

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Terry Thompson, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. March 16, 2015.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Chairman Terry Thompson, Mike Bailey, Pat Simmons.

Staff: City Community Development Director Travis Goddard, and Planning Secretary, Trisha Tolley

ABSENT: Roger Ensz

Quorum Established.

Public: Mayor Shawn Logan, City Administrator Wade Farris, Council Member John Lallas, Bob Carlson, Curt Andrews, Amy Hurlbut, Ed McCann, Pete Olsen, Colton Anderson and Tyler Fryberger with the Othello Outlook.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 3, 2015 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

It was voted to accept the minutes from March 3, 2015. M/S Simmons/Bailey

BRAIN STORMING – WHAT MAKES A GOOD RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD?

Community Development Director Travis Goddard went over handouts of 2015 estimated populations and housing units to get an estimated amount of people per housing unit in the city. Projecting out to 2035 we will need to add another 2,096 units in the next 20 years. Mr. Goddard went over other handouts and a slideshow of examples of the different types of housing units and density and what our needs will be. Things people look for in a neighborhood are safety, stop signs, sidewalks, attractive homes, parks, and amenities.

HOUSING PREFERENCE SURVEY

After looking at several slides of the different types of housing Mr. Goddard asked what types of housing would we like to see in the housing in Othello? Alleys were a plus by getting the cars parked off the streets, but were also thought of as not being a plus, they were said to be expensive to build and unattractive. Mr. Olsen indicated narrower streets would be easier to maintain. Mayor Logan said his point of view of what our goals are is to have the neighborhoods in this community to have some kind of personality or flare. This doesn't mean all sub divisions will look the same. There can be areas that are entry level homes, and other areas that are 2nd level homes and 3rd level homes. Mr. Farris mentioned that Town Houses that are built with the same quality, but have different sizes making it easier to accommodate different levels of what people can afford. This way everyone can enjoy the same quality of homes, parks and amenities in that area. Further discussion was done on ways to make developers want to develop in Othello.

DISCUSSION OF GOALS & POLICIES FOR HOUSING

There was discussion on the different sizes of lots and what types of houses could be built on each lot, and what types of zoning there should be. Some concerns of potable water being used to irrigate and how it should not be used for that. Irrigation is available and it was mentioned that it would be nice if future developers could include that when developing land. Community Developer Director, Travis Goddard indicated that he has scheduled meetings at Desert Haven on April 2, and the School District Staff next month and then he is putting together a Public Open House with various stations. He also will be talking to Greg Brandenburg, with CBHA, on what he sees in the housing demands and his point of view. Mr. Goddard will be putting out some surveys of the pictures of housing that were viewed at the meeting and talked about and mailing links to them. There is a lot more input and discussions that needs to go on about housing demands. Next month we will be discussing Land Use.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business at hand Chairman Terry Thompson asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting, the next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2015. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm. M/S Bailey/Simmons.

By: _____ Date: _____
Trisha Tolley, Planning Secretary

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