

Oroville Planning Commission
Wednesday, February 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 by Vice Chairman Judy Dunston.

Present: Commissioners: Suzi Seger, Arnie Marchand, Judy Dunston; Absent: Marc Egerton, Luis Perez, and Alternate Valorie Johnston.

Staff present: Chris Branch and Deanna Rowton

Approval of the minutes for the January 20th meeting: Deanna said that it was brought up that names were missing from the statement regarding Chairman and Vice Chairman elections. The sentence should read: "Arnie made a motion that the Chairman and Vice Chairman retain their positions for this year, Chairman Luis Perez and Vice Chairman Judy Dunston." Motion by Suzie Seger to approve minutes as amended, second by Arnie Marchand, motion carried.

The transportation draft map of the Comprehension Plan was discussed. Chris mentioned that if the Commission felt it necessary or desired, a traffic counter is available to assess certain traffic needs.

Chris also discussed the need for a more current assessment of our housing needs; something the Housing Authority considering. There was discussion regarding current housing, standards and availability of affordable housing. Also discussed was the need for where to house the elderly.

The Comprehensive Plan should address Public Facilities in relation to the Future Land Use Map. Also to be included should be the emphasis on making sure that new infrastructure is available to efficiently serve planned land use. He feels there should be a provision to create programs that provide for orderly and efficient growth.

The discussion went back to transportation and the Eastlake Road. Judy brought up the fact of how narrow the road is and would be nice if there was room for bicycles and pedestrians. While there isn't any available property now to increase the size of the road, the possibility was mentioned of acquiring right of way as growth occurs. The purpose of the Comp. Plan is long range and not for immediate changes.

Chris directed us to a website called Strong Towns for some articles and debates about growth of communities and the costs of infrastructure.

In updates / Public comments, Chris said there had been a meeting, well attended, that addressed needs, desires, ideas of community members. He was encouraged by the interest of the participants to take action in improving certain areas of our community.

Chris also mentioned that the City is in process of acquiring the old Border Patrol Office.

As there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30.