather on a regular basis).

### **TRANSPORTATION**

#### Street Improvements

- Prefer parallel parking on Main St.
- Upgrade South Iowa to wider width, and at least one sidewalk from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave South to Wayne Drive
- Repair sick streets
- There is a need to the connect highway to Ontario.

#### Sidewalks

- Add sidewalks, many streets do not have sidewalks.

#### Bike Lanes

- More bike lanes, only one is on 7<sup>th</sup> and is narrow.

### **PUBLIC AIRPORT**

- None

### **PUBLIC SERVICES FACILITIES, AND UTILITIES**

- Need curbside recycling (2)
- Storm drain on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South. Clean out after storms.
- Better stormwater drainage (2)
- The museum is great!
- Improve water quality.
- Free city WiFi.

### **NATURAL ELECTRICAL TRANSPORTATION LINES**

- None

**Community Resources** – This station covered the chapters on Community Design, Parks and Recreation, School Facilities & Transportation, and Cultural and Historic Sites. EDITED Comments received:

### **COMMUNITY DESIGN**

- Paint facades of downtown buildings, even if the buildings are empty (2)
- Need to control eyesores
- Clean up properties
- I like the small town architecture.
- Also would like a map and directory brochure (& kiosk) for visitors, like they have in malls.
- Need structured (stable) downtown revitalization
- Form a local arts group to explore getting more arts resources
- Enforce Code Enforcement for weeds, lawn upkeep, cars etc).
- Payette is a small city but clean.
- Involve business owners in supporting road clean-up and overall city clean-up.
- City sponsor/coordinate a community volunteer clean-up.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

- Better use of bandshell in park – concerts, contests, etc.
- Need better and more signage on restroom at Central Park
- Need more public restrooms
- Need more benches in dressing rooms at swimming pool
- Would like one central physical location for posting community happenings, e.g. a kiosk at Bancroft Park
- More activities needed for younger folks (kids)
- Need a basketball court and other activities for kids.
- Need a YMCA (2)
- A fenced dog park is needed (2)
- Keep the Payette Pool open! (2)
- Bring the community pool back to its past glory (2)
- Great variety of resources: bandshell, pool, etc.
- Love all the parks and green spaces
- Need a longer Greenbelt path—to Centennial Park.
- Need more bike lanes and bike-friendly streets (2)
- Acquire the Lettinich Ranch for a regional park (working with Fruitland), in order to help preserve our rural character
- Improve greenbelt and make more bike friendly and walking friendly. Extend to Centennial Park. (2)
- Greenbelt extended to Payette River Bridge
- Bike lanes for travel to schools, parks, & pool.
- Love the beautiful views and trees
- Like the open spaces and views...not crowded
- More places available for youth and whole community (YMCA, sports fields, etc.)

- Activities for kids in the summer.
- Extend greenbelt, currently only one mile.
- Summer programs – cultural programs, ballet, piano, etc.

### **SCHOOL FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION**

- None.

### **CULTURAL AND HISTORIC SITES**

- Need a satellite community college
- Need city government to be more receptive to people trying to make improvements to existing properties.

**Natural Environment** – This station covered the chapters on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Hazardous Areas. EDITED Comments received:

### **NATURAL RESOURCES**

- None

### **AGRICULTURE**

- Protect agricultural base

### **HAZARDOUS AREAS**

- None

### **OTHERS**

- More neighborhood cooperation needed
- Need a city communication hub
- Mosquito abatement!

### **ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY**

- Need to improve community engagement, provide more opportunities to gather community.
- Community needs to be integrated.
- More communication regarding important changes in the community
- Use a variety of communication channels: technology, leaders, radio, flyers, events, businesses, personal invitations
- Provide feedback/outcomes from community meetings/programs
- Solicit feedback on an on-going basis, not only when there is a specific topic or project.
- There are resources available but people aren't necessarily aware of what assistance is available.
- There are significant barriers for residents who only speak Spanish or have limited English skills. There aren't any Spanish speaking resources available at the City Hall, police or when calling 911.
- Generational differences in communication.

- Form a city committee to promote activities, events, nutrition, recreation, sports (this could include volunteers) can be a good way to involve the community members.
- Multi-cultural community events (Ontario hosts World Village)

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

- Hispanic community needs to be more united.
- Few changes in the city in past 20 years, people aren't united and integrated.
- Some good programs, free breakfast for kids during the summer, library book program for children.
- City general communication, reach out to the whole community, city bulletin.
- The community wants to support the City, we can help with communication to help engage the community, organizing/ supporting fundraisers (i.e. Tip a Cop – Ontario).
- Health and nutrition education and awareness programs, this will benefit the whole community.
- Some of the growth has been caused due to the jail population increasing, families come to live nearby.
- It is a calm and relaxed city.

# QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OF THE 17 ELEMENTS

## PROPERTY RIGHTS

- A. **See Idaho Attorney General website:**  
*<http://www.ag.idaho.gov/publications/legalManuals/RegulatoryTakings.pdf>*

## POPULATION AND GROWTH

- A. **Population Trends**
1. Population forecasts
  2. Population by age
  3. Population estimates
  4. Population changes
  5. Population characteristics
  6. Population by race

## HOUSING

- A. **The importance of housing diversity/options.**
1. Familiarity: In regards to design, builders and the development community have traditionally developed projects with which they are familiar. Creating diversity may require innovative partnerships and ideas.
- B. **Public perception of multifamily dwelling units.**
1. Brings crime
  2. Reduces property value
  3. NIMBYISM
- C. **Land use regulations, such as, zoning, building, and subdivision ordinances may not allow innovation.**
- D. **What are the housing issues facing Idaho citizens?**
1. Affordable Housing
  2. Homeless
  3. Housing choices
- E. **Housing crisis: Possible solutions.**
- F. **Infrastructure impact on housing development.**
- G. **Identify housing types.**
- H. **How do you promote housing choice and affordability in housing options?**

1. Provide and maintain more quality affordable housing options for very-low, low, and moderate income residents.
2. Allow more types of housing in your zoning ordinances

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- A. Identify major employers.**
- B. Identify the annual building permits issued.**
- C. Identify local employers.**
- D. Identify employment by industries.**
- E. Where do people commute to work?**
- F. Identify workforce development and training potential.**
- G. Identify community events.**
- H. Identify tourism opportunities.**
- I. Identify business recruitment, entrepreneurial development opportunities.**
- J. Describe your economic impact area.**

## **LAND USE**

- A. Do you have a variety of land use in the categories of housing, commercial, office and industrial.**
- B. Do you have any land use conflicts within the city.**
- C. Are there currently any land use conflicts?**
- D. Are there any land use conflicts with Payette County?**
- E. Identify and land use conflict in the areas of agricultural, residential, commercial, or industrial.**
- F. What are issues in the downtown corridor?**
- G. Are there any new land uses that need to be considered in Payette?**
- H. Would infill or redevelopment project be advantageous for the city?**

## **TRANSPORTATION**

- A. Identify existing east/west corridors.**
- B. Identify existing north/south corridors.**
- C. Identify existing public transportation services.**
  - 1. Buses, vans or other
- D. Identify existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities.**
- E. Identify Freight issues**
  - 1. Truck Routes
  - 2. Rail
- F. Are their public parking issues downtown?**
- G. Identify and current and future transportation issues.**
- H. Connectivity issues**
  - 1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Connection

## **PUBLIC SERVICES, FACILITIES AND UTILITIES**

- A. Identify the services that the city provides.**
  - 1. What the information technology needs in the city?

## **NATIONAL INTEREST ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION CORRIDORS**

- A. Are their any National Interest Electrical Transmissions Corridors located now or in the future within you city or Area of City Impact.**

## **COMMUNITY DESIGN**

- A. Do you have design review in your city for residential, commercial or industrial? Would it be important to the city?**
- B. Is landscaping adequate in the city? This there a need develop a landscape plan or ordinance?**
- C. Are public sidewalk and pathways adequate? Is there a need for improvements?**
- D. In what direction would the city expand its corporate boundaries?**
- E. Is there a community gathering place? Is it used? Is there a need for improvement?**

- F. Identify the city gateways (entrances).**
  - 1. Are there any needs for improvement?
  - 2. Do they affect the city's image?
- G. Are there any signage concerns in the city?**
- H. Identify traffic access and on and off-street parking issues in the city.**
- I. Identify communitywide activities and festivals.**
  - 1. Are there any new events that are being planned?
- J. Identify the visual impacts and/or outdoor storage issues in Payette.**
  - 1. Weeds
  - 2. People's treasures
- K. Is a Dark Skies ordinance important to the city?**

## **PUBLIC AIRPORTS**

- A. Do you have a municipal airport master plan?**
  - 1. What are the current and future needs of the airport?
  - 2. What are the impacts to the community?

