

**NOVEMBER 3, 2020 VIA ZOOM
OMAK PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

Call to Order:

Chairwoman Harrison called the meeting via Zoom of the Omak Planning Commission to order at 5:30PM and a quorum was established.

Commissioner & Administrative Personnel:

Sheila Harrison, Chair	Kurt Danison, Contract Planner
Stacey Okland, Vice Chair	Tyler Wells, Building Official
Pat Davisson	Amber Scott, Deputy Clerk
Erin Munding	
Barry Hansen-absent	
Anne Potter	

Approval of Minutes – October 6, 2020 Meeting

Commissioner Munding moved, seconded by Commissioner Davisson, to approve the October 6, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Transportation Element-Comp Plan

Kurt Danison, Contract Planner provided a brief review of the WSDOT's US 97 Omak Area Transportation Study completed in 2019. This study was given to the Commissioners in 2019 as part of the process to update the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Danison noted the next area of discussion was US 97 and Engh Road/Riverside Drive.

He then reviewed parts of the Transportation Elements that reference this intersection and the adjoining roadways then moved onto a summary of the existing conditions and recommendations for the Engh/SR215/US 97 intersection from the WSDOT report. He also explained the improvements the City will be completing over the next few years. Listed below are recommendations.

5.0 Strategy Descriptions and Recommendations

Focus Area 3- US 97 and Engh Road/Riverside Drive

Strategy 1-Single Lane Roundabout

Strategy 2-Optimize Signal Timing

Strategy 3-Extend Turn Lane

Kurt described each option then asked for questions and discussion. The Commissioners have a couple areas of concerns. The first concern is how will Quince Street be impacted. Mr. Danison said this a concern of his also, and it will be discussed in Focus Area 4, scheduled for the December meeting. As with the other focus areas, the Commissioners were inclined to start with lower cost improvements over time until the need for the high cost/high benefit strategies (roundabouts) are needed.

The Commissioners main concern is how a roundabout, the reports number 1 and recommended strategy, would work for pedestrians crossing HWY 97 and semi-trucks driving through the roundabout.

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Planner Danison noted that the City is expecting submittal of a Binding Site Plan application for a 400+ unit manufactured home community by Santiago Communities which could significantly impact the timing and scope of improvements to existing and proposed intersection with US 97 in the City.

After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to recommend an Emergency signal activation for use by emergency responders when needing to get through the intersection and extending the existing slip lane into a right-hand turn lane on the westside of Riverside Drive. Mr. Danison, Contract Planner will create a draft of the Commissioners recommendations.

Other Business

Kurt Danison, Contract Planner gave an update to the Commissioners regarding the Pedestrian Walking bridge that will coincide with our existing bridge over the river. He explained this is a WSDOT project and should be completed in 2021-2022.


Tyler Wells, Building Official gave an update the housing developments in the City. Meadow Pointe-46-unit complex, should be signing and closing November 4, 2020, should be breaking ground soon. MeadowLark, senior housing-have turned in an application and plans last week. Santiago Communitie's 400+ unti manufactured home unit complex, will be turning in their Binding Site Plan application on 11/4.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

SIGNED:



Sheila Harrison, Chair



Amber Scott, Deputy Clerk