City of Dodgeville Plan Commission Public Hearing Minutes Wednesday, April 25, 2018

The Plan Commission Public Hearing was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Mayor Todd Novak with the following members present:

Roll Call: Jeff Weber, Mike Tiber, Dan Meuer, Greg Lee, Michael Humke, and Mayor Todd Novak.

Others Present: Lisa Riley, Clerk-Treasurer, Randy Edge, Assessor, Steve Genoway, Economic Development Specialist; Troy Maggied, SWWRPC; and Bill Wall arrived at 5:31 p.m.

Absent: Robert Kratochwill, Robert Rowen, and Matt Staver

Troy distributed a few sample copies to the Commission of the final plan. A lot of the information is in Steve Genoway's wheel house in regard to workforce development which is a good path for moving forward and what is next on the horizon.

The only feedback received during the 30-day period was some editorial cleanup received from Phyllis Fritsch and Upland Hills Health had requested a correction to the table of Iowa County's Major Employers. Upland Hills Nursing and Rehab is under the umbrella of Upland Hills Health, not a separate entity. They employ approximately just under 500 people.

Mike Humke stated this would also be an excellent tool for the Dodgeville School District to utilize.

Randy Edge commented that the community meetings, with breaking into small work groups, was very beneficial.

Mike Tiber asked if there is any way to encourage a larger number of participants for feedback. Troy commented that hard copies of the survey were sent to all residents and it is difficult to get people to respond. Tiber also questioned some of the statistics and references to mental health, as he serves on the Unified Board and they are not mentioned in the document. Troy commented that they heard more feedback from Dodgeville residents regarding mental health, unlike other communities.

Troy Maggied discussed the key things learned throughout the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. Troy was surprised to hear some of the economic development comments he heard in Dodgeville.

Bill Wall commented that Dodgeville is a great community with lots of amenities, for a population of less than 5,000 people. There are lots of activities for kids. Bill addressed the change in society since he first moved to Dodgeville. At that time, there were several young entrepreneurs invested in growing the community and making it a better place. Bill stated this plan will be outdated in a hurry, and there will be a need to continually update it. The library needs space and there are needs for Seniors, such as Wifi. Also commented was that there is a daycare shortage/need/expectation for more professional people with more opportunities, which will come at a higher cost. To encourage an increase of younger people to move to Dodgeville, there is a need for a better community with more services. Troy Maggied commented on Green County's Apprenticeship Program for Youth and Government, through the Extension Office, encouraging younger people to get involved in government.

Troy stated that the Plan can be updated more frequently and not with as much intensive work, as this plan. It was discussed that a 3-year timeframe to update/review the plan could be a good benchmark. This Plan updates the Comprehensive Plan done in 2005. The Ad-Hoc Committee can meet and update by doing an internal progress report to keep the plan updated, along with a monitoring checklist. Troy stated a summary of survey results will be added as an appendix.

Motion was made by Mike Humke to approve Resolution 2018-972 Approving Amendments and Updates to the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin. Mike Tiber seconded the motion. Roll call: Tiber, yes; Lee, yes; Meuer, yes; Humke, yes; Weber, yes; Novak, yes. Motion passed 6-0 on a roll call vote.

They discussed getting additional copies printed to be able to distribute to the School District, Chamber of Commerce, and for the City for Economic Development.

Motion to adjourn at 6:15 PM was made by Jeff Weber. Seconded by Mike Humke. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Lisa A. Riley, City Clerk