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

- A. Identify the number and type of city parks and regional recreation areas.**
- B. Identify the types of activities at each park.**
- C. Are their greenbelts, bike lanes, pathways, trails, bike routes**
- D. Is their open space available.**
- F. Is their joint use of open space, athletic fields, and other recreation use between the city and school district.**
- G. Is there a long range Parks and Recreation Master Plan.**

## **SCHOOL AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES**

- A. Any changes to the school enrollment?**
- B. Are there any changes in school inventory? New building, repairs or remodels?**
- C. Has there been discussions regarding the movement of students - Safe routes to schools?**

- D. Are there any city partnerships with the district or other agencies?**
- E. Are there any institutions of higher learning in the city or near by?**

## **CULTURAL AND HISTORIC SITES (SPECIAL AREAS AND SITES)**

- A. Identify the types of areas, sites, or structures of historical, archeological, architectural, ecological, wildlife, or scenic significance.**
  1. Identify any scenic byways.
  2. Identify any historic structures, sites or neighborhoods.
  3. Identify any community heritages events.

## **AGRICULTURE**

- A. What type of agricultural activities exist in areas in the Payette service area?**
- B. What are the challenges to the agricultural community?**
- C. What are the challenges for the city of Payette to promote agriculture, protect farmland, and the rural economy?**
- D. What are the challenges to the agricultural community within the city and the Area of City Impact?**
- E. How would a variety of formal and informal economic activities, such as, agri-tourism, and home businesses, which support a rural/agricultural way of life?**
- F. How do we protect prime agricultural soils and areas of contiguous agricultural activity when there are pressures to develop them.**
- G. Should the City of Payette Encourage development that is designed to preserve open space and "valuable" agricultural land?**
- H. Are there any new products that should be considered in the future?**

### **Issues:**

- Interaction with the city and city dwellers
- Farmers being able to "farm" adequately inside city limits or annexed areas
  - Ground work---there will be dust and tractor noise all hours sometimes during the day and night
  - Moving big equipment up and down highways and county roads.
  - Irrigation--farmers need to know that what they set will not be tampered with by people. Some sprinkler systems are portable and have diesel engines

attached to the pumps so there will be engine noise all day and all night during irrigation.

- Spraying---farmers as a whole do NOT like to spray. It is time consuming and expensive, but it is a tool non the less. It will not be used just because it has been cleared for a particular crop. All pesticides are used for a specific pest or weeds and some pesticides are severe. The smells emitted are the warning that they are present. A co-existence between city and farm needs to be present---example:

Example: Say Joe farmer has a cherry orchard outside of Payette on rural agricultural land but close in proximity to the city limits. Joe farmer sprays his orchard for a pest that is ever present year in and year out. Inside the city limits there are cherry trees in a lot of back yards all over the city, which will have the same pest that Joe farmer is trying to control but the city dwellers will not spray for one reason or another---- mostly it is they are not aware of a problem. So the pest runs rampant and no one can get a handle on it. Another one is pine trees with the cottling moth---a huge problem for the timber industry.

- Mis-conception of what a GMO is with the public. Difference with heirloom to hybrids to GMO's.

These are the pluses for Payette right now

- Very good access to the UPRR that goes thru the city of Payette. Adequate railroad spurs are all along the Payette corridor. The spurs just probably need to be fixed and updated.
- Close proximity to Interstate 84 for all east and west bound truck traffic
- US Hwy 95 runs thru the city of Payette for excellent access to north and south bound traffic
- There are big open areas in and around Payette for industrial use and not limited to agricultural products both fresh and processed.
- California water issues have spawned, possibly opportunities for some new agricultural crops to be grown here in this area---such as spinach, lettuce, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, kale and other annual crops.

Questions:

- Will Payette allow added pressure to their sewage system???? Most processors would prefer being attached to a waste treatment facility-----not necessarily water, most plants have their own wells for their own use.
- Labor force----would Payette allow H2A workers from Mexico live within the city limits or it's impact area??? An impressive H2A facility in Nevada brings into the town of Yearington Nevada over 1000 H2A male workers for quite a few years now. It is complete with barracks, cafeteria and their own security officers for the facility. It allows the area farmers and ranchers access to workers and of course there is a fee for this facility. Everyone has to be on board----especially the farmers and ranchers who will ultimately pay for most of it.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES**

**A. Identify any waterways, types of wildlife, fisheries, minerals, thermal waters.**

1. Identify any water quantity and quality.
2. Identify the waterways in the area.
3. Identify the types of wildlife and fisheries of the area.
4. Identify known minerals or thermal waters in the area.
5. Identify any important canals and irrigation issues.
6. Identify any storm drainage issues.
7. Identify any air quality issues.

## **HAZARDOUS AREAS**

**A. Identify known hazards and what would be the cause?**

1. Snow
2. Flood Hazards
3. Earthquakes
4. Land or mud slides
5. Water Hazards
6. Fog

**B. Identify any known man-made hazards**

1. Irrigation canals
2. Inversions