



TOWN OF WOODWAY

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

NOVEMBER 6, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Robert Allen called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Commissioners Per Odegaard, Jan Ostlund, Pat Tallon, John Zevenbergen, and Jennifer Ange were present. Commissioner Tom Howard had an excused absence. Town Planner Bill Trimm and Deputy Clerk Heidi Napolitano were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *October 2, 2013*

Commissioner Odegaard moved to approve the minutes of October 2, 2013. Commissioner Ange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE – VISION SETTING AND GOAL STATEMENTS– BILL TRIMM, TOWN PLANNER

Bill Trimm introduced the visioning setting discussion by stating that Commission reviewed the packet materials and based on the vision in the 2004 comprehensive plan, asked them for their comments on what they valued in Woodway, what threats (either or internal or external) did they see that may affect their stated values, what can be done to address the threats and what do they envision for the future. The Commission responded with the following comments:

Woodway Values:

- The existing physical setting
- The low density residential nature characterized by large lots
- Minimal traffic
- Insular – independent nature of its residents to address issues
- The close connection to town government and the Town's rapid response to issues
- The Dark Skies policy
- The tall trees, mature vegetation and forested environment
- The diversity of the physical landscape that includes an *abundance of wildlife*, orchards, livestock, horses, and pastures set among residential neighborhoods; a unique semi-rural environment that is surrounded by urban cities
- The Unique/retreat-like setting
- The fact that Woodway is recognized as a destination for walking
- The fact that Woodway's employment is focused on home occupations
- No retail
- The quiet solitude that contributes to defining Woodway's character

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- A strong environmental ethic and sustainable infrastructure
- A strong sense of community – volunteerism

Internal or external threats to the stated values:

- Becoming a bicycle destination
- Bike paths on high volume streets create conflicts with vehicles and pedestrians
- Speed – fast cars, more through-traffic
- Internal Threats:
 - Rezoning to smaller lots
 - Internal decisions to annex too large of an area that could negatively change the elected representation in local government
- External Threats:
 - State and County mandates that would result in forced density increases

Opportunities to address or resolve the threats:

- Fix pedestrian safety issues where conflicts exist with vehicles and pedestrians
- Install traffic calming devices where appropriate
- Ensure that Woodway's values of low density are maintained to meet minimal population and employment growth targets
- Opportunity to annex properties that meet the current Woodway goals

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: December 4, 2013

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Ange* moved to adjourn the meeting. *Commissioner Tallon* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Heidi K. S. Napolitano
Secretary to the Planning Commission

Robert Allen, Chair

(These minutes accurately reflect what was said at the Planning Commission Meeting. Publication does not vouch for the veracity of these statements.)