

Missoula City Council Land Use and Planning Committee Minutes - DRAFT

December 15, 2021

12:35 pm

ZOOM Webinar

Members present: John P. Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

Members absent: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Amanda Vermace called the roll.

Gwen Jones joined the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Approval of the Minutes from December 8, 2021

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Transportation Options Action Plan

Aaron Wilson, Infrastructure & Mobility Planning manager with the Public Works and Mobility department, gave an updated report on the Transportation Option Action Plan project. His presentation focused on what they have been hearing, what they're doing and where they are going. The Transportation Option Action Plan is part of the Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Wilson covered what transportation options are which includes:

- Education and outreach
- Incentives
- Policies
- Technology
- Small-scale infrastructure

Heidi West joined the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

Mr. Wilson also explained the existing policy directives that were incorporated into making the Transportation Option Action Plan. He added more details when he covered how they identified the need for the action plan. The three main components that were focused on in creating the plan are the Transportation Option Programs, Incentive and Requirements, and Districts and Partnerships. The committee made comments about ensuring families with small children can use public transit, provide electric vehicle charging stations and get ideas for when the passenger railway will be available to the public.

Through committee and stakeholder engagement, Mr. Wilson explained how people can get involved. These items include:

- Engagement Approach
- Stakeholder Focus Groups
- Stakeholder Themes
 - Transportation Option Programs
 - Requirements and incentives
 - Corridors and partnerships
 - Other ideas

Aaron Wilson, Infrastructure & Mobility Planning manager, continued the presentation by providing information on the best practices and peer framework, the next steps for the plan and an evaluation of the action plan.

The committee discussed ideas with parking reduction and adding shower facilities for people not driving their own vehicles. They also suggested having more options of transportation outside the normal business hours, cost effectiveness when creating infrastructure and create a how to ride the bus guide for individuals to make bus riding more appealing. The committee expressed appreciate for all the work that goes into creating transportation option for the community.

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4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.