



TOWN OF JEROME

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General Plan Steering Committee

Wednesday, January 28 2015 6:00 p.m.

Jerome Fire Station, 101 Clark Street

MINUTES

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Dough Freund called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Roll call was taken by Albert Sengstock

Members Present: Doug Freund, Jane Moore, Suzy Mound, Henry Melody, Margie Hardie, Mimi Currier and Natalie Barlow (Ms. Barlow had asked to join the Committee several meetings ago. Doug Freund inquired as to whether or not there should be a vote. There were no comments from the Committee.)

Members absent: Anne Gale and Denise Gouth

ITEM 2: APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24 AND OCTOBER 22, 2014

Mimi Currier moved to postpone the meeting minute approval until the next meeting. Second by Suzy Mound. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment. It is noted that Alex Barber, a Jerome resident and member of the Council was present.

ITEM 4: POSSIBLE ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Doug Freund is concerned that because he is now the Vice Mayor he may need to step down from the General Plan Steering Committee.

Suzy Mound said that she feels it would be a disservice if Mr. Freund is not a part of the committee. She suggested that he could recuse himself from voting on this when it goes before council and she strongly urges him to stay.

All of the Committee members discussed possible reasons for and against Mr. Freund staying on the Committee. Some members believed that Mr. Freund should make his priority the Council. There was some concern that being on two Boards could be construed as a conflict of interest.

Ms. Hardie believes the council may have voted on it at one time, and that there might be an ordinance. Ms. Moore agrees that there may be an ordinance against council members being on other boards.

Mr. Freund stated that he would speak with the Town Manager again and see if there is some precedence to follow.

Ms. Mound made a motion to make a decision at the next meeting as to whether or not a new Chair and Vice Chair needed to be elected. Ms. Moore seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5: PRESENTATION OF CIRCULATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OUTLINE

Mr. Sengstock discussed the land use elements of R1-5 properties and the information that Ms. Currier had provided. He said that he would draft a segment of Goals and Objectives using the information Ms. Currier has provided regarding the properties on Hampshire through Dundee.

Mr. Sengstock examined the 1981 General Plan and broke out the information, updated events and changes that had occurred since 1981. He provided a twenty five page handout to all committee members.

Ms. Hardie commented that she had the ARS statement about the circulation element of the general plan.

Mr. Freund asked her to read it out loud.

Ms. Hardie began by telling the committee that this was recommended for larger communities in excess of 50,000 people. She began to read, "*Circulation element consisting of the general location and extent of existing and proposed freeways, arterial and collector streets, bicycle routes and any other modes of transportation as may be appropriate. All correlated with the land use element of the plan. The circulation element provided in subsection C paragraph 2 of this section shall include for cities of 50,000 thousand persons or more and may include for cities of less than 50,000 concerning parking facilities, building set back requirements and the delineations of such systems on the land. A system of street naming and house and building numbering and other matters as may be related to the improvement of the circulation of traffic. The circulation element may also include a transportation element showing a comprehensive transportation system including locations of rights of ways, terminals, viaducts and grade separations. This element of the plan may also include port harbor aviation related facilities. A transit element showing a proposed system of rail or transit lines or other mode of transportation as may be appropriate.*"

Ms. Currier added that stairways should be included in the circulation element. The group discussed many of the stairways in town.

Mr. Freund asked Mr. Sengstock if there are any communities that don't comply with numbering. Mr. Sengstock opined that is not an issue here in Jerome, the streets have been marked and numbered properly.

Mr. Freund suggested that the group cover the circulation element Mr. Sengstock has prepared.

Mr. Sengstock expressed that this is an outline he read, "*The circulation element is to provide guidelines which will be used to plan the safe, pleasant and efficient movement of people and materials within and through our town. Although the primary mode of transportation is automotive other methods such as rail, air travel, pedestrian paths and corridors, as well as bicycle and equestrian paths must be considered as a part of a complete circulation system.*"

Mr. Sengstock clarified that a corridor is a primary traffic carrier. For example there could be a primary bicycle corridor. Clearly mapped out paths of traffic.

Ms. Hardie asked if we could change that from automotive to vehicular. She also mentioned that there is a lot of walking in this town.

Mr. Sengstock mentioned that pedestrian traffic is mentioned within the Circulation Packet.

Ms. Moore questioned whether equestrian paths should even be left within the plan. She went on to say that there is a Historic Trail that connects to Clarkdale and that hikers, bicyclists and horses might at some time use that.

It was decided to remove automotive and replace it with vehicular in the first paragraph. This would cover other forms of vehicular transportation.

There was a lot of discussion about equestrian trails, how they would be created and whether or not they were practical in the plan.

Mr. Sengstock said easements can be acquired down the road for equestrian trails and could be included as a planning idea.

It was also decided that rail and air travel would be struck from the first paragraph.

- Circulation Goals, Policies and Strategies

Mr. Sengstock mentioned CAT is coming up next week which might be a possible transportation method to Jerome.

Goal #1A: Implement a long-range circulation infrastructure plan intended to restore and maintain all existing streets, sidewalks and gutters, while where possible, creating new pedestrian, hiking and bicycle paths and trails which connect to regional rails and trails plans.

Ms. Currier said that stairways should be added as a part of the circulation infrastructure.

Ms. Hardie believes that "drainage" sounds better than "gutters".

Goal #2A: Encourage greater pedestrian activity by developing new parking lot opportunities and shuttle systems, which will reduce vehicular activity in and through our Town.

Ms. Hardie commented on coordinating with other cities to have shuttle service that would transport people to the high points in the area. She suggested using Jerome property in Clarkdale as a staging site.

Mr. Sengstock reiterated that this section is for internal travel throughout Jerome itself, not regional travel. Moving into the future to create parking and internal shuttle services.

Goal #3: Improve and create circulation methods which minimize any negative impacts on our community such as noise, odor and vibration.

Ms. Moore mentioned negative impact to improving circulation may increase traffic throughout the town.

Goal #3B: Develop an improved directional and safety sign and street striping plan, which is clearly visible to all pedestrians and drivers.

Ms. Currier opined that the old fire hoses work very well for marking parking spots.

goals and objectives.

Ms. Moore commented that she likes how Goal #4 reads in the old General Plan. Mr. Sengstock will change it to read: **Provide a transportation system which complements and reinforces land use planning.**

Goal #4A: Require fees and/or the actual installation or upgrading of roads and intersections, based on traffic studies performed by a certified traffic engineer, for any major commercial or residential development.

Mr. Sengstock clarified this as a development fee for contractor or developer.

Ms. Moore had an example to give the Committee. At one time a gallery was to be built next to the English Kitchen to include an underground parking lot. The project was never completed, but ADOT said they had no problem with that.

It was agreed that this Goal was important to stay in the General Plan. And it was recommended that "major" be removed and add "which impacts traffic".

Goal #4B: Limit all new infill construction to uses which can support their own parking on-site.

The committee decided to change "Limit" to read "Require" and to change the goal to read after "construction to" require onsite parking.

Ms. Moore commented that the in-lieu-of fee that was proposed was for existing buildings only, which had no parking would be used and not go into disrepair. Ms. Moore also clarified that "In-lieu-of" is legal, using the term "waiver" is not.

Ms. Mound read #7 from the old General Plan which relates to Goal #4B: To require developers to provide off street parking facilities, which is sufficient to accommodate projected parking demands generated by the proposed development.

- **Current Transportation Routes**

Ms. Currier mentioned possibilities of Trail Ways coming thru Jerome again in the future.

Ms. Hardie mentioned the possibility of Arizona Shuttles coming to Jerome.

Mr. Sengstock commented on the Cottonwood Airport.

Ms. Mound commented that several shuttles come into Jerome, Sedona and Prescott from Phoenix Hotels.

- **Surrounding Highway System**

Discussion of Highway system...Existing circulation

Al stated this is a planning document, it doesn't mean it's going to happen,

Jane asked to remove "widening" and "bode well".

Mr. Sengstock will change the wording and add "in ways which benefit our transportation needs".

- Existing Circulation

Mr. Sengstock read the paragraph to the committee.

Ms. Currier does not believe there is a need to pave the parking lots.

Mr. Sengstock commented that paved parking is safer and provides more parking.

Ms. Mound commented that she would like to see ~~the~~ the parking lots paved. She believes that older people don't like to park on the dirt.

- Goals and Policies

Remove "and" from Policy A.

Mr. Sengstock will make the changes for the next committee meeting.

ITEM 6: Future Agenda Items

Continued discussion of packet.

ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Freund made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Moore seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 25, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Joni Savage on February 25, 2015.

Approved: _____ Date: 2/25/15
Chair

Attest: J Moore _____ Date: 2-25-15
Vice Chair