



Nampa 2040

Comprehensive Plan Review Advisory Committee

Workshop #5 – Meeting Transcripts

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Prepared by:

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Elected officials in attendance:

Mayor Debbie Kling

Planning and Zoning Commission Attendees

Peggy Sellman
Lance McGrath (Chair)
Bret Miller
Matt Garner
Steve Kehoe

Nampa City Council Attendees

Sandi Levi
Rick Hogaboam
Darl Bruner
Randy Haverfield

Three candidates for City Council Scott Glover, Jeff Cornills and Jacob Bower were in attendance as well.

Presentation

After roll call for the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council was taken by Nathan Haveman from the City Clerk's Office and an introduction by Mayor Kling, City of Nampa Senior Planner Doug Critchfield reviewed the process and priorities that were established by the Committee and reiterated in the Townhall Meetings by the public. A review of the highlights of significant changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map was then presented. Jeff Barnes from the City of Nampa Public Works Department gave a brief overview of the Transportation Master Plan.

Group Discussion

Table groups of about 10 attendees per table were given about 30 minutes to discuss the changes and the Future Land Use Map. Feedback from each table was given to the Committee. The feedback that was given was very focused and meaningful to the update process.

Report-Out Comments from Group Discussion:

Round 1

Groups were asked to review the strategy map and provide their feedback (what do they like, not like, what's missing, etc.)

Table 1 represented by Rodney Ashby, City of Nampa Principal Planner

- Planned communities should be outward focused and not walling up neighborhoods. There should be 'bigger picture' connections to the rest of the community.

- Low impact commercial is positive and good thing for the community as long as they are clearly defined.

Table 2 represented by Kristi Watkins, City of Nampa Senior Planner and comments were given by a Committee Member

- Library Square/12th: Needs alternate truck route for safety, reduce congestion.
- There needs to be better awareness of what is available in Nampa – parks, pathways, and access.
- We need a new app to find out what is there.
- High and Low Density was discussed.
- Net vs. Gross Density Calculation was discussed.
- Infill incentives – we need to encourage property owners to offer properties for development so that we can avoid urban sprawl.
- We need to compare Canyon County’s Land Use Map to our Future Land Use map to see how existing and current uses affects their land use designations.
- Appreciation was expressed for general designations that allow for flexibility.

Doug response: The Comprehensive Plan has a ‘Truck Route Section’. Seattle has Seattle Trails app that we can explore.

Table 3 represented by a Committee Member

- The table discussed land uses – Low and High Density Residential.
- The Appearance of on-off ramps is important. The presentation coming off the freeway: no one likes it. We hope the new on/off ramp will look better.
- Developers should be responsible for their own developments/roads/parks.
- Like flexibility of the consolidated Future Map designations.
- Not a lot of agriculture on the map.

Table 4 represented by Council Member Rick Hogaboam

- Public Safety: COMPSTAT – we need tangible feedback from public on what this means from the perspective of a service level component.
- Firefighters have a service level rated by response times.
- Need connectivity between subdivisions with pathways. Using Development Agreements is the best method – need to stick with plan.
- Affordable housing: what is the HOI (Housing Affordability Index) in Nampa? Is Nampa better or worse than Boise? How is the indexing done?
- Urban Sprawl: affordable housing can create higher taxes. We need to diversify the tax base. We need to protect taxpayer/homeowners. We want diversity but this done strategically.
- Trucking and truck routes: it is expensive to reroute trucks - \$25M at least for a reroute.
- Technology: micro-mobility, scooters - how can they be used safely on the streets? Cell towers: sign standards needed on arterials. How are we going to prepare for 5G technology? Where will towers go? How many?
- Highway 16: We need to look at compatible land uses. It will bring 1,000’s of trips. We will need revisions on how that builds out.

Table 5 represented by a Committee Member

- Transportation – Amazon project will increase traffic. How are we going to deal with it?
- Concerns about traffic around library square – public safety
- Challenge in developing downtown: 10% of people are staying in Nampa to work – how do we increase that number?
- How do we attract people to come south of the freeway/south of town? Perhaps a bypass or and easier route from the freeway to downtown?
- We need to revamp the sewer system north of town – it seems to be gaining traction

Council Member Rick Hogaboam comment:

- 10% of people are staying in town. This is misleading – a lot of population is retired
- What % of population is retired? How many are commuting for recreational activities?

COMPASS Representative Carl Miller response: 23% of the population in Nampa are school age, 20% are retired

Council Member Rick Hogaboam: That makes more sense

Table 6 represented by Planning and Zoning Chair Lance McGrath

- Need the Bike Ped Plan integrated into changes in Comp Plan - Public Art and Public Safety are improved
- Downtown Core: is there a land use for high density apartment-style living? – what designations allow those uses?
- Highway 16: services to that area – what will follow – we need to provide essential services in that corridor
- The CanAda Road / Ustick Road intersection needs attention. We need to consider the intersection with municipalities and Westgate School District growth.
- Attracting new business – we need to ensure that neighborhood businesses are supported. Need to ensure that flexibility is in place for success
- Traffic: Trucks through town, how can we improve safety? What are the alternate routes? Need to identify them and work with other communities
- Infrastructure is the key to successful implementation
- Concerns about maintaining public safety as expansion happens