

Memo

Department of Planning & Housing

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TO: Planning and Zoning Commission

FROM: Department of Planning and Housing

DATE: March 13, 2015

SUBJECT: Council Priorities for Planning Division Work Plan

City Council held a workshop on March 10, 2015 to discuss the Council priorities for the Planning Division over the next 15 months. A link to the related Council staff report can be found at the City of Ames Council Meeting webpage or at this link
<http://www.cityofames.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=20765>.

Attached to this memo is Council's adopted priorities. Staff will give a brief overview of the plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission on March 18th.

Council Adopted Planning Priorities 3-10-15

Currently Ongoing

- Right-Of-Way and infrastructure requirements
- Develop a facade grant program for Campustown
- Support Public Works in preparation of the Long Range Regional Transportation Plan Update (LRTP)
- Wireless Standards Update
- Research Park Zoning District
- Ames Golf and Country Club Rural Subdivision
- Major LUPP South Duff Commercial to Residential

January to June 2015

- Begin Land Use Policy Plan Update
- Investigate ways to increase availability of affordable housing
- Mixed Use Overlay Text Amendment for Lincoln Way
- Text Amendment to HOC to allow production use of a brewery
- Staff report on Floor Area Ratio limits in HOC related to structured parking
- Campustown Action Association Changes to Urban Revite Criteria for Small Businesses

July 2015 to December 2015

- Begin Lincoln Way Corridor Plan
- Explore options for parking standards that improve storm water management
- Landscaping Standards text amendment with consultation of a working group
- Pursue East Industrial Opportunity
- RH Zoning revisions or design guidelines
- Memorandum on inclusionary zoning overview
- Revise Group Living and Front Yard Parking Terms
- Flood Plain and Env. Sensitive Area Overlay standards for site disturbance and paving

January 2016 to June 2016

- Explore ways to increase availability of all types of housing
- Sign Code for Digital Signs and Billboards
- Update the Planned Residential Development Zoning District

Additional Projects for Future Prioritization

- Reevaluate building and zoning codes to determine if changes should be made to improve the existing housing stock at a lower cost
- Ames Urban Fringe Plan Review with Story County and Gilbert on potential update land use classifications and future growth areas
- Expand airport protection area for land uses outside of the city
- Hotel Floor Area Ratio (FAR) Text Amendment
- Burgason 9 acre Fringe Plan Amendment to Urban Service Area for future Annexation
- Review Subdivision Code Standards for consistency with LUPP and Zoning Ordinance