

A joint meeting for the purpose of the Master Comp Plan with City Council and Planning Commission of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 5:30 p.m. on September 6, 2022 at WNCC. Present were: Council: Marva Ellwanger, Brad Sherman, Burke Radcliffe. Planning Commission: Ben Schmitt, Bob Long, Caleb Sweetser, Doug Loghry, Matt Benzel Others present: City Manager David Scott, City Attorney J Leef and City Clerk Lori Borchert. Staff: Joe Aikens, Michael Palmer, Tom VonSeggern, Lane Kizzire. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in *The Sidney Sun Telegraph*, the designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the members of the City Council and Planning Commission. A copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Council Brad Sherman informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Sherman opened the public meeting for Council at 5:35 pm. Schmitt opened the public meeting for the Planning Commission at 5:35 pm.

Amy Haase, AICP Project Manager for RDG Planning & Design, presented a power point. Haase stated the reason for this joint meeting was to get feedback as we are at the initial stages of planning. Haas continued, that a comprehensive plan should provide a basis of what is good for the community as a whole. It should ensure future growth that produces maximum economic benefit; that also provides a safe, convenient and effective access to all parts of a growing city as well as maintaining character and connectedness of the city as it grows. The comprehensive plan also ties to all the other systems, such as transportation, trails, parks, recreation and schools. The plan will also provide direction as to where we see commercial, residential and industrial going. Haase gave a tentative timeline of goals from July 2022 through March of 2023.

Schmitt asked if this plan would include areas that already have development on it. Haase responded that it would be a definite potential.

Haase asked for a word or phrase to describe Sidney today. Resilient, friendly, caring, potential, were a few of the descriptions of Sidney. Haase then asked to describe Sidney in the future. Growing, inclusive, engaging and diversified were suggested. Haase asked to describe the biggest threats to future growth/stability. Lack of housing, the workforce, age demographics and lack of recreation were some of the biggest issues. Haase asked what the biggest opportunities to future growth/stability were. Comments were location, infrastructure ready and willingness to grow.

Haase concluded by stating they will be back in October, the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup> to do a workshop to get more feedback.

There were no further comments.

Sherman adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:36 pm

Schmitt adjourned the Planning Commission Meeting at 6:36 pm

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/s/BEN SCHMITT,CHAIRMAN

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ATTEST: /s/LORI BORCHERT, CITY CLERK