

**JANUARY 5, 2021 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 – December 1, 2020 Meeting

Commissioner Davisson moved, seconded by Commissioner Munding to approve the December 1, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Commissioner Munding moved, seconded by Commissioner Davisson to approve Stacey Okland as Chair and Anne Potter as Vice Chair for 2021. 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 5-US 97 and Dayton Street.

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 from the WSDOT report. Listed below are recommendations.

5.0 Strategy Descriptions and Recommendations

Focus Area 5-US 97 and Dayton Street

Strategy 1-Flashing Yellow Arrow

Strategy 2-Optimize Signal Timing

Strategy 3-Add Sidewalks

Kurt described each option then asked for questions and discussion. The commissioners agreed that a flashing yellow that allows vehicles to make a left turn onto Dayton would be the best short-term fix for mobility and at a very low cost. They also suggested changing the signal timing currently be used to be more efficient. The biggest concerns of the commissioners were to have sidewalks installed for the safety of the pedestrians, from US 97 to the Community Center on Benton Street and adding sidewalks from SR 155 to 5th Ave, via Dayton Street. Kurt will add the final recommendations to the Comp plan. He is just finishing it up to present to the commissioners for final approval and then submit.

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A brief discussion followed with the reports recommendation for the US 97/12 Tribes Casino/Fairgrounds access intersection. While it is well outside the City Limits, one of the strategies connection of the road into Tribal Trails over the railroad and accessing Rodeo Trail. The Commissioners felt that this could have a positive impact on the the Dayton Street/US 97 intersection. The strategies recommended for this intersection also included a single lane round a bout, as this seems to be recommended longer term strategy for all of the intersection along US 97 in and near Omak.

Kurt briefly reviewed the strategies for the Non-motorized trails access North and South of Omak Avenue, US 97 and crossing the Okanogan River for a potential pedestrian bridge and walking trails throughout the City.

Kurt noted that he would finalize a draft of the Transportation Element for the the Planning Commissioners to review and reminded the members that the Element contains a much larger group of recommendations for both motorized and non-mortorized improvements that be carefully reviewed.

Other Business

Tyler Wells, Building Official gave an update on the housing development Santiago. Santiago Communities' 400+ unit manufactured home unit complex has turned in the biding site plan. He reminded the Commissioners they will hold a public hearing in February 2, 2021. He asked if the Commissioners had additional questions after reviewing the site plan. The commissioners wanted to verify a few concerns or questions, before the public hearing. The questions, were in regard to entrances and exits for emergency vehicles, off street parking, additional parking for quests, HOA's and green space areas. Kurt Danison and Tyler answered the questions, and reminded them after tonight they are not to discuss outside or with each other before the hearing.


Tyler updated the commissioners the additional housing developments.

Meadow Pointe Housing: they are pouring concrete and moving forward as much as possible due to weather.


Meadowlarke Senior Housing: City Engineer had additional questions regarding site plan, was sent back to their engineers for clarification. Still hoping to break ground in March.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

SIGNED:



Sheila Harrison, Chair



Amber Scott, Deputy Clerk
Connie Thomas,