



Minutes for the Joint City Council/Planning Commission Work Session and Planning  
Commission Meeting  
June 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.  
**Irrigon City Hall**  
**500 NE Main Avenue**

1. Call to Order

Mayor James Ray called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Mayor Ray asked for everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Mayor called roll. Council members present were: Ken Matlack, Harold Poeling, Jack Johns, Robert Flourney and Eleanor Partridge. Councilor David Burns was absent.

Chair Amy Sandy called roll. Commission members present were: Dale Beamer and David Wood. Commissioner's Tanna Dole was absent. Stacy Nordquist was not present at the time of roll call; however he arrived at 7 p.m.

Staff present: City Manager Gerald Breazeale. Penny Moore was absent.

Citizens present: Gloria Wood and John Sebastian. Guest present: Matt Hughart and Allison Wildman.

3. Joint City Council/Planning Commission Work Session – Downtown Development Final Draft Plan

Chair Amy Sandy asked the consultants Matt Hughart from Kittleson and Associated, and Allison Wildman from SERA Architects to give their presentation on the Downtown Development Plan which has been developed after substantial public input. Graphics were handed out.

Matt Hughart explained the project with some background information and how the project got started. A vision was established by the planning process, several goals were created to help direct the public policy decision-making and measure success over time. Mr. Hughart stated effort was put into creating a pedestrian-friendly focal point for the community along with developing a transportation system that promotes safe mobility for all modes of travel to and within the Downtown and along and across US 730.

Allison Wildman talked about the Irrigon downtown design, the marketing and the assets of Irrigon with the New City Hall, the skate park and the river to name a few. Ms. Wildman presented the Downtown Development Plan as a conceptual plan view rendering, showing where and how both new public and private development could be developed over time. Ms. Wildman talked about the three areas for the “main street” focuses being the North Village, the Highway 730 or the South Village.

Mr. Hughart showing the diagrams of three alternative methods needs to improve on the local highway system through town. There was an emphasize on the safety of children along Highway 730 and drivers driving through to recognize this is the City of Irrigon, a town, not a rural area. It was stated that the local traffic techniques were needed to slow traffic. There needs to be a mix of physical improvements to the highway, narrowing it, creating medians, and landscape, along with the down town area creating the focal point to be activity. The final highway concept plan would be for access over time.

The public chose the North Village as their preferred plan. The plan captures community input through the process planning. There was a question and answer session on the final draft, which will now go to the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Department for review. After the required 45 days, the plan will be presented to the city council for a public hearing and to be adopted in the near future.

#### 4. If I were Mayor Contest – Judging for Award

Mayor James Ray asked the city council and planning commission members to vote on the “If I Were Mayor” contest posters that had been submitted from the schools. Mayor Ray announced that the votes would be tallied after the meeting.

Chair Amy Sandy excused the city council member, however, she invited them to stay for the remainder of the planning commission business if they would like too.

#### 5. Approval of the April 7, 2009 Planning Commission meeting minutes

Since the minutes from April 7, 2009 were not available for review at the meeting, the minutes were not approved.

#### 6. **Public Hearing**

Partlow Subdivision Replat

Chair Amy Sandy **opened the Public Hearing.**

City Manager Gerald Breazeale stated that a letter had been received from a property owner adjacent to the Partlow Subdivision Replat opposing the two subdivisions. The letter states that the home on the subdivision north of this subdivision sits only a few feet from lot 19. The letter continues to state that this would place the homes to close together.

David Wood stated during the discussion that since there are no code setback violations he does not have a problem with it.

There being no further discussion Chair Amy Sandy **closed the Public Hearing.**

7. Planning Commission Action - Partlow Subdivision Replat

David Wood moved to approve the Partlow Subdivision Replat. Dale Beamer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Building Permits Issued First Quarter for 2009

Since the building permit log from the May 5, 2009 packets were not available at the meeting, the permits were not reviewed.

9. Planning Commission Training Manual – Chapter 4, 36-45

Chair Amy Sandy tabled the training until next meeting.

10. Additional Discussion

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: City of Irrigon Planning Commission – July 7, 2009  
All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

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Tanna Dole, Planning Commission Secretary