

DECEMBER 1, 2020 VIA ZOOM DRAFT
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	
Anne Potter	

Approval of Minutes – November 3, 2020 Meeting

Commissioner Davisson moved, seconded by Commissioner Okland to approve the November 3, 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 Focus Area 4-Quince Street and Riverside Drive (SR215)

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 4-Quince Street and Riverside Drive (SR215)

- Strategy 1-Three-leg Traffic Signal
- Strategy 2-Signal with Fourth Leg of Intersection
- Strategy 3-Single Lane Roundabout
- Strategy 4-Pedestrian Improvements

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. Also the concern is if a signal lane roundabout 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 other area of concern for the commissioners were, would traffic get backed up from Quince Street and how would you enter/exit Hometown pizza plaza. Mr. Danison did not know the answer to that. The commissioners did agree the flashing beacon light for pedestrians from Quince across Riverside is an important factor for the safety of the citizens.

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The Commissioners agreed having a single lane roundabout would be the best recommendation, but only if a roundabout was installed on HWY 97, the city would have to work closely with the WSDOT to complete this project together, as it would make the flow of traffic smoother on Riverside Drive.

Mr. Danison, Contract Planner will create a draft of the Commissioners recommendations. January's discussion will be Focus area 5/6.

Other Business

Tyler Wells, Building Official gave an update on the housing developments in the City. Santiago Communities' 400+ unit manufactured home unit complex has turned in the bidding site plan. Tyler, building official has requested more information from the Engineers. He estimates, he will schedule a public hearing regarding the site plan in February 2021 meeting. He will keep the commissioners up to date, as it develops.

Sheila Harrison, Chair reminded the commissioners they will hold elections next meeting scheduled for January 5, 2021 @ 5:30PM.

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

SIGNED:

Sheila Harrison, Chair

Amber Scott, Deputy Clerk