

Minutes
Cheney Planning Commission
Regular Meeting – By Phone/Video Conference

January 11, 2021

Commissioners Attending: Richard Mount, Vara Lyn Conrath, Natasha Jostad, Jake Vibbert, Dan Turbeville, and Daniel Hillman.

Commissioners Absent: David Early.

Staff Attending: Brett Lucas, Todd Ableman and Susan Beeman.

Councilmembers Attending: Vince Barthels.

Call to Order: Chairman Mount called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the October 12, 2020 regular meeting were approved as distributed.

Citizen Participation: None.

Discussion Item: #2021-01
Proposed 2021 Planning Commission Work Plan

Mr. Lucas reviewed a proposed work plan for 2021, identifying topics for consideration during the year, including:

- Zoning Code text amendments: for consideration of a bonus density for single bedroom units on 5,000 sq.ft. lots in the R-3 or R-3H zones; tiny home development; occupancy issues; water conservation; and possible amendments to the Business Park (BP) zone.
- Economic development: discuss how to facilitate commercial activity in the downtown core, especially how to facilitate re-tenanting of vacant buildings.
- Parking, especially on-street parking in residential neighborhoods near the University.

Mr. Lucas suggested several items that staff would pursue during the year:

- 50 Acre Park: work with the State to find resolution to the terms of the RCO grant that was used to establish the park initially, in order to open up alternative uses for a portion of the park.
- Research possible changes to the Urban Growth Area boundary.
- Look at opportunities to better market the Business Park.

Discussion followed. It was agreed that Mr. Lucas will bring back a summary on the current status, or last action taken, on each of the work plan items.

Information Item: #2021-02

Video Presentation: *Finding the Good in 2020 and Looking Forward to 2021*

Mr. Lucas shared a video presentation by Roger Brooks of Destination Development Association on economic development trends. Brief discussion followed.

Commissioner Reports: None.

Staff Reports:

Mr. Ableman mentioned that City staff are currently split into two teams, with one team working remotely on any given week to reduce opportunity for spread of the Covid-19 virus.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved By:

Susan Beeman, Secretary

Richard Mount, Chairman