

MINUTES OF A CONTINUED MEETING OF THE  
COEUR D'ALENE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM  
ON FEBRUARY 26, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON

The City Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene met in continued session with the Planning Commission in the Library Community Room held at 12:00 NOON on February 26, 2020, there being present upon roll call a quorum.

Steve Widmyer, Mayor

Woody McEvers ) Members of Council Present  
Dan Gookin )  
Dan English )  
Kiki Miller )  
Amy Evans )  
Christie Wood )

Tom Messina ) Members of the Planning Commission Present  
Brinnon Mandel )  
Michael Ward )  
Peter Luttrupp )  
Lewis Rumppler )  
Lynn Fleming ) arrived at 12:05 p.m.

Jon Ingalls ) Members of the Planning Commission Absent

**STAFF PRESENT:** Troy Tymesen, City Administrator; Mike Gridley, City Attorney; Randy Adams, Deputy City Attorney; Renata McLeod, City Clerk; Hilary Anderson, Community Planning Director; Sean Holm, Planner.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Widmyer called the meeting to order and noted that the purpose of the meeting was to hear the update regarding the Envision CDA Project (Comprehensive Plan Updates).

**ENVISION CDA LEADERSHIP BRIEFING**

Community Planning Director Hilary Anderson thanked everyone for their attendance and noted that Project Manager Sean Holm has done a wonderful job managing this project. She introduced Alex Dupey with MIG. He noted that the state code requires cities adopt a comprehensive plan and land use policies. He also provided an overview of the community conversations that have occurred since the Fall of 2019 through this Winter. The community conversations included partners representing health, safety, environment, education, economic development, and transportation. He noted that the kick off meeting had approximately 80 attendees. They were able to identify vision elements, assets, opportunities, constraints, and potential land use visions for the year 2040. They also took a development game directly to

High School/college groups, neighborhoods, and other small groups to develop input through a fun, realistic method. Additionally, they set up two online surveys that asked questions such as “How would you define CDA,” “What is the most important issue in CDA today,” and “What is your vision for CDA in 2040.” 86% of the respondents noted that they see the community as the city by the lake. 80% of respondents felt the most important issue is to preserve access to natural resources. Mr. Dupey noted that concerns expressed for the year 2040 included sprawl and traffic congestion. He explained that all the input provided is information needed to begin the development of a policy framework that will include a community vision, guiding principles, as well as goals, objects, and actions. Additional study elements included pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular transportation. He noted that the public input included a desire for more safe places to ride bikes and to address issues surrounding the impact of snow season and bike travel. The online survey regarding the draft vision, guiding principles, and goals is currently available at [www.envisioncda.org](http://www.envisioncda.org). In March, they will host another advisory group, focus group, and economic development stakeholder meeting. In late spring they will host a community meeting with land use scenarios and another online survey. The last piece of the timeline is the adoption of the plan, which will most likely be ready in early 2021.

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Messina stated that the consultant has done a good job bringing all the data together. Councilmember Gookin felt the draft vision statement was broad and could apply to any city. Commissioner Fleming noted that she would like something added in about the spirit of who we are as a giving society. Councilmember Wood felt that the long history in diversity leadership should be included in the vision or maybe added within goals of responsible growth. City Administrator Troy Tymesen stated that the waterfront is great, and that water resources are a protected community resource to be referenced. Councilmember English noted that it is good to have the goal of affordable cost of living, as many people would say there is not a current balance. Councilmember Gookin noted that the community's biggest export is young people, because there aren't enough jobs, but agreed we should strive toward increasing jobs. Mr. Dupey explained a vision statement is different from goals, and that it should be descriptive of where the City wants to go in 20 years. Councilmember Miller felt that the vision statement states what is wanted and that it will be a guide to get us there. Commissioner Mandel said that she likes the vision and we should just remember there are tradeoffs as we can't have all these things without a realistic balance. She noted that she thinks what is missing is equity, but that it might be a good principle. Commissioner Ward would like to keep the vision simple, and concise and keep in mind what we inspire to become. Planner Sean Holm said they will include principal guiding language that will be more focused. Commissioner Luttrupp said he would like to talk about the entire lake. Commissioner Mandel asked how they plan to incorporate the outlying items like Spokane growth and KMPO plans. Mr. Dupey explained that they would look at regional items with Spokane and that they are working with KMPO to collect information that will be included in transportation analysis. Additionally, he noted that CDA 2030 works with groups outside of the city, and that information can be incorporated.

Mayor Widmyer noted the respondents to surveys were low, and wondered if that gives enough information/snapshot of what the community wants to see. Mr. Dupey noted it would not be an indicator for policy development and potential issues; however, it is not what the community at large is telling us. Mayor Widmyer asked if MIG has a target of what is a good number of people giving input. Community Planning Director Hilary Anderson noted that 3000 community

members were involved in CDA2030, so it is their hope to get 4000 inputs throughout the project. Mr. Holm noted that they will host two days of meetings next month on March 17 and 18. Ms. Anderson noted that a presentation of the economic development analysis will also take place at that time. The next workshop will be in the Spring. Ms. Hartzell stated that the earlier efforts were very time intensive and will be important to gather data.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Luttrupp, seconded by Ward that there being no further business of the Planning Commission, this meeting is adjourned. **Motion carried.**

Motion by McEvers, seconded by Miller that there being no further business of the City Council, this meeting is adjourned. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

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Steve Widmyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Renata McLeod, CMC  
City Clerk