

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL and PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING

FEBRUARY 27, 2019

The Town Council and Planning Commission convened for a joint workshop at 4:05 p.m. in the Ridgway Community Center at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. In attendance Councilors Austin, N. Hunter and Mayor Clark. Councilors Heffernan, E. Hunter, Malone and Mayor Pro Tem Johnson were absent. Present from the Planning Commission, Commissioners Thomas, Nelson and Chairperson Canright.

Town Clerk's Notice of Workshop dated February 4, 2019.

The consultants preparing the update to the Town's Master Plan, Darcy White and Charlie Brennan with Clarion Associates, and Heidi Aggiler with Group Policy Research, presented a report on findings from the steering committee, and public outreach to gather input for proposed changes to the plan. The process, which began in June of last year, is nearing completion Ms. White explained. The proposed plan is divided into four categories; includes an updated community vision; and expands the community values "which have become a foundation of the plan". The values are categorized under Healthy Natural Environment, which focuses on natural habitat and protection; Sense of Community and Inclusivity focusing on housing; Small Town Character and Identity, focusing on what the plan means to the community; Vibrant and Balanced Economy focuses on a diversified economy; Well Managed Growth addresses land use policy relative to infrastructure and regional collaboration.

The framework of growth, and potential growth was addressed by Mr. Brennan. Influences of growth on the plan were discussed, which included regional growth, changes in the economy and environmental constraints. There was discussion pertaining to factors influencing growth and where it will occur in the future; investing in future infrastructure; and influences on the zoning code. A proposed future land use plan map was presented. There was a review of the action plan and steps the Town will need to take to implement the specific goals.

Ms. Aggiler reviewed highlights of the housing strategy portion of the plan, including housing goals and policy topics, and short and long term action items.

Planner Coburn distributed a list of items the Town has accomplished towards housing efforts over the past fifteen years.

There were questions, and discussion by the Council and Commission throughout the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Town Clerk

