

Nampa Comprehensive Plan 01/24/2019

Mayor Debbie Kling started the meeting at 4:05 pm and introduced the agenda for the meeting. She invited Doug Critchfield to review the first two Comprehensive Plan meetings.

First Meeting Recap

Doug discussed the purpose of the first meeting. The three topics for the meeting were to discuss the priorities, values, and roles of government for the City of Nampa.

Priorities

1. Efficient movement of traffic
2. Strive for new development to pay for its cost of public infrastructure and services
3. Plan for, implement and fund projects to meet future public service needs
4. Promote infill development
5. Protect water quality and quantity
6. Provide adequate funding for public safety
7. Ensure that we have adequate industrial land
8. Promote mixed-use development
9. Community involvement
10. Housing affordability

Values *(In order of importance)*

1. **Family (17)**
2. Community (14)
3. Freedom (12)
4. Open Space (10)
5. Safety (9)
6. Economic Opportunity (8)
7. Affordable Housing/Living (7)
8. Religion, Faith, Church (7)
9. Small Town Feel (6)
10. Ease of Transportation (6)

Roles of Government *(In order of importance)*

1. **Public Safety (17)**
2. **Transparency, communication, involvement (17)**
3. **Fiscal responsibility & cost efficient (17)**
4. Transportation, well maintained streets (9)
5. Long-Term Planning for a productive community (8)
6. Vision (7)
7. Consistency, fair application of codes, simplified codes, good business environment, customer service (5)

Second Meeting Recap

Doug covered the second meeting where mixed groups discussed land use maps broken into 4 categories. These categories were Transportation, Parks and Pathways, Housing and Mixed Use Areas, and Economic Development.

The conclusions they were able to gather are as follows:

Future Land Use Map - Transportation

Proposed Changes:

- Change 20/26 corridor to Community Mixed Use
- On the nodes along Ustick Rd.: Change Medium Density Residential to Residential Mixed-Use
- Future Alignment of Highway 16: portions call for Medium and High Density Residential. A change to Community Mixed Use adds buffering to neighborhoods and adds office and commercial uses.
- Realignment of Highway 45 to 7th S, Yale and Northside would keep trucks out of downtown. Medium Density areas could change to Residential Mixed Use along this corridor.

Committee feedback:

- With the changes proposed for the 20/26 corridor and Ustick– make sure to include green space requirements.
- The Hwy 16 Corridor has many future development interests. Some felt that High Density Residential would support affordable housing near future job centers on this corridor.
- Include parking needs as zoning changes are proposed.
- Provide gradual transition between different land uses.
- Provide bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure as these corridors develop.

Future Land Use Map - Parks and Pathways

Proposed Changes:

- Locate a park within ½ mile (10 minute walk) of every resident per national standards is desired – may not be practical in built-out neighborhoods.
- Ensure ‘destination’ parks are prioritized in strategic locations.
- Continue to build the trail and pathway system along irrigation canals, creeks, rail corridors and the Boise River.

Committee feedback:

- Build Parks along the Boise River
- Locate parks in residential areas – take out of Industrial
- A off leash dog park near Deer Flat refuge is desired
- Provide more open space in developments – HOA’s to maintain
- Plan for long-term preservation of the park system
- Continue to work with the schools to utilize school property for recreational programming.
- Build community/pollinator gardens
- Beautify freeway exits
- Connect trails and pathways with activity areas and schools
- Fill in sidewalk gaps – especially for Safe Routs to School
- Connect to Downtown on the sidewalk systems

Future Land Use Map – Economic Development

Proposed Changes:

- Change zoning from Ag to Community Mixed Use along the 20/26 corridor
- On the nodes along Ustick Rd.: Change Medium Density Residential to Residential Mixed-Use
- Change employment center to light industrial south of the airport

Committee feedback:

Highway 20/26

- If a natural gas pipeline is installed – provide some industrial use along that corridor.
- Create a parkland and a wildlife buffer along the Boise River – especially in the floodplain.
- Plan for Larger home sites between river and 20/26 on the bluff, then Commercial Mixed Use along the 20/26 Corridor

Highway 16

- Preserve High Density designations.
- Maintain the Industrial and Business Park area.

Additional Committee feedback:

- Provide Neighborhood Commercial along Midland.
- Change business park designation on the east side of Northside south of the interstate.
- Prevent residential development encroachment on the industrial areas.

Doug then introduced Beth Ineck who discussed the specific proposed changes to the Land Use Map. Beth first discussed some of the major widespread changes such as:

1. North Nampa Impact Area – Boise River and 20/26 corridor
2. Highway 16 corridor
3. South and West Nampa spread of Medium Density Residential

Then she talked about some of the smaller changes to the map dividing the city in quarters. Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest.

Beth called for the groups to review the maps on their tables to discuss the proposed changes for about 30 minutes.

Doug Critchfield recalled the groups together to discuss the strategies devised in the comprehensive plan. There were 739 strategies initially and after the feedback from the first two meetings, his team removed duplicate strategies, eliminated strategies that have already been implemented, went to other departments for feedback and highlighted the strategies that support the committee priorities.

