



SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2015
12:00 PM TO 2:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
305 3RD AVENUE EAST
TWIN FALLS, ID 83301



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

“A QUORUM OF PLANNING & ZONING OR CITY COUNCIL MAY BE PRESENT”

Anticipated Attendees

Advisory Committee

Dr. Cindy Bond, *CSI/Chamber of Commerce, Past Chair/Past Chair URA*

Kevin Dane, *Selection Committee/Local Businessman*
Brady Dickinson, *Twin Falls School District*

Nancy Duncan, *City of Kimberly City Council*
Ryan Higley, *City Planning & Zoning/AOI-County*
Greg Lanting, *City Council*
Laura Wilson, *County Planning & Zoning staff*

Kevin Mahler, *Selection Committee/Local Business Owner*

Rebecca Mills Sojka, *City Council*
Tato Munoz, *City Planning & Zoning/Local Businessman*

Dan Olmstead, *Idaho Power/SIEDO*
Laura Stewart, *Chamber of Commerce/St. Luke's*
Brad Wills, *Selection Committee/Developer/URA Member/Builders Advisory Committee*

City of Twin Falls

Renée V Carraway-Johnson, *Zoning & Development Manager*

Jonathan Spendlove, *Zoning & Development, Planner I*
Kelly Weeks, *Zoning & Development, Planner I*

Consultant Team

Bruce Meighen, *Logan Simpson*

Megan Moore, *Logan Simpson*

Attendees:

Carraway-Johnson, Dane, Dickinson, Duncan, Humble, Meighen, Mills Sojka, Moore, Munoz, Spendlove, Stewart, Strickland, Weeks, Wills, Wilson

Agenda

I. Welcome + Introductions

Zoning & Development Manager Carraway-Johnson introduced the Logan Simpson consultants to the group and welcomed the members attending the meeting and thanked them from their commitment to this project.

Mr. Meighen did a recap of the last meeting and asked the members that were unable to attend the last meeting to introduce themselves. He asked that the members keep abreast of the information as it becomes available and if at all possible attend events.

II. Exercise

A. Public Involvement/Outreach

Ms. Moore stated that there have been several events used by them to reach out for public involvement and comments. After each event a list of the comments was put together so that a comprehensive list of what people love about Twin Falls and what they would change. The other event that occurred was a stakeholder interview with people throughout the community that were listed as possibly good resources. The feedback from each event has helped to create a draft of a word crowd. Some of the things that come to the top of the list for things people love: Family Oriented, Outdoor Amenities, the Small Town Feel and Downtown. Things that came to the top of the list for improvements: Downtown, Sidewalks, Bike Access and Blue Lakes Boulevard. The word crowd is simply a summary of approximately 200 people. There is a vision survey available on line at <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2246192/Twin-Falls-Vision-Survey>, they would like to get the word out about this survey and improve the presence on the website. They are working through the data and have started looking at housing and downtown. They will continue to look at these issues along with other things to possibly project which direction the City would like to go in the future.

Mr. Meighan explained their role as consultants is to get input from the public and to translate their input into more meaningful policies and objectives.

B. Summary of Our Values

Ms. Moore explained that the values form a basis for the city vision. Throughout these events they have found some values that have come to the surface. She asked the group to look at the information provided and think about what has been presented and give some feedback on anything that may need more discussion. She also asked the members that were not at the last meeting to give some feedback on what they love about Twin Falls and what they would change.

Love:

Outdoor Activities
Activities/Location
Quality of Life

Change:

More Activities for Teens
No Changes
Transportation/Infrastructure

Topic for More Discussion:

Downtown Revitalization

- Housing Diversity
- Teen Activities/Locations for Gathering
- Things within walking distance/convenient
- Keep the young adults in the area
- Connect Activities (cool places & cool spaces)
- Incentives the revitalization

Housing

- Housing Downtown
- More rental housing options
- Economic Support for housing downtown
- Find the downtown niche (cozy places, bars, restaurants)

History

- Museum

Mr. Meighen summarized that what the citizen's love are also things they want to improve but there is a need for some more direction to get to that next step.

C. Translating Our Values into Vision

Mr. Meighen stated that the values come out of the vision statement, they will keep working at it and visiting with the public.

III. Next Steps

A. Wings & Things Event (Visioning Workshop)

This event is scheduled for September 12, 2015 there will be an informational booth set up to talk to the public again and get feedback. Octoberfest is another event that has been suggested for gathering public input, volunteers are needed. The Farmer's Market is another local event that has been suggested. The members that were not at the last meeting need to complete their bio's and have their pictures taken for the website.

B. Existing Conditions Snapshots/Trends

Mr. Meighen outlines the things that need to be evaluated and addressed in the Comprehensive Plan update.

Zoning & Development Manager Carraway-Johnson explained that if something is a vision for the community and it becomes part of the Comprehensive Plan it makes things easier to incorporate into planning. If it is codified through the Comprehensive Plan it makes it easier to address and make code changes to assist in making the plan work.

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