

MINUTES of the Vernal City PLANNING COMMISSION

Vernal City Council Chambers - 374 East Main Street, Vernal, Utah

May 14, 2019

7:00 pm

Members Present: Chair Joni Crane, Samantha Scott, Darcy McMickell, Eric Hunting, Troy Allred

Members Excused: Jim Linschoten, Adam Ray

Alternates Present: Ben McMickell, Corey Foley

Alternates Excused: Kimball Glazier

Staff Present: Allen Parker, Assistant City Manager; Matt Tate, Building Official; and Sherri Montgomery, Administrative Clerk.

WELCOME AND DESIGNATION OF CHAIR AND MEMBERS: Chair Joni Crane welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 9, 2019: Chair Joni Crane asked if there were any changes to the minutes from April 9, 2019. Ben McMickell pointed out that on line 20, it states “Chair Joni Crane”; however, Ms. Crane was not in attendance at the meeting. It should be changed to “Interim Chair Samantha Scott”. There being no other corrections, *Samantha Scott moved to approve the minutes of April 9, 2019 with the correction as noted. Ben McMickell seconded the motion. The motion passed with Joni Crane, Samantha Scott, Darcy McMickell, Eric Hunting, Troy Allred, Ben McMickell, and Corey Foley voting in favor.*

GENERAL PLAN – ALLEN PARKER: Allen Parker explained that the Planning Commission has had several work sessions, and he has made several changes to the transportation in the General Plan. Mr. Parker indicated that the General Plan update will be directed a different way than the original plan. The City Council has tentatively budgeted in the FY2020 Budget \$10,000 for the General Plan update. Mr. Parker mentioned that it was a tight budget year. It was decided to include the \$10,000 for the General Plan, because the update is so critical. The last time the General Plan was updated and approved was in 2010; therefore, the City is past the five year update. Mr. Parker stated that the General Plan land use map was updated a few years back. The significant update to the General Plan is complex enough with the amendments to the moderate income housing, trails master plan, and transportation. Therefore, the City Council decided that hiring a consultant would be the only way to implement it properly and get the most effective results. The data that the Planning Commission has been working on will give the consultant a significant head start to the General Plan update. Mr. Parker referenced the map that was included in the packets. The green line is the arterials that were decided on in previous meetings. The darker green line indicated where the road does not exist yet, but is a part of the transportation master plan. Mr. Parker stated that during his review of the plan, he realized that he missed 1500 South between Vernal Avenue and 500 East where that green line does not connect over. That road is built and is supposed to be an arterial and will be fixed in the digital version. The red lines are major arterials, which basically consist of existing State highways and 2500 South. The pink line on 2500 South is not built yet. The blue

line that surrounds the entire area is the extent of the annexation policy plan and therefore, the range of the General Plan. The yellow line is the existing collector roads and the orange line is the collector roads that have not yet been built. Mr. Parker stated that 1000 South was intended to go all the way across to 2500 and cross all the way over to the airport. There is an omission on the west side, and the east side is where it runs into the 80 acre park next to the Recreation Center. Mr. Parker explained that he pulled that off there, because there was no way to push that road, unless it was deviated to the South, and that subdivision is mostly built. Mr. Parker explained that it is not a critical collector road, and there is enough to get around it and create the transportation that is needed. Mr. Parker stated that there is one road that the Planning Commission may want to change from a minor arterial to a collector road and that is 3500 West. It does not ever reach Highway 40 and may have been planned a little too aggressively. Ms. Crane asked if it should be changed accordingly. The Planning Commission briefly discussed the issue. Corey Foley asked if Mr. Parker was suggesting changing 3500 West to a collector road instead of a minor arterial. Mr. Parker stated yes, or at least from 500 North, which is the major arterial that it connects into. Mr. Parker suggested south of that where it turns into a collector road and north of that where it serves the canyon remains a minor arterial. The Planning Commission all agreed with that concept. Eric Hunting asked if 3500 South was the road that is really narrow and not drawn in. Mr. Parker mentioned that 3500 South is not on there yet. Mr. Parker stated that 2500 South is the pink line. Mr. Parker pointed out an error in looking at 1000 West, south of 1500 South, there is a gap that was not drawn in there and should be an orange line. Ben McMickell asked if it was an existing road. Mr. Parker stated yes. Troy Allred asked if the truck route could be eliminated. Mr. Parker stated no, it was approved, but there are still some concerns over the route by the bicyclists. It has not fully been abandoned; however, it has been postponed for now. Ms. Crane asked how the City's plan concurs with the County's plan, especially on the outlining edges. Mr. Parker mentioned that it is not in full conformance with where the County is right now. Mr. Parker indicated that he planned to meet with Matt Cazier with the County and take a look at their transportation plan.

Mr. Parker explained that he will implement all the proposed changes from the discussion and prepare for the public meeting. The Planning Commission briefly discussed upcoming trainings that would be beneficial for the Planning Commission. Chair Joni Crane mentioned that she has a friend that does municipal parliamentary procedures and suggested inviting her to a meeting for a quick training on board management operations and how to conduct meetings to keep them running smoothly and to have some basic protocol. Mr. Parker mentioned that she is one of the best in the world. Ms. Crane explained that she would be willing to do it for free for her. The Planning Commission briefly discussed other areas where they really liked their streets including center parking and adding scooters as well as dark sky lighting.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, *Samantha Scott moved to adjourn. Eric Hunting seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned.*

Joni Crane, Planning Commission Chair