

**MINUTES-REGULAR SESSION
CITY OF GODDARD
118 NORTH MAIN, GODDARD, KS
July 12, 2021**

The Goddard Planning Commission met in regular session at Goddard City Hall on Monday July 12, 2021. Chair VanAmburg called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Chair VanAmburg led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Cline led the Invocation.

Commission members present were:

Jamie Coyne, Doug VanAmburg, Doug Hall, Shane Grafing, Darrin Cline, Jody Crow, Justin Parks

Commissioners absent were:

Doug Hall

Also present were: Micah Scoggan City Planner; Thatcher Moddie Assistant to the City Administrator; Angie Duntz Chamber of Commerce Director

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: *Commissioner Cline* moved to approve the agenda. *Commissioner Grafing* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: *Commissioner Coyne* moved to approve the minutes from June 14, 2021. *Commissioner Cline* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

Chair VanAmburg [closed the portion of citizens comments]

BOARD OF ZONING

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Chamber of Commerce Report

Scoggan introduced the subject. He stated that Angie Duntz is the director of the City of Goddard Chamber of Commerce. She helps grow the business environment in the city and has a pulse on the local and regional business atmosphere.

Scoggan stated that the Chamber of Commerce helps manage different events throughout the city, most notably the Fall Festival and National Night Out.

Recently the Chamber of Commerce held a lady's night event in which the Community Development Director spoke on the growth of the city and helped to cultivate an ideal city image as the city moves into the future. During this meeting citizens were asked to answer a series of questions to help city staff gather intelligence on what the citizens were looking for both in terms of improvements but also wins for the city for what they were doing right.

The city asked participants 10 unique questions to help stimulate conversation and these answers were written down and are attached in agenda packet under Exhibit H.1a

Scoggan stated that the results and findings from the Ladies night event (10 question survey) were included in the agenda. He further stated that Angie Duntz will give a presentation of ideas and business growth as well as question and answers from the Planning Commission.

Duntz spoke on the Ladies Night and how the event unfolded. She stated there were about 40 ladies in attendance.

She presented a word cloud on a question that was given to the participants and spoke on the some of the answers given.

Duntz spoke a little on three of the ten questions and mentioned that several of the answers included things that were available in the community currently.

She said that when ladies where asked what they would like to see come into Goddard they mentioned restaurants, dog parks, family entertainment, lighting on the prairie trail for night walks.

Duntz mentioned the Summer Ball Showdown that was coming up in August and how they had partnered with the Genesis Sports complex for marketing.

Duntz mentioned the upcoming National Night out and the Fall Fest and she mentioned they had the intent to add a wine walk.

Duntz mentioned that 2020 was hard on businesses with the covid pandemic.

She mentioned that within a 25-mile radius of Goddard there are 6,591 open jobs and this does not include the service industry.

Duntz mentioned being mindful of businesses and take the time to get to know their businesses.

Chair VanAmburg asked what type of jobs are the ones that are open?

Duntz said she was using Kansas Works a software that shows job openings, and it is across all sectors of the market.

Scoggan mentioned he thought the lady's night went well and there was a positive environment. He mentioned it was difficult to accommodate some of the requests like a boutique shop because it is easy to reach out to a branch manager or for a regional business but who do you reach out to for a flower shop?

Scoggan mentioned Summer Ball Showdown was going to happen in August and there would be around 17-21 thousand people. This will result in a large spike in sales taxes.

Duntz mentioned this was the first year of the summer ball showdown and they have said they can host up to 40 teams so if this year goes well, it could mean more tournaments in the future.

Scoggan mentioned this report was for receive and file so there is no motion necessary.

CITY PLANNER REPORT

None

PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Cline said the city needs a walk over Kellogg.

Scoggan agreed and said it was a complicated issue with many interested parties.

Commissioner Coyne asked if it made the WAMPO list?

Scoggan replied it did not. It was on the list but not selected overall.

Moddie mentioned the R-Cut will help solve some of the walkability issue. He mentioned with the flyover still being considered tenable it makes it more difficult to convince WAMPO and KDOT to accept the idea of a pedestrian bridge.

Scoggan mentioned the city had hosted WAMPO recently and mentioned that a pedestrian bridge was a high priority.

Chair VanAmburg said he curious about the more lighting on the linear trail. He asked who would be responsible for the lighting.

Scoggan said the city annexed the trail as it comes through the city but in terms of jurisdiction it belongs to prairie travelers.

Scoggan mentioned when he spoke with Evergy they said they can do specialty lights if the city buys them and has someone else maintenance them, Evergy would just provide the electricity.

Commissioner Coyne asