

Hastings Planning Commission

March 12, 2018 - Regular Meeting Minutes
Hastings City Hall - City Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.

Vice Chair Alpaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Planning Commissioners Present: Alpaugh, Johnson, Barse, Harvey, and Siebenaler

Planning Commissioners Absent: Deaver and Wallace

Staff Present: Community Development Director John Hinzman and City Planner Justin Fortney

2. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 13, 2018 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Barse. Motion approved 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OTHER ACTIONS

3. Comprehensive Plan Update

Fortney provided background on the Comprehensive Plan and future steps for adoption. The Plan provides a guide for development until 2040. The current plan update includes more public input than in previous plans. The Steering Committee has been meeting since 2017. Project deadline is at the end of 2018.

Commissioner Barse asked if there is a period of time between adopting the new plan that comp plan amendments cannot be accepted.

Fortney replied that any amendment requests have to be turned in by June. The review period is about 6 months.

Commissioner Alpaugh asked what different kinds of community outreach the city has deployed during this process.

Fortney summarized the various methods of getting the community involved in the planning process from pop-up meetings to the interactive mapping tool on the website.

Commissioner Harvey asked if there were any recurring themes that have surfaced from all the community feedback.

Fortney replied that they have heard a lot about transportation, affordable housing, and “small-town” character retention.

4. Community Development Annual Report

Hinzman provided a summary of the Annual Report including statistics on housing, ordinance amendment and SUP/CUP requests, development activity, future items that will come before the Planning Commission, and timelines for the Hudson development.

Commissioner Harvey asked what some key takeaways from the parking study were.

Hinzman replied that there were some worries before the study that there was not enough parking but the study showed that at peak saturation, parking was still only about 75% full.

5. Planning Commission Work Plan

Hinzman provided a summary of upcoming Planning Commission items and asked the Commission to discuss future topics for review or action by the Commission.

Commissioners discussed a desire to review past projects, be involved in the Vermillion Corridor project, be informed of economic development strategies, and meeting jointly with HEDRA and Council to review joint areas of responsibility.

6. Other Business

Hinzman reviewed recent council actions

7. Adjourn

Commissioner Johnson motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Barse. Motion approved 5-0

Next Meeting – March 26, 2018