

LEHI CITY PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION

Minutes from the Lehi City Planning Commission Work Session held on Thursday, March 04, 2010 in the Lehi City Planning Department Conference Room.

Members Present: Kerry Schwartz, Marilyn Schiess, Carolyn Player, Carolyn Nelson, Ed James

Members Absent: Kordel Braley - excused, Chris Bleak – excused, Derek Byrne - excused

Others: Kim Struthers, Frankie Christofferson, Christie Hutchings, Noreen Edwards, Council member Mark Johnson, Doug Meldrum

Meeting began at 5:40 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF THE MIXED USE ZONE ON MAIN STREET.

Kim Struthers went over the questionnaire.

Christie Hutchings presented the slide show of Main Street.

Kerry Schwartz wondered about having a sub-committee to study other issues like the VLDRA.

Discussed what needs to be done to make Main Street more welcoming and walk-able.

Doug Meldrum mentioned that there are some obstacles in the down town area; the biggest being the traffic. The only way to alleviate that is to change the traffic situation; have destination shopping. The City has invested in the downtown area. He said maybe we need to open up across the street so the Legacy Center is more visible. Maybe start on the south side of the street and decide what you want to see there; the seating, the garbage, etc. so if there is a change in the downtown buildings you have something to change it to. Maybe we need to create an RDA but you can't start that without having a plan.

Strengths

- City Center
- Old Homes/ historic charm
- Lighting
- Traffic
- Potential to draw people in
- Landmarks – Colonial House, Roller Mills, Porter's Place, Broadbent's, Museum
- Emotional ties – pride
- Rodeo
- Pioneer Heritage
- Arts in the Park (Sunday evenings)

Weaknesses

- Few desirable businesses
- Traffic
- Parking
- Sidewalks
- Connectivity/ continuity
- UDOT control
- Small parcels
- Not walk-able
- No drawing point

- Disrepair – buildings and infrastructure
- No trail connections
- No funds

Visions

- Promote Lehi through special events
 - Film festival
 - Food festival
 - Arts festival
 - Cycling, running
 - Dog shows
 - Demolition derby
 - Music/ dance
 - Racquetball
- Agricultural heritage
- Western heritage
- New residential to downtown – Mixed Use (not stand alone)
- Aesthetics – street improvements
- Walk-able – tie into State St. and Main St.
- Visual and Performing Arts Center
- To encourage development that follows the Downtown Revitalization Plan

Discussed funding and what UDOT would contribute.

Ed James would like to see a draft of what this district should have and what will be done to promote this area – a description – put in the packets for City Business for the March 25th meeting.

Kerry Schwartz said we still need to discuss State Street and the VLDRA.

Kim Struthers said that Micron has submitted a Concept plan so maybe we need to discuss that at the April Work Session. He also reminded everyone that the joint work session with City Council is in May.

Discussed having the City Council look at the sidewalks on Main Street and what it would take to have them repaired. This would be one of the first things we want to have done towards the revitalization. Check into grants for sidewalks and planters, etc.

Kerry Schwartz will be making some sub-committee assignments to look at State Street and VLDRA.

Carolyn Player moved to adjourn. Second by Ed James. Motion carried unanimous.

Meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Date Approved_____

Chairman_____

Secretary_____