

# Payette Comp Plan Meeting #5 Notes

## from April 13, 2017

**Attending** –Daniel Lopez, Jessica Lowry, Sue York, Kathy Patrick, Cleo Thompson, Anna Holocomb, Luis Munguia, Dillon Ovit, and Mayor Jeff Williams. Staff included Matea Gabiola, Jerome Mapp, Laura Alvarez Schrag, Jim Birdsall, and Dick Gardner.

**City Council Work Session** – Mayor Jeff Williams and Jim Birdsall described a work session that was held with the Payette City Council on March 20. The Council was generally supportive of using the Comp Plan process as an opportunity to flesh out and economic development approach for Payette. Mayor Williams suggested that the consultants meet with the City Council again in work session at 6:00 pm on Monday April 17 to discuss the contract and approach, as well as to receive a comp plan update from Jerome. A written proposal could then come for approval at the May 1 City Council meeting.

**Comprehensive Plan Elements** – Jerome Mapp again reviewed the 17 elements of a comprehensive plan required by state law. (see handout) The group then continued to review chapters of the 2005 comp plan, using the following questions:

- *What you like least?*
- *What issues, problems, or opportunities are missing?*
- *Which parts of old plan feel outdated or need revision?*
- *Are there parts of the old plan that should be retained?*
- *Are there new solution options we should consider?*
- *Have your mapping needs changed?*

**School Facilities & Transportation** (Section 4) – In reviewing this chapter, the following points were raised:

1. The entire student population is now eligible for free school lunches under an economic disaster declaration that went into effect this school year.
2. The Northwest Children's Home is located in Boise, but its service area may extend to Payette County. (*Jerome will verify.*)
3. The Alternative School is now integrated with the public school system.
4. The Catholic St. Peter's School in Ontario serves Payette.
5. We need to find whether Payette Schools are over or under their physical capacity. It appears they may be under capacity is the trend of slowly declining student populations has continued.
6. Need to review the structural conditions of school facilities. Several members thought the "dome" needed repairs. I.e. Are there deferred maintenance issues in school facilities?
7. Eliminate the sidebar in this chapter regarding No Child Left Behind. Do we include Common Core as a current educational policy issue of concern?
8. The (perceived) increase in the number of teach in-service days creates problems of getting day care for families with two working parents.
9. GED classes for adults are offered through Treasure Valley Community College (at in-state tuition rates) or via the Idaho Virtual Academy.
10. CWI has a presence in Fruitland.

11. Two school crossings of Hwy 95 have been built since the old comp plan was written. This is no longer a problem.
12. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N & 6<sup>th</sup> needs a light for bus crossings(?)
13. More support is needed for technical/professional training in or near Payette. A role for CWI?
14. Payette needs a Boys & Girls Club.
15. Headstart exists in Payette and is operated by WICAP.

**Cultural, Historic, and Special Sites** (Section 10, pp. 10-5 to 10-8) – Here are the major discussion points:

1. The old plan does not list all the sites. We need to update this. (*Cleo will get an updated list, as she serves on the Historic Preservation Commission.*)
2. The Committee likes the pictures of the historic sites. (*Sue York offered to take the new pictures.*)
3. *Cleo will also get a list of Proposed historic buildings.* (Getting listed on the National Register is a long and difficult process.)
4. An action strategy would be to have the City issue a “local historic site designation” and make metal plaques to post on the buildings. They would provide some history on the building as well.
5. Payette has a Historic Preservation Commission.
6. Hwy 52 park should be mentioned as a historic/cultural site. It contains a veteran’s memorial.
7. Add Miracle Field as well as Killibrew Field to the list.
8. Add the WWI “Doughboy” statue to the list.
9. Killibrew Days should be added to the list of events.
10. Cruise Night (a classic car event) should also be added as an event.
11. Action strategy idea – Use the excitement over the Eclipse as a catalyst for promoting Payette’s night sky and consider a “dark sky” ordinance to protect Payette from light pollution.
12. Hwy 52 is now a Scenic Highway..

**Parks and Recreation** (Section 10, pp. 10-1 to 10-4) – Here are the points discussed by the Committee:

1. Payette now has nine city parks with the addition of Padget Park.
2. Add park pictures to the plan. (*Sue York will take photos.*)
3. What is the status of “Moss Island”? No one seemed to even know where it was.
4. Identify Hanigan Park as a dog-friendly park.
5. Action strategy idea – Does the private parcel next to the municipal golf course have development rights? Could be a partnership opportunity, as more nearby residents and more golfers makes the course more economically viable.
6. What is the status of deferred maintenance issues at the municipal swimming pool?
7. Update the description of the Payette Recreation District.
8. The City uses the term “greenbelt” when the path is paved, and “greenway” when the path is gravel or dirt.
9. Still working on extending the trail to Fruitland.
10. Remove the section about Clay Peak races. They do not occur anymore.
11. Add Bully Creek to regional sites
12. Add Rudy’s Park

**Community Design** (Section 12) – Here are the discussion points around this chapter:

1. South entrance to Payette now looks very nice. Change the text about that.
2. Delete the second paragraph about US-95.
3. The downtown is still relatively intact, and that's a big asset for Payette.
4. Acknowledge the existence of the Idaho Main Street program as a resource to improve the vitality of downtown. (action strategy idea?)
5. Encourage more housing units to live downtown.
6. Keep the downtown character the same.
7. The absence of a sales tax in Oregon creates "border town" issues. This may be a barrier to improving the vitality of downtown.
8. There is a Forestry Commission in place and Payette is a designated Tree City.
9. Payette has a good ordinance officer who maintains compliance. Code enforcement is done well.
10. Payette still has a façade grant program in place. (The guidelines are available in the comp plan folder in Dropbox.)
11. Note that Kiwanis Park is a desirable asset for the City.
12. Action strategy idea – Building a landscaped berm with plantings and bushes along the edge of Kiwanis Park and the street may make a more visually appealing break between park and street.
13. The community pool needs better signage.
14. In general, we need more directional signs to community sites, amenities, etc.

**Next Meeting** – Thursday May 11 from 1:30 – 4:00 pm.

**Homework:** Jerome will try to get draft text chapters of *Property Rights*, *Population*, and *Housing* to the Committee to read beforehand. Members are encouraged to attend April 17, 6:00 pm work session of City Council on Econ Dev. and a comp plan update.