

# Payette Comp Plan Meeting #15 Notes

## From February 8th, 2018

**Attending** – Mayor Jeff Williams, Committee members Markita Williams, Jessica Lowry, Duane Vaughn, John Lopez, and Dianne Kinney. Special guest Barbara Choate, business manager for the Payette School District.  
Staff: Emiley Gallegos, Jerome Mapp, Laura Alvarez Schrag, 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. Dick added that due to the loss of a cook, Maria Ibarra will no longer be able to attend. She will try to participate by reviewing the posted chapters.

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 Services, Facilities, and Utilities second draft comprehensive plan chapter, and to do the first review of the School Facilities and Transportation, and Community Design 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. The School Facilities and Transportation Chapter was reviewed first in deference to the attendance of Barbara Choate.

## New Chapters

### Chapter 12, School Facilities and Transportation

- Payette and communities to the north have slowly declining student populations. Fruitland has a growing student population due to 1) proximity to medical facility employers, 2) the presence of nearby Ontario, and 3) being seven miles closer to the Interstate 84 highway.
- There are an estimated 30 students being home-schooled. (Exact figures are not available because Idaho is one of two states that does not require home-schooled children to be registered with the State.) Some of these children attend art, band, physical education and other elective classes to round out their home education.
- Pre-Kindergarten classes are only for children ages 3-4 who have special needs. (Idaho does not fund general pre-K.)
- WICAP (Western Idaho Community Action Program) offers pre-K for children of migrant and low income families.
- 11.8.1 – The Four Rivers Center Theater is used for many school plays, programs, and events.
- In November 2017, the Payette District adopted a 10-year school facilities plan that looks at the life of buildings, aspects that may have degraded, suitability for newer programs, etc.
  - Think about a cross-walk with the City population projections.
  - Where might logical sites be for future schools?
- Payette school gyms are actively used in off-hours for adult recreation programs. School meeting spaces are also regularly used for community events. Payette School District recognizes the important role its facilities play in the community and has a good relationship with the City.

- Note the cross-walk with the Economic Development Plan and its intent to attract young families with jobs, a vibrant downtown, mixed-use housing, etc.
- Note also the need for workforce training for economic development jobs, e.g. computer skills, medical Certified Nurses' Assistant (CNA), Medical Assistant (MA), or Emergency Medical Treatment (EMT).
- It is important to acknowledge past partnerships between the school district, city and other organizations. For instance, an area behind McKain Middle School was developed for recreation activities by a collaboration of school district, City, and Payette Recreation District.

## Community Design

- 10.3.1 Substitute “aesthetically pleasing” for “strange or out of place.” Perhaps use “conflicting style”
- When was Payette designated a *Tree City, USA*?
- 10.7 Change wording to a positive statement. Currently lists what to avoid.
- 10.6 Change wording to “public open space.”
- Idea – Put a splash pad in Bancroft Park.
- Add a statement about improving holiday lighting in Payette parks.

**Land Use Mapping Exercise** – Jerome Mapp then led the group in a discussion of land use, using the current land use map of Payette with an overlay of tracing paper.

- The group agreed that new residential growth to accommodate the population projections would mostly lay to the east of Highway 95 and north of the downtown, in an area that surrounds the airport and golf course. It might support 800 homes or roughly 1,600 new residents.
- New roads, water and sewer lines will have to be built.
- The group was undecided about the degree to which commercial development would want to occur in the new residential area, but agreed to mark up three corners of a key intersection in the area.
- Question: Where exactly is the 80 acres of developable land near the airport, referenced by the airport manager?

## Second Review Chapter

**Chapter 8, Public Services, Facilities, and Utilities** – The group reviewed the second draft of this chapter, with Jerome making edits on his copy.

**Future Meetings** – There was discussion of the potential need to postpone the April meeting to allow Jerome to finish all the chapters and the editor time to format and proof the document.

### **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 Meetings** (Finished, with plan available soon)

Meeting #15 was adjourned at 3:50.