

Minutes of the Proceedings
Laramie County Planning Commission
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Thursday, May 26, 2016

- 160526 00** The Laramie County Planning Commission met in regular session on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

Members in attendance were: Commissioner Jody Clark, Chairman; Commissioners Jason Caughey, Frank Cole and Bert Macy; Dan Cooley, Planning Director; Pepper McClenahan, Planning Manager; Nancy Trimble, Associate Planner/Recording Secretary.

The meeting register was signed by: Darci Hendon, 214 W. Lincolnway #22, Cheyenne; Tom Mason, 2101 O'Neil #205, Cheyenne.

- 01** Review and action on the Cheyenne Regional Freight Mobility Plan.

Pepper McClenahan, Planning Manager, introduced the item and Tom Mason, of Cheyenne MPO and Darci Hendon, of Ayres Associates, who would be presenting the plan. Mr. Mason stated the plan is for modes of transportation in the Cheyenne urban area, and noted that freight mobility was a hot topic country-wide. Our community has a lot of heavy truck and train traffic. The Cheyenne MPO is asking the Planning Commission to recommend the plan to the Board for adoption. The freight plan would amend the transportation plan/PlanCheyenne.

Ms. Hendon came forward and stated the Federal Government requires documentation showing how freight is being addressed and meeting the performance measures. She gave a presentation for the freight plan, highlighting the study goals and objectives, and explained that Wyoming had a different profile than the rest of the United States, and provided a higher percentage of services. She listed the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats relating to freight activity in Cheyenne.

Commissioner Cole commented on several clerical errors, questioned the classification of several streets, and pointed out truck clearance issues on the interstate.

Mr. Mason added that the plan was a collaborative effort between the City of Cheyenne, Laramie County, WYDOT, and other stakeholders and industries. He addressed Commissioner Cole's street classification query.

No public attended the hearing; Commissioner Clark moved to open the item for discussion and a motion. Commissioner Caughey moved to recommend the plan to the Board for approval; Commissioner Macy seconded the motion, and it was passed with a vote of 3 – 1, with Commissioner Cole voting no. Mr. Mason questioned why Commissioner Cole voted no. Commissioner Cole responded that the plan needed more editing.

02 Public Hearing to approve Variance according to criteria as shown on resolution.

Bern Haggerty, Deputy County Attorney, addressed the Planning Commission members regarding the incorrect form used to approve the Espinoza Variance at their May 12, 2016 public hearing. The version of the resolution was not correct as to form. He explained the findings criteria, per Section 1-2-101 of the 2011 LCLUR, were not stated as having been met, and recommended the Planning Commission revise the approval terminology.

Commissioner Macy motioned to approve the Espinoza Variance with findings of the required criteria. Commissioner Caughey seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 4 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.