



#### **4.0 Action Items**

None

#### **5.0 Discussion Items**

##### **5.1 2017 Goals**

Louis said one of the goals we want to leave on our list is the Transportation Systems Plan, we would like to go for more dollars. Louis said in the state of Oregon cities with 5,000 people or more are required by statute to have a Transportation Systems Plan which outlines your streets, which streets are considered city streets, arterials, major collectors, minor collectors. For example, a major collector would be Rainbow Road. An arterial would be Hills Street believe it or not because it goes through a residential area, normally arterials do not do that, but in our case it does do that. Garden Road is just considered a city street.

On the Transportation Systems Plan you have standards of how wide our streets will be and how wide the sidewalks will be and how wide the parking spaces will be.

Rick said there is also a pedestrian and bicycle aspect to the Transportation Systems Plan.

Louis said because Hwy 58 goes through our community, we can as a community and with council vote can give recommendations to ODOT. We have authority on some county roads inside the city limits like Fish Hatchery Road.

We have an existing Transportation Systems Plan but it is about 17 years old.

Side clearance ingress/egress, we talked about this a while ago.

Rick said he read somewhere that we should go from the eaves out five feet to the property.

Louis asked the commission if we want to revisit this.

We will make this number two on our list.

Louis said we will write it with so many feet from the just the eaves and we will write it with obstructions and with no obstructions and we will run it by the Fire Chief.

Con Ex boxes- Back in 2010-11 we had a major discussion with the council and the planning commission about allowing the steel boxes like the ones they are using as storage containers on the east end of town, the question was asked if the council or commission would allow those as structures in residential areas. The issue is some of them look like heck when you get them, all we can say under our current ordinance is you must have a protective coating on it. Do we even want to look at a change in our code to allow those metal boxes in residential and commercial areas?

Louis said one thing we could look at is do we want to put them under a use for a conditional use permit. If we do this we would have more leverage to guide and set conditions.

Sign codes- The issue with the sign code is we have some stuff that is outdated. One thing we have people violate every day is sandwich board signs. Louis spoke with ODOT recently and what they said is if the city is willing to put it under our code and regulate them and we can charge fees or whatever, they are ok with it as long as they don't have to mess with them. One of the issues is they fly when trucks go by and those kind of things. We haven't really seen that much lately.

Electronic signs is one we need to kick around.

Commissioner Custer said he thinks that needs to be revisited also.

Louis said we just put up about 150 24" stop signs and then we had the inspectors come through using the NCUTCD and they said because of the intersections we need 30" signs.

Rick said one of things we have discussed before on signs is article 22 which is the sign code and then in each sub district they have their own pieces of that and that is kind of confusing and not very clear.

Louis said he agrees, we should put anything to do with signs under article 22, it's crazy to have article 22 and then have another section for the Uptown and Highway 58 commercial.

We have a lot of people that put signs up and don't get permits and then we have to get them after the fact.

Commissioner Custer asked about banners on the side of a building, any advertising on the side of a building.

Louis said you are allowed so many signs for example a freestanding, one on the front and one on the side. You just can't advertise on someone else's building.

## **2017 Goals**

1. Transportation Systems Plan
2. Side Yard Clearance
3. Con Ex Boxes
4. Sign Code
5. Architectural Standards

## **5.2 Old Business**

About a year and a half ago we went through the Low Impact Development Strategies, there was a lot of them. We have to change about 50-60 areas in the code. We hope in 2017 to bring this in for action.

Some of the LIDS we were looking at were bioswales basically cool ditches with prescribed grasses and weeds in them for filtering, rain gardens so the water is being filtered as it goes in to the ground. This is where these LIDS come in to play so that you are just not sending your surface water in to the river with all the sediments, oil and those kinds of things. This comes to play usually when you are bringing in PUDS and Subdivisions. The goal is to minimize the size of driveways so you have more porous material to filter through versus driveways and concrete parking areas for RV's.

### **5.3 Changes to Ordinance 907**

Chief Martin gave the commission his feelings on Ordinance 907, he looked at the map that Rick submitted, for him as a citizen of Oakridge and as Chief of Police the grow operations and distributors don't really bother him it's the retail sales establishments that bothers him. With the commercial they are going to abate anything visual or odors that might come about. No one will really know what they are doing in there. The economic development part of the commercial businesses will be a help to our city. As far as crime stats for states that have legalized marijuana some crime has gone up.

Louis said the process is anytime the commission or council is looking to change the land use code or comprehensive plan we must submit a form to the Department of Lands Conservation and Development at least 36 days before the meeting. Louis or Rick has to put that together.

When Ordinance 907 was originally passed the council at the time felt it was sufficient to just go with state law.

Section 24.08 (4) where it talks about marijuana processors, marijuana retailers, marijuana wholesalers and medical marijuana facilities said they may not be located within 1000 ft of any of the following, so what has been asked is that we add these additional items:

1. A Public Library
2. A Public or Private Preschool
3. Elementary or Secondary or Career School

Louis said personally and professionally he has issue with including the public parks because they are outside of our commercial districts where the marijuana is allowed.

Commissioner Ofsthun said that covers everything, there is nothing left if you include them.

Rick said that is exactly right.

Louis said he is ok with the preschool and he is kind of ok with the Library, he gets why the library because what that does is keeps it out of the Uptown.

The Commission agreed with Louis about the parks.

Commissioner Custer said he doesn't know how any of us could have seen this onslaught of marijuana processing and growing blossoming like it did here, we seem to be on somebody's speed dial. His concern is that if we were to give up a lot of our retail and services buildings that

are available what are we eventually going to be? We want this town to grow but if we don't have the goods and services we won't be able to support the type of growth that we have been seeing.

Commissioner Custer said if we go with the Library, preschools and current businesses that pretty much excludes anyone else coming to town.

Louis said so what he is hearing from the commission is that they don't want a marijuana facility within 1000 ft of another marijuana facility.

Commissioner Custer said to leave the library.

Louis said he is pretty confident that our next council will be ok with these new changes.

Preschool means a learning institution containing children not eligible to attend kindergarten classes.

Library means any public facility that houses books and reference material.

Commissioner Custer asked if it has to be a licensed preschool.

Louis said we can make it more definitive and say any preschool registered with the state.

Commissioner Custer said if we leave it too vague we get a lot of challenges.

Rick said there needs to be some type of regulations on that. If we leave it too vague then we could have them popping up everywhere. What if it is a day care operation? Under this definition it says any learning institution.

Louis said we can say that they have to be licensed with the State of Oregon. They have to be registered with the State.

In our definitions we are going to have to write what we mean by Learning Institution.

Chief Martin said Head Start, Church based preschools, preschools only need to be recorded with the state. That basically says anything can be a preschool, there are no real requirements.

Commissioner Ofsthun said we can make the requirements.

Louis said we could say they have to be licensed, that is a higher standard. Louis said at least they have to be registered with the state with no more than so many kids.

Rick said the point of defining a preschool is to prevent this from being a tool to deny an application, can we put a startup date on it?

Louis said what Rick is saying is so we don't have a preschool just pop up because they don't want a marijuana facility for us to recognize it they have to have been in operation and licensed for at least 90 days.

On the libraries he would recommend that we stick with Public Libraries.

**6.0 Announcements**

Louis briefed the commissioners on the crosswalk by Chevron and The Ridge. The City Council chose to put sidewalks in front of The Ridge, Video/Liquor Store and Tycco, LLC with the caveat that there is funding to do so. We are in time crunch and ODOT wants the crosswalk in.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:40 P.M.**

**Signed:**

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**George Custer                      Chairman                      Date**

**Attest:**

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**Susan LaDuke                      City Recorder                      Date**