

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

ITEM NO: C-7

DATE: May 13, 2010

SUBJECT: Joint City Council and Planning Board Meeting Minutes

CONTACT PERSON: Rosemary Murphy, Utility Clerk/Planning Board Secretary

SUMMARY:

Attached are the minutes of the April 27, 2010 Joint City Council and Planning Board Meeting minutes as on file in the office of the City Clerk.

CITY OF SULTAN JOINT COUNCIL AND PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2010

The joint Council and Planning Board meeting of the Sultan City Council was called to order in the Sultan Community Center by Mayor Eslick. Councilmember present: Pinson, Slawson, Flower, Beeler, Blair and Davenport-Smith and excused absent of Ron Weidiger. Planning Board present: Chair Linth, Knox, Knuckey and Harris. Staff: Deborah Knight, Rosemary Murphy, Bob Martin,

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Eslick calls the meeting to order at 7:00

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: See above

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Susie Hollenbeck: Ron Weidiger is out of the hospital and walking around but not ready for company. May 5th will be City Cleanup Day. She and her volunteer groups has been working on Sportsman Park and the clean-up has done

Toni Redding: Gave and read a description of “small town character” and how to build a community.

Margaret Biggs: She sees communication as a contributing issue for a small town. Possibly installing more benches so citizens can meet and talk about what is happening in town and maybe we could have some signs to let people know what is happening in the community.

Also Boy Scout Troop 52 showed up for a brief acknowledgement on cleaning Main St. this day.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL AND PLANNING BOARD:

Sam Pinson: The Middle School has just implemented the Pledge of Allegiance again.

Steve Harris: Thank the council for joining them in this meeting.

Steve Slawson: He thinks that benches are a good idea and thanked the volunteers for coming.

Sarah Davenport-Smith: Appreciated Toni for the reading on “what is small town character”

Bob Knuckey: Thanked the Spring Cleanup crew. He had 15 kids from the Boys and Girls club come out and clean Osprey Park.

Jim Flower: Thanked the audience for coming to the meeting.

Kristina Blair: Thanked everyone for participating in the Spring Clean up.

Chair Frank Linth: Thanked everyone for the cleanup in the all the parks. The Board has been getting a lot of feedback on the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Carolyn Eslick: Has had good success at the High School with connecting and speaking to the students. They are asking questions. Thanked all who helped in the parks and thanked staff for all of their help.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Discussion 1: Review Proposed Amendments to the City’s Vision Statement:

Issue before the Council and Planning Board is to review proposed amendments to the 1994 vision statement. A revised vision statement will be used to guide the city forward into the 21st Century and provide a foundation for developing a statement on how the city’s comprehensive plan address Vision 2040’s multi-county planning policies and the Growth Management Act.

Council and Board were in complete agreement to leave the Vision Statement as it is, but change “small town feeling” to “small town character” and bring this back in Council Goals.

Discussion 2: Discuss and Define the Term “Small Town Character”:

The issue before the city council and planning board is to discuss the term “small town character” and whether to define the term for the City of Sultan.

Consensus of the Council and Board was to change the wording “small town feeling” to “small town character” and review the description of character when Council meets to discuss Council Goals

Discussion 3: Discuss Whether the Current Park definitions (e.g. regional, community and neighborhood) Accurately Reflect the City’s Park Systems

The issue before the city council and planning board is to review the current park classifications and discuss changing the classifications to fit the standards developed by the National Park and Recreation Association.

The parks classifications are a part of the Park and Recreation Open Space (PROS) Plan update. The classifications adopted by the city council will be transferred to the Parks Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Changing the parks classifications may also affect the city’s level of service standards and park impact fee.

The planning board and city council will need to make a decision regarding the park classifications in May and June to keep the PROS Plan update on schedule for adoption by the November 30, 2010 deadline.

Consensus of the Council and Board was to revise the classifications of the parks. Reduce the Neighborhood parks and add a Community Park. Discuss with consultant firm to evaluate changes to the parks classification and impacts to levels of service and park mitigation fees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susie Hollenbeck: Small town should and would bring continuity with the eastside and downtown.

Margaret Biggs: From a historical point Pocket Park should be brought into the parks recognition.

COUNCILMEMBER’S RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Sam Pinson: Having a unique character and maintaining that image is a small town character.

Jeffrey Beeler: Sultan needs to become a destination city, also recognizing Native American heritage as a reference to the City. The destination because looking out at the mountains and valley and encourage outdoor activities.

PLANNING BOARD’S RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Bob Knuckey: We should have directional signs on highway 2 and in town to help direct people to our parks.

Steve Harris: It has been exciting to be able to sit in on meetings to plan the future of Sultan and to see how others see it, also to be able to set the design criteria for development. Thanks to the audience for showing up and the staff’s assistance.

Jerry Knox: Thanks the audience for attending. The joint meetings have been invaluable in the information obtained.

Chair Frank Linth: The joint meetings are invaluable in sharing information. Thanked all for coming

Mayor Carolyn Eslick: Thanked all for attending. These meetings are how we build our community.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:38 pm on a motion by Steve Slawson and second by Sarah Davenport-Smith the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Carolyn Eslick

Chairman Frank Linth

Rosemary Murphy, Planning Board Secretary