

Payette Comp Plan Meeting #14 Notes

From January 12th, 2018

Attending – Markita Williams, Jessica Lowry, and Dianne Kinney

Staff: Emiley Gallegos, Jerome Mapp, Laura Alvarez Schrag, Jim Birdsall, and Dick Gardner.

Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Dick Gardner opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Emiley explained that several members could not make the meeting, and that Mairel was not able to attend. Emiley works with Planning & Zoning for the City.

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 Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation, and Cultural & Historic Sites second draft comprehensive plan chapters, and to do the first review of the Transportation and Public Services, Facilities, & Utilities chapters. Gardner noted that the draft chapters, especially the first drafts, contain numerous grammatical errors that will be fixed by our copy editor, Eberle Umbach. We will not focus on grammar here.

Chapter 2, Population Forecast Revisions – Jerome began by noting that our demographer, Dale Rosebrock, has issued a revision of the population forecasts, specifically reducing the number of senior citizens expected in 2045. This was in response to the Committee's noticing the very high forecasts for this age group. The revised forecasts still show residents aged 85 and older growing more quickly in number than other age groups. This is because people are living longer due to better medical technologies and more healthy lifestyles.

Chapter 15, Natural Resources

- Chapter 15.6, Oil & Gas Reserves
 - Is the new drilling pad near Lettunich Farm going to be a well site?
 - Who owns the mineral rights under existing drilling units? Is it different within the city limits? Area of City Impact?
 - Is there a scenario possible where the City might get royalties from a drilling unit that extends under City-owned property?
 - Should there be an ordinance between City, County, and perhaps others regarding drilling? Perhaps to establish a process for handling future drilling situations that may arise? (*Jerome will draft a new Goal & Objective that covers this.*)
- Goal 1,– Note that “open space” is defined.
- 15.8 – Note link to Parks & Rec chapter and its talk of extending the Greenway to Rudy Park (*actually found in Econ Dev plan.*)

Chapter 12, Parks & Recreation

- 12.5.1 – The Golf Course land is owned by the City, but leased to Payette Municipal Development Corporation.
 - Is the Airport also owned by City, but leased to the operator?
- 12.6.5.1 – note adding extension of Greenway to Rudy Park (including under the bridge)
 - Add Greenbelt extension to Rudy Park under Goal 6
 - Add Rudy Park to Table in 12.4

Chapter 13 Cultural & Historic Sites

- P. 4 – Add St. John’s Church as eligible or pending being listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- Any thoughts about a goal to establish an “historic neighborhood?” – *(After considerable discussion, the group decided that Jerome will add language about the possibilities of exploring historic districts/neighborhoods, and will add definitions of these terms.)*

Chapter 6, National Interest Electrical Transmission Corridors – new Chapter

Jerome explained this changed from Chapter 9 to Chapter 6.

New Chapters

Chapter 7, Transportation

- 7.1 Language as presented is OK with Committee
- 7.2 Classifications – no comments
- Bridges, after discussion that bridges not owned by City, or even in the City, can still impact the City economy and transportation patterns, add
 - 7th Ave North
 - 2nd Ave South (Idaho Hwy 52)
 - Snake River Bridge at Centennial Park
 - 6th Ave South (Kiwanis Park and Payette River)
- 7.3 Street Standards
 - Times, congestion starts at 6:30 am, picks back up at 2:30 pm and runs til 6:30 pm due to first school getting out and then work getting out.
 - Traffic backs up more than a block at Center Ave.
 - Hwy 52 intersection presents a problem in timing of lights and design
- 7.4 – add 10 minute travel time to Ontario, OR
 - Note Greyhound now stops at Malheur Council on Aging. Because that might change in future, just mention that it stops in Ontario and Payette
- 7.5 Bicycle & Pedestrian
 - 7.5.3 Safe Routes, add comment about “ditches” as a hazard to list of concern areas
 - 7.7.3 Covered Loads – Are they currently required? *(Jerome will check.)*

Chapter 9, Public Services, Facilities, and Utilities

- 9.1 Change title to Administrative Services
- Exhibit XX – Regional Hospitals
 - Trinity is now St. Alphonsus Medical Center Ontario
 - Weiser Memorial Hospital
 - St. Alphonsus Medical Center Nampa instead of Mercy
 - Remove CPC Intermountain Hospital as it is strictly a behavioral health center (rehab facility)
 - Remove Northwest hospital
- 9.2.1 – Recruitment loses officers to higher-paying cities “in the surrounding area”
- 9.10 – add over 25 irrigation districts or other irrigation entities in Payette
- Goal 1, Obj. 1, Strategy 2 – Jerome will re-word this statement adding the concept of centralized administration of City services.

Future Meetings

Jerome explained that the main committee will need an April meeting to conduct final review of all chapters, especially looking at the connections between chapters, and ensuring that the package of recommended actions are appropriate and will move Payette toward its Vision. We will need to capture the group's thoughts on changes to the Land Use Map. This is key, so maps of the current plan were distributed and we will preview group reactions at the next meeting. All are invited to attend the last Economic Development meeting on Thursday, January 25th.

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

Review Draft Chap 10 Community Design, Chap 11 School Facilities and Transportation, plus first reactions to the Land Use Map

Meeting #16, Thursday, March 8, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Review Draft Chap 5 Land Use, and Chap 4 Economic Development

Meeting #17, Thursday, April 12, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Final Document Review & Crosswalk of Chapters, Recommend Comp Plan for Approval

Economic Development Future Meetings (Optional for most Committee members)

Tuesday, January 25, 2018, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Final meeting, Local Tourism & Prioritize Actions

Meeting #14 was adjourned at 3:40.