Some of those highlights were:

- Impacts of Growth on Traffic congestion
- Impacts of Growth on Affordable Housing

- Impacts of Growth on Services (Public Safety, Utilities, Community-based services, Library, etc.)
- Impacts of Growth on Quality of Life/Family
- Economic diversity
- Business retention and expansion
- Job Opportunities
- Protection of agricultural and open space lands
- Mixed Use Commercial and Residential
- Access (to government, between communities)
- Genus Locci (Spirit of Place) – Live, Work, Play in Nampa

Doug then introduced Shannon McGuire to speak about the Strategic Plan. Shannon McGuire asked for feedback from the committee about the current meeting.

Surprised how many zoning regions are being changed. Especially the ones that are being changed to match what is currently in that zone, which suggests that the previous plan was not followed.

The changes made to North Nampa seem very intentional and it seems like they reflect what the city has learned from the past and that's a good thing.

Its clear that we need to decide to focus on infill, mixed use development, or tackling urban sprawl.

There needs to be primary health care added to North Nampa.

Shannon advanced the meeting and gave the tables some more table time to focus on the committee priorities:

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And the strategies that support them:

1. Promote industrial development in Nampa in order to strengthen our tax base (4.1.3)
2. Protect commercial and industrial development surrounding the airport (4.1.3.2)
3. Encourage mixed-use and infill development in areas identified on the comprehensive plan map (4.1.4.1)
4. Encourage the development of entrepreneur and start-up businesses (4.1.5)

5. Continue active participation in regional and metropolitan associations and planning efforts to pursue regional economic developments objectives (4.1.7.1)
6. Continue to update, expand and evolve the library system to provide the most convenient access to library services to the greatest number of Nampa's citizens (7.10.1)
7. Provide an adequate supply and mix of housing that meets the needs of present and future residents in terms of cost, location, accessibility, housing type, lot size, design and neighborhood character (3.1)
8. Locate housing in areas that promote employment opportunities (3.1.3)
9. Construct affordable housing near College of Western Idaho (CWI) and Northwest Nazarene University (NWNNU) (3.1.3.(b))
10. Develop standards that will promote attractive infill development, which is compatible with or improves the quality of established neighborhoods (8.1.9)
11. Support zoning practices that strengthen neighborhood diversity, mixed use, employment, recreation and a healthy lifestyle (8.1.10.1)
12. Develop a housing component in the downtown master plan to create live/work/play opportunities (3.1.5.3)
13. Continue to engage in neighborhood revitalization efforts to improve the central neighborhood and encourage more mixed-income communities (3.1.8.3)
14. Provide an adequate supply of quality affordable housing to meet the needs of very-low, low and moderate-income residents (3.1.11.1)
15. Consider reducing lot sizes and providing more flexible setback requirements to increase affordable housing types (3.1.11.7)
16. Encourage a balance of diverse landscaping uses of the community's greenways by protecting, enhancing and maintaining the natural, hydrological, scenic and recreational qualities of lands along rivers, canals, drains and laterals (8.1.4)
17. Reduce impacts to waterways, wetlands, and scenic and historic areas by including these areas in the park and open space system, when possible (9.1.3.3.)
18. Plan, maintain, enhance and expand, where appropriate, future emergency medical services (EMS), fire and police services (7.3.1)
19. Position equipment throughout the community to provide timely and effective hazardous materials response (7.3.6.8)
20. Develop and maintain a coordinated and balanced transportation system that provides a variety of choices among transportation modes, including automobile, public transit, air, bicycle and pedestrian (6.1)
21. Improve pedestrian connections among land uses in the City to create a continuous and seamless pedestrian system, and to enhance the walkability and pedestrian environment of the City (6.1.12)
22. Provide for a continuous and interconnected bicycle route and trail network that is viable, convenient, and safe, and a system that will encourage both commuter and recreational bicycling (6.1.13)
23. Work with Canyon County, the Idaho Transportation Department and COMPASS to implement the City's 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (6.1.13.1)
24. Seek specific capacity improvements and other traffic management treatments that minimize negative impacts on neighborhoods (6.1.4.4)

25. Encourage transit-oriented development at strategic locations in the City as identified in City plans (6.1.20)
26. Partner with COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit to develop, adopt and implement transit-oriented development plans and standards that address: Land use patterns (6.1.20.2)
27. Promote compact development, which will allow for bicycling, walking and public transit in order to provide more effective transportation alternatives (6.1.2.1)

After the groups had time to discuss their thoughts on the strategies, Shannon asked for the groups to share what they found most exciting and what was missing.

The groups found that strategies about mixed use, infill, affordable housing, and revitalization of downtown were exciting, while the biggest missed topic was adding greenspace. It was also mentioned that the terms industrial and infill need to be defined more clearly, and that some of the 27 strategies are goals or are too vague to be useful.

Shannon ended the group sharing portion and discussed what she will be doing to help develop the comprehensive plan. She described the strategic plan as a separate and sub-entity of the comprehensive plan. She said what the meeting was for her to better understand the community's wants and needs so she can put together a better strategic plan for the city. She asked for any final words from the mayor.

Mayor Kling said her thanks for Shannon and for the committee's time and said she was looking forward to the next meeting in February.

The meeting came to an end at **5:56 PM**