

TO: Planning Commission Members
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Shawn Wetterlin, Building Official/ Zoning Administrator
DATE: April 8th, 2016
RE: Meeting Minutes,
Wednesday, April 6th, 2016

The Planning Commission met at 5:15 p.m., on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The following members were Present: Donald Smith, Richard Wieser, Linda Larson, Patti Dockendorff, Jerry Steffes, Dave Hanifl and Ex-officio member Brian Krenz. Also present was Building Official/ Zoning Administrator, Shawn Wetterlin and City Administrator, Bill Waller. Mani Edpuganti was not present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 5:30 p.m.

1. The Chair reviewed the future Comprehensive Plan work plan dates.
2. The Chair called to the open the Public Meeting, Motion by Linda Larson and seconded by Patti Dockendorff to open the public meeting all members present voted in favor.
3. The Chair provided background on the Comprehensive Planning Process and timeline. Seven committees were formed to consider the 7 standard elements of a Comprehensive Plan. The purpose is to engage more members of the community in the process than would be typical with the hope that more citizens will mean, better ideas, greater accountability and new people to serve on committees and Council in the future. The Planning Commission receives the draft report and identifies areas of oversight or clarification for the next draft so that there will be fewer required edits after the 'final draft' is prepared, reviewed and recommended to the council. Public comment was received with each citizen (approximately 6 citizens were present) and member of the planning commission given an opportunity to comment. The response was one of appreciation for the work of the chairs and members of the task groups and support for the findings and action steps. Pertinent comments for consideration in final draft follow after each of the Task Groups.
 - A. The Community Facilities and Services Group chaired by Bill Ohm presented their draft report. Some comments are from their oral report and others from the public and commission members. Similar comments are grouped.
 - a. The City is doing a good job caring for the needs and should keep on doing on what they're doing.
 - b. Proper staffing should be reviewed annually
 - c. Annual review of rules and regulations

- d. Monitor sewer contract with the city of la Crosse
- e. Consider the City using Solar Systems
- f. Consider water conservation and keeping water clean
- g. Work with energy providers to protect the energy systems
- h. Work with school for future facility needs

Motion by Dick Wieser to close public meeting and seconded by Dave Hanifl all members present voted in favor.

- i. Consider a joint maintenance facility with State, County and City.
- j. Consider a sister city, #24 adjust language
- k. #4 adjust language
- l. The city continues to do a nice job!
- m. Zoning should be updated for small scale wind turbines
- n. Work with township for opportunities

B. The Transportation and Mobility Task Group chaired by Lind Larson presented their draft report. Some comments are from their oral report and others from the public and commission members. Similar comments are grouped.

- a. Safety is the highest concern, cross walks, bike rider safety especially near schools and City swimming pool.
- b. Consider changing wordage for road diet, also low hanging fruit.
- c. Consider bump out language for streets
- d. Maintain roads, bike trails and wagon wheel trail
- e. The intersection of County road 6 and county 25 are a safety concern, possibly reduce speed and add signage for safety.
- f. Swimming pool county road crosswalk is a safety concern
- g. Speed concerns on county 25 possibly slow traffic sooner
- h. Rail safety concerns
- i. Work with rail and state officials to urge for safer rail safety
- j. Consider cross walk for Hill Mobile home Park and Truss Specialist across highway
- k. Promote clean water, air quality and Health
- l. Annual review of Park/ Rec Plan also Bike Ped Plan
- m. Wordage to include 2050 Plan
- n. Address moving seniors around Community
- o. School site safety a concern
- p. Keep roads maintained, bike lanes and cross walks painted
- q. Enforce speed limits, consider lowering speed limits

Motion for adjournment by Dick Wieser and seconded by Jerry Steffes all members voted in favor.

The motion for adjournment was preceded by recognition of work contributed by the many in this process, especially the chairs, committee members and citizens in attendance. Consensus was that it was a positive meeting and good discussion. Adjourned 7:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be May 3rd, 2016 at 5:15.

Respectfully Recorded, Shawn Wetterlin.