

Payette Comp Plan Meeting #9 Notes

From September 14th, 2017

Attending – Tim Gerdes, Danny Gabiola, Maria Ibarra, Cleo Thompson, Kathy Patrick, Diane Kinney, Jessica Lowry, Luis Munguia. **Ad hoc attendees:** Debbie Maxwell, Dennis King, Treasure Valley Transit, and Patti Nitz, Payette County, Planning and Zoning Administrator. **Staff:** Mary Cordova, Mairel Rodriguez, Jerome Mapp, Laura Alvarez Schrag, Jim Birdsall, and Dick Gardner.

Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Dick Gardner opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The group introduced themselves. Jerome Mapp explained that the purposes of today's meeting were to listen to subject matter experts and then begin to review draft comprehensive plan chapters, focusing on Goals, objectives, and action strategies. The agenda is very full, but we will finish next month what we don't get to today.

Dick Gardner then noted that each committee member should have an agenda, meeting notes from last month, and draft chapters for property rights, population and growth, and housing.

Presentations from Subject Experts: The following discussions then took place to provide an understanding of current issue to the Committee in each subject area.

Transportation

Public Transportation

Treasure Valley Transit (TVT) - Board member Dennis King began the meeting with additional discussion of Treasure Valley Transit's operations and aspirations, with help from Debbie Maxwell, Asst. Director.

The following points were made in addition to those recorded in the August meeting notes:

- Mr. King quoted from a study on the economic effects of bus transit systems on small communities. It reviewed systems in 39 counties nationwide. It found that public transit led to:
 - Lower unemployment rates
 - Lower rates of family assistance
 - Lower rates of food stamp use
 - Increased population growth
- He suggested that the committee ponder what methods might measure the need for public transit in Payette, e.g. How many households have one or no cars?
- A strategic public transit vision and strategy should be incorporated into the comp plan.
- Within ITD, the public transportation Division operates somewhat separately from the highways division. He reiterated

that Idaho provides no public transit funding support from the gas tax or car registration revenues.

- Think about how Payette might attract and retain millennials in the labor force. What do they want for amenities in terms of housing or transit?
- Is there a transit need for commuting to and from Payette's largest employers? There is beginning interest coming from Woodgrain Molding. TVT is working with them now.

Sr. Citizen Van – Kathy Patrick corrected the meeting notes to say that this Payette Sr. Center van operates five days a week. MWF to Sr. Ctr. Events, Thursday to shopping, doctor and other appointments, etc. as needed.

- Growth in the number of seniors is projected to require a second van in coming (8- 10) years to meet demand for use.
- 75-80% of those served by the Senior Center are low income.
- Funding is from some state and federal programs plus local communities and donations.
- Patti Nitz underscored the need for senior transportation (from the Board of Guardians perspective).
- Can people access transportation to the Valley (Nampa or Caldwell)? Not now, but should be a goal.

Information Technology –

- A goal should be good citywide access to wi-fi. Start with the downtown area.
- There are speed issues in certain places in Payette, e.g. Killebrew Drive, others
- Cableone has limited access but the best speeds
- Quality issues vary with each provider
- Broadband (fiber optics) is available to certain businesses & government services, but is being expanded (Another goal is to expand fiber optic to the customer).

Public Utilities –

Irrigation-

- Payette bills for 13 irrigation districts in the City.
- All irrigation water is piped and pressurized within the City.
- Annexations would have water rights, but need to pressurize for residential service. This is an existing ordinance.
- The use of irrigation canal service roads for walking paths is a plus for quality of life, but carries liability issues.
- Higher land in the foothills does not have irrigation rights, but may be serviced by wells. Existing wells have water rights attached.
- Potential policy:
 1. Map out the irrigation systems
 2. Recommend regular system assessments

- 3. Recommend improvements to the systems
- Payette City has good relationships with the irrigators. For instance, when the City cuts into a road to service the potable water system, the irrigation district is notified and often services their pipes at the same time.

Land Use

Payette County (Patti Nitz):

- Has an impact area agreement in place.
 - Development within the area of city impact – the County tends to follow the City's comp plan
 - However, the County cannot enforce the City ordinance (without formally adopting them)
 - Sometimes there is a dis-connect between City & County ordinances
 - Subdivision ordinances can have differences, such as requirements for sidewalks in City but not County.
 - Example of conditional use permit, when a use is not outright permitted but listed as possible conditional use.
 - County requires 3 acre lots.

Utilities

- Intermountain Gas serves City of Payette
- Idaho Power serves the City
- Telephone:
 - Landlines are declining in number
 - Can get via VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) with Idaho Power or Cableone
 - Farmers Mutual Telephone offers service within the City
 - Lots of cellphone service providers.

Review Draft Chapters

Chapter 2 – Population and Growth

Goals/Objectives/Strategies

- Numerous typos
- 2.5, third paragraph full of factual inaccuracies. Needs to be re-written and carefully checked.
- Projected Growth of 85+ Age Cohort from 177 in 2015 to 1,212 in 2045 needs to be re-checked. This amount of growth seems implausible. Is it based on county survival rates? Maybe need to substitute state survival rate?
- Exhibit 13 Table –
 - Fill in % Change for 85+ = 685%
 - Add column on right to show Average Annual rate of growth (be sure to use a compounded growth rate)
- Goal 1, Obj 2 - guide, not *guild*

- Goal 1, Strategy 3 – regularly instead of *annually* It is not possible to detect changes in trends in one year of new data.
- Diversity, Obj. 2 – Foster instead of *Maintain*
- Strategy 2 – Rewrite to say Residents serving on community and public activity boards reflect the community's demographics

Future Meetings

Thursday, October 12, 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Review Draft Chapters on Housing, Agriculture

Thursday, November 9, 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Review Draft Chapters TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10.