

**CASCADE CITY
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 21, 2016
Cascade City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cassandra Wright, Vice Chairman Lori Hunter, Commissioners Brandee Nitzel, and Heather Perkins were present. Commissioner Frank Leming was absent. City Staff Carrie Rushby was also present.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes from September 21, 2015; Commissioner Perkins seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Commissioner Nitzel made a motion to approve the minutes from October 21, 2015; Vice Chairman Hunter seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Commissioner Perkins made a motion to approve the minutes from December 22, 2015; Vice Chairman Hunter seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Vice Chairman Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes from January 19, 2016; Commissioner Perkins seconded the motion; the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Sherry Maupin-West Central Mountains Economic Development Strategy

Sherry Maupin, representing the West Central Mountains Association, provided an overview of how the project began. She explained that the group went to the communities in order for them to identify the communities concerns to provide economic growth in the community. She explained that the Americas Best Communities was a contest created by Frontier Communications. She identified Valley County as a resort community and it was explained that there were also conversations that took place with the small business community. She provided an overview of other organizations that the West Central Mountains Association would like to collaborate with. She discussed in detail the goals identified within the plan. She further explained that regional communications was also an item that was being proposed and believed that a regional summit should take place to provide economic opportunity. Sherry said they would love for the planning and zoning to support this by passing this on to City Council for adoption. She said this is an economic development plan that has a lot of thought, energy, and a national award. Sherry added, if there is something in that doesn't fit for your community on the very last page you may add an addendum.

Vice Chairman Hunter made a motion to recommend the "West Central Mountains, Idaho's Adventure Corridor, Economic Development Strategy" to the City Council for adoption and pass a resolution. Commissioner Nitzel seconded the motion. Roll call

vote: Commissioner Perkins, yes; Commissioner Hunter, yes; Commissioner Nitzel, yes; Chairman Wright, yes. Motion carried.

Shauna Arnold & Chuck Smith– Lighting Ordinance Proposal

Chuck Smith presented a movie on dark sky which talks about lights, types of light and light pollution. After the movie, Chuck spoke about the bulb colors, wattages and directional lighting. He said they would like to have a dedicated observing area somewhere near Kelly's Whitewater Park. He stated they are going to be putting on a couple of observing sessions there this summer. Shauna feels that if Cascade can be "dark sky" rated that people will plan their vacation around Cascade. She said the dark sky destination is a huge thing now, even nationwide. Chuck provided copies of Valley County and the City of McCall's lighting ordinance. He and Shauna noted the differences between the two ordinances. Vice Chairman Hunter asked about enforcement. Shauna advised the Astronomical Society, which is now under Horizons Lifestyles Education Team, said part of that is to educate. They would be very open and out there educating people on how to keep the dark sky dark. More discussion in sued. Vice Chairman Hunter questioned the lighting at the new recreation center. Shauna responded and said they have already purchased the lights and they are not dark sky friendly. Shauna advised the commission to read over the ordinances from Valley County and McCall. She said if the commission would like them to type up an ordinance based on what they feel should be included they would do so; however, Shauna and Chuck would need some guidance. Vice Chairman Hunter asked what the commission needed to do. Chairman Wright said she feels the commission needs to read through both ordinances and put together what we'd like to see in the lighting ordinance. Chairman Wright suggested having a workshop to get everyone together.

Theresa Perry - City of Cascade Activity Connection Plan

Theresa said she is part of the Cascade Mobility plan. She said the Activity Connection Plan is part of planning model that improves the walking and bicycling environment of a given community by improving infrastructure so that citizens can safely and efficiently get to locations where they are most likely to participate in recreation or sport. She said this is a working document. It can be updated as needed. Theresa said, it's a "living/breathing" document. Theresa stated she would like Planning & Zoning to take this document into consideration to be suggested as part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Chairman Wright mentioned to Theresa that when they were reviewing the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, they were given the Activity Connection Plan to review as well. She said she believes they were going to introduce it along with the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.

Theresa mentioned that Idaho State Parks is walking through the process of having funds approved that State Parks will have a new facility in Cascade and they are hoping that it will be along the Highway 55 corridor. They are a few weeks away from having an approved budget. If the budget does not change, they will be funded for a new building. She said for the community they will become a full service agency. They hope to be able to partner with Valley County Astronomical Society.

Theresa asked if there were any questions from the commission.

Chairman Wright said as with the other plan, she feels this is a great guideline to use and include in the comprehensive plan, and will be great to use for future developments.

Resignation of Frank Leming -

Chairman Wright read aloud the resignation of Frank Leming.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Rushby, Deputy City Clerk

Approved:

Cassandra Wright, Chairman