

**MINUTES  
CITY OF AMES  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

Date: December 2, 2009	Norman Cloud	2010
	Keith Barnes, Chairperson	2010
Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.	Kori Heuss, Vice-Chairperson	2011
	Jeff Johnson	2011
Place: Ames City Hall	Justin Platts	2012
Council Chambers	* Chuck Jons	2012
	Elizabeth Beck	2012
Adjournment: 7:53 p.m.		
	*Absent	

**MAJOR TOPICS DISCUSSED:**

1. Staff Report on the Land Use Policy Plan Update
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CALL TO ORDER: Keith Barnes, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: (Beck/Platts) to approve the Agenda for the meeting of December 2, 2009.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2009:**

MOTION: (Cloud/Platts) to approve the Minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2009.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

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**PUBLIC FORUM:** There were no public comments.

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**Staff Report on the Land Use Policy Plan Update**

Charles Kuester, planner, informed the Commission that this version of the Land Use Policy Plan Update: A Snapshot has been revised based on comments and questions at the last meeting. Jeff Johnson asked if this was the first update of the original LUPP. Mr. Kuester confirmed that it is the first review of the quantitative data. Mr. Johnson asked when the "Claim Ames" campaign would have been reflected. Mr. Kuester stated that was in the 2000 Census.

Mr. Kuester covered the details of the updated plan, which highlights the fact that Ames is already approaching the projections for 2030.

Elizabeth Beck asked if this keeps the current growth in student population for the projections. Mr. Kuester confirmed that it does.

Norman Cloud asked if it was possible to separate the number of students from the overall population when comparing the population numbers for 1997 and 2008. Mr. Kuester said it would be possible to take the estimates for a particular year and subtract Iowa State's

enrollment; however there would be problems due to issues such as determining which students were also long-term Ames residents. The Commission discussed the problems inherent with this, and the likelihood of it impacting the LUPP.

Mr. Johnson asked if the employment numbers took into account the number of people who are working multiple jobs. Mr. Kuester thought there was a possibility it might double count those people. He said he would be unable to differentiate those if they are, but he would find out if that is the case. He also clarified that the county jobs listing excludes all government jobs. The Iowa Workforce data for the City of Ames includes those, and he hypothesized that the original LUPP combined these two groups of data.

Mr. Johnson commented on which employment areas have increased and which have decreased. He also questioned which communities Ames is comparing itself to, and whether that should be changed. He made a suggestion to gather similar employment data from other "college towns."

Justin Platts asked staff if this had been a valuable task. Steve Osguthorpe stated that he thinks it will help the Commission look at the LUPP and determine whether the City is on target.

Mr. Barnes asked what the next step should be. Mr. Osguthorpe stated that this report is primarily for informational purposes. He said staff will determine which parts of the LUPP are affected by this report and suggest where the focus should be next year. He thought the message that staff got from the Commission was that the plan itself was good qualitatively but there was a question as to whether it was quantitatively on target.

Mr. Barnes asked if there would be another joint session with the City Council in February. Mr. Osguthorpe said that he thinks that there will be.

Kori Heuss asked what assumptions were made for the original LUPP and how those differ from those in the update. Keith Barnes suggested a series of tables comparing the original land use growth percent with the one in the current report. Mr. Osguthorpe said he thinks the next step should be to compare the sections of the plan that relate to this new report and see what needs to be updated.

Mr. Cloud suggested that the LUPP be updated every 10 years with the Census and do an estimate five years after the Census.

Ms. Beck suggested that it would be useful to use the recommendations that were sent to City Council for the joint meeting in February. Mr. Osguthorpe said he thinks this presents an opportunity to better define the Commission's priorities for the next year.

Mr. Barnes asked if Mr. Osguthorpe thinks the Commission members should compare the data with the LUPP and the recommendations made to City Council last February. Mr. Osguthorpe replied that the next step will be a review by staff to determine which sections of the LUPP this new report may affect.

Ms. Heuss asked when the Council has their goal-setting session, and stated that she thinks it would be helpful to submit this Commission's recommendations prior to that meeting. Ms. Beck suggested that a quicker action might be to resend the recommendations from last year as a reminder of things that the Commission considered important.

The Commission thanked Mr. Kuester for his work on this.

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COMMISSION COMMENTS: There were no Commission comments.

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STAFF COMMENTS: Staff reviewed the tentative agenda for the meeting of December 16, 2009.

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With no further business coming before the Commission, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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Keith Barnes, Chairperson  
Planning & Zoning Commission

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Tami Moen, Recording Secretary  
Department of Planning & Housing

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