



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016
10:00 AM TO 12:00 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 Dunman, *City of Kimberly City Council*
Ryan Higley, *City Planning & Zoning/AOI/County*
Greg Lanting, *City Council*

Kevin Mahler, *Selection Committee/Local Business Owner*
Nikki Boyd, *City Council*
Tato Munoz, *City Planning & Zoning*
Dan Olmstead, *Idaho Power/SIEDO*
Laura Stewart, *Chamber of Commerce/St. Luke's*
Brad Wills, *Selection Committee/Developer/URA Member*

City of Twin Falls

Renée V Carraway-Johnson, *Zoning & Development Manager*
Jonathan Spendlove, *Zoning & Development, Planner I*
Kelly Weeks, *Zoning & Development, Planner I*
Lisa Strickland-*Building Administrative Assistant*
Mitch Humble-*Deputy City Manager*

Consultant Team

Bruce Meighen, *Logan Simpson*
Megan Moore, *Logan Simpson*

Attendance

Commission/Committee Attendees:

Dane, Higley, Lanting, Wilson, Wills

Staff:

Carraway-Johnson, Humble, Spendlove, Strickland, Weeks

Consultant Team:

Megan Moore
Krissy Gilmore

Agenda

I. Welcome + Introductions

Zoning & Development Manager Carraway-Johnson welcomed the committee members and introduced the Logan Simpson representatives. She stated that they would be reviewing information that has been gathered and give a summary of that information in today's meeting.

The summary will include information about housing, character, economy, transportation and Parks and Trails, items the citizens have given feedback on up to his point in the process.

II. Process Update

A. Process Update

Megan Moore explained that several surveys and events have occurred up to today and they have calculated that they have received feedback from approximately 1055 (+/-) participants and had additional input during the three events attended yesterday. They visited the Sr. Center, the local Library and attended the Death by Chocolate Event. The most common feedback from the participants was the desire to keep the small town feel, sense of community, family oriented and safety and security. The most common feedback for improvements needed is expanding pedestrian sidewalks and increased trail connections. Improve housing options and continue to make good decisions for the community with regards to growth and development.

B. Vision Summary

What they have heard:

Housing:

1. Provide diversified housing options including quality rentals and options for students, millennials, and baby boomers.
2. Create Urban Village/Urban Infill nodes with mixed uses and higher densities.
3. Promote rehabilitation and restoration of older buildings and neighborhoods inside and outside the designated historic districts.
4. Promote a vibrant live/work environment
5. Transition from higher density residential to low density residential to agriculture
6. Support an active retirement community within close proximity to downtown

Character:

1. Maintain sustainable development in the river bottom
2. Preserve the canyon rim
3. Enhance walkability in existing neighborhoods
4. Protect the surrounding agricultural landscape and maintain buffers between adjacent municipalities
5. Support small and local businesses within downtown
6. Continue to promote community uses and events in public spaces
7. Expand College of Southern Idaho Campus north of North College Road
8. Enhance community gateways with streetscape beautification and clear directional signage to local destinations

Economy:

1. Develop a consistent high-quality commercial area along Pole Line Road
2. Promote a visitor center hub that provides tours and transit to local attractions
3. Capitalize on in-commuters with supportive retail businesses
4. Master Plan for an industrial employment hub
5. Build a hotel/conference center in downtown to support major employers

6. Support business infill and redevelopment in downtown with architectural characteristics consistent with the historic character
7. Diversify the employment base with a high-tech industry close to downtown
8. Build a parking garage to encourage infill development
9. Continue to recognize partnership opportunities with the College of Southern Idaho

Transportation:

1. Create a transit circulator that provides access to the visitor center, the mall, CSI, downtown, St. Luke's and industrial hubs
2. Improve circulation along major roadways
3. Develop transit opportunities for commuters from neighboring communities
4. Expand airport services to other major destinations
5. Develop a transit hub with connections to greyhound, the local circulator bus/and a shuttle to the airport

Parks & Trails:

1. Provide additional nodes along the canyon trail to enhance key viewpoints
2. Connect walking and bike paths to circulate through town, capitalizing on major drainages, and connecting downtown to the canyon rim, schools, parks and community facilities
3. Site a community recreation center near residential development
4. Continue to develop new parks within ½ mile of residents within the city limits.

III. Exercise

- A. Opportunities Workshop Summary
- B. Opportunities Discussion

In a few weeks the Vision Survey will be closed and the Opportunities Survey will be available online. Once the Vision Survey is closed the summary will be reviewed once again to make sure the answers area still headed in the same direction and from these statements a final Vision Statement will be developed.

IV. Next Steps

- A. Plan Review & Comment

Megan Moore asked that the committee members to keep reminding people to take the survey on-line and get the word out. Staff is anticipating another meeting in approximately 6-8 weeks.

V. Adjourn Meeting

Zoning & Development Manager adjourned the meeting at 11:35 pm.