

meeting minutes

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Meeting Date: March 24, 2022; 8:30 a.m. – Oskaloosa City Hall

Project Name: Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Update

Subject: Advisory Committee Meeting #6 - Minutes

Copies to: Oskaloosa Plan Advisory Committee and Project Management Team

Agenda

1. Committee Design Workshop

- a. RDG provided an update on the schedule.
- b. RDG recapped the land use needs and committee priorities for the plan.
- c. RDG shared material developed during the 3-day design workshop. (see attached slides)
- d. Comments from the committee include:

General Comments:

- Make sure to shoe the NE connector on all maps – the community expects this to happen.
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A Avenue:

- A comment that 3-lane conversion may not be permanent. A reason being evaluating concerns about traffic ingress and egress.
 - o The comprehensive plan will avoid talking about details of the 3-lane conversion but will acknowledge the project is happening.
- Gateways – do not focus as much on the musical theme that the 2016 wayfinding/corridor plans did. Instead, consider more art-based with lighting.
- Transfer of jurisdiction with the IDOT needs to be mentioned and the potential to allow more gateway flexibility.



Northwest development area (around Lacey):

- An east/west street connection is important. However, there were mixed feelings about whether Trueblood is the right route.
- There is a possibility to infuse more higher density and apartments in this area.

Trails:

- A trail on 3rd from school to Downtown and/or D Street is an option.
- Need to provide rationale in the plan for creating trails along streets versus on-street bike facilities.

Mall area:

- Northeast access from the parking lot – it is tough to make left turns, so another access west of the Urban Park may be needed.
- A rear façade program could be a good idea.
- A previous concept for the mall area showed a similar layout with closing east/west vehicle traffic between parking lots on the north side of the mall.

East sub-area (old Walk-Mart area):

- Public investment around the current strip center could be a catalyst for new tenants and private investment in the center.
- There is general agreement on some sort of recreational use on a part of this site.
- Infusing art opportunities into the space would be a big opportunity.
- Consider a trail connection south to reach neighborhoods and other facilities.

2. Next Steps

- The April meeting is canceled for the planning team to work on refinements. The next Committee meeting is May 26th, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

Attendance

x	Brant Bollman, FACE, Optimists
x	Joe Caligiuri, City Council



	Maria DeStefano, Clow Valve
x	Tom Flaherty, Mahaska County
	Jim Hansen, Musco Lighting
x	Katie Johnston, Business Owner
	Cody Landgrebe, BOA
	Andy McGuire, Chamber
x	Scott Moore, PZ
	Emma Rodriguez, Business Owner
	Linda Russell, PZ
x	Lindsey Thomas, Mahaska County
x	Molly Walker, Business Owner

