

Payette Comp Plan Meeting #13 Notes

From December 9th, 2017

Attending – Tim Gerdes, Duane Vaughn, Markita Williams, Jessica Lowry, John Daniel Lopez
Staff: Mairel Rodriguez, Jerome Mapp, Laura Alvarez Schrag, Jim Birdsall, and Dick Gardner.

Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Dick Gardner opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Mairel explained that three members could not make the meeting.

Dick explained that the purposes of today's meeting were then to conduct quick reviews of the changes made and yet to come for the Public Airport and Hazardous Areas chapters and to do the first review of Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation, and Cultural & Historic Sites draft comprehensive plan chapters. Dick then noted that each committee member should have an agenda, meeting notes from last month, five draft chapters. Gardner also noted that the draft chapters, especially the first drafts, contain numerous grammatical errors that will be fixed by our copy editor, Eberle Umbach. Jerome noted the handout with definitions of Goal, Objective, and Strategy, saying he tried to go by this in the drafting.

Chapter 8, Public Airport, version 2

Jerome explained that he had changed some of the Strategies because they committed the City to actions that the City Council has not yet approved, e.g. extending water and sewer service to the airport.

- Be consistent in spelling *hangar* correctly

Chapter 16, Hazardous Areas, version 2

- Should we identify previous earthquake sites? Not a high priority if the info is not easily available.
- Railroad crossing concern is about the 7th Ave. crossing

Chapter 15, Natural Resources

- Should we add specific language on oil & gas, given Payette County is the first county in Idaho to drill and fields may extend under the City? Yes, Jerome will look at available information. Mineral Resources might be a better heading.
- Goal 2, Objective 1 – re-phrase “high” water quality or clarify the definition
- Strike Strategy 3 (Goal 1, Objective 1) as repetitive
- Replace Goal 3 with Objective statement

Chapter 12, Parks & Recreation

- Dog Park and Hannigan Park are the same thing in 12.3 Exhibit
- Group this exhibit in two clusters – City-owned and others
 - Note that doing so will separate the middle school and Killibrew Field
- Remove language about adding another 9 holes to golf course
- Statement on pools is OK as written (remove strikeout)
- P. 5 – Succor Creek is correct spelling
- Note that both Succor Creek and Leslie Gulch offer hiking, mountain biking, and other activities in addition to water sports

- Goal 1 – add “visitors”
- Goal 2 add “public” parks
- Re-word Goal 4
- Strike Strategy 3 and replace with “health, fitness, or wellness language
- Strategy 4 already exists
- Long discussion about what “Safe Routes to Schools” means. ITD generally means encouraging walking or biking, but Jessica found language that allows bussing of students within 1.5 miles of school when students would have to cross highway, canal, or railroad. (This means most of Payette!)

Chapter 9, National Interest Electrical Transmission Corridors

Jerome explained this is a required chapter but does not apply to Payette.

Chapter 13 Cultural & Historic Sites

- Check on status and significance of old Catholic Church in town.
- The group defined the downtown core area as 2nd Ave S to 3rd Ave N along Main Street

Future Meetings

Dick explained that we had tried to list all the future meetings, but that the main committee may need a March meeting to conduct final review of all chapters. The pace depends on Jerome’s ability to continue writing chapters. The chapters developed for a given meeting may change. We will also have a document consisting of all Goals, Objectives, and Strategies, which may make it easier to compare between chapters and to be sure that wording is consistent throughout the document. All are invited to attend the Economic Development meeting on December 21 and Tuesday, January 16th is tentatively scheduled for the last Econ Dev meeting.

The group agreed that a thorough review of chapters is important. The committee agreed to add 30 minutes to each future meeting, starting at 1:00 pm instead of 1:30. Each meeting will begin with a quick review of the second drafts of chapters reviewed the month before.

Thursday, January 11, 1:00 – 4:00 pm Meeting #14

Review Draft Chap 6 Transportation, Chap 10 Community Design, & Chap 13 Cultural & Historic Sites

Thursday, February 8, 1:00 – 4:00 pm Meeting #15

Review Draft Chap 11 Parks & Recreation, Chap 5 Land Use, and Chap 4 Economic Development

Economic Development Future Meetings (Optional for most Committee members)

Thursday, December 21, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Meeting #13 was adjourned at 3:45.