

HS Comprehensive Plan

MINUTES 4/7/16

AGENDA

- Check in on April's Meetings with Dakota Resources Tourism, Recreation, Business/Economic Growth, Health & Wellness, Housing (5 min)
- Review Community Character Draft (20 min)
- Discuss Past – Present – Future – To Do (5 min)
- Chapter 7 – Economic Development
Discussion specifically on the Downtown (20 min)
- Next Meeting – Set date and topic
Review To-Do list (10 minutes)

Adjourn

Attending: Kim Barbieri, Nolan Schroeder, Rajni Lerman, Barbara Walter, Wayne Hageman, Jeanie Montgomery, Scott Hayden, Eburn Adelona, Tim Theusch, Georgia Holmes

I am missing 3 people – please let me know who



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The meeting started at 5:30 pm

1. Check in on April's Meetings with Dakota Resources Tourism, Recreation, Business/Economic Growth, Health & Wellness, Housing all sections are in the process of establish a mission statement and preparing to begin prioritizing goals and projects
2. Review Community Character Draft - Kim handed out copies of the draft thus far. Everyone needed more time to review it so this topic was pushed to the April Meeting.
3. Kim reviewed the basic questions we need to ask and answer for each section of the Comprehensive Plan.
 - *Where were we? How did we get there?*
 - *Where are we now and how did we get here?*
 - *Where do we want to be? What steps do we need to take to move forward?*
4. Chapter 7 – Economic Development
[Specifically DOWNTOWN]
 - a. The 'downtown' was defined as the historic part of town coinciding with the historic district boundaries and limited to the General Commercial Zoning District. It ranges from the Court House on North River Street south to the ACE Hardware block on South Chicago Street.
 - b. Things we are most proud of in our downtown NOW:
 - I. Waterfall, our springs, the river (branding)
 - II. Freedom Trail, Kidney Springs, Centennial Park, Old Depot and Jail welcome station
 - III. Improved streetscape: pavements, street amenities like trash receptacles, light poles, clean, trees and pods, abundance of sidewalks

- IV. Murals
 - V. Sandstone architecture and history
 - VI. Community synergy, activities, concerts
 - VII. Attractive storefronts
 - VIII. Turnaround on North River Street
- c. Things that we can build on to improve and help our downtown to be the best it can be:
- I. MORE concerts, events, recreation, contests and activities
 - II. Increased pedestrian traffic day and night
 - III. The Movie Theater up and running
 - IV. Renovated vacant buildings
 - V. Thriving businesses in all storefronts
 - VI. Coordinated awnings
 - VII. A more multi-cultural downtown with activities from various cultures
 - VIII. Share our history – educate the storeowners
 - IX. Complete the river plan and make the river more accessible; manage invasives
 - X. Continue to improve and add more streetscape amenities: benches, recycling options, shade, trees color, bike racks
 - XI. Public art: murals, river murals etc.
 - XII. Art contests with public participation
 - XIII. Encourage new businesses like bicycle repair
 - XIV. Increased friendliness at stores

- d. 'Other' business areas [University & Jensen Highway]
 - I. Extend sidewalks near hospital and at intersections with uniformity
 - II. Include streetscape pedestrian amenities: benches, banners, garbage cans, color, trees
 - III. Signage: Limit or restrict billboards
 - IV. New pedestrian scale lighting especially along University which is a neighborhood shopping district. Make all new lighting down lighting and compliant with the Dark Skies initiative.
 - V. Pave alleyways to help keep clean
 - VI. Manage stormwater runoff – use Low Impact Development techniques
 - VII. Encourage more business growth and more friendliness
 - VIII. City gain control over empty buildings and empty storefronts

▪ Next Meeting – **Thursday May 12 @ 5:30 pm at the City Hall conference room**

Adjourn at 6:45 pm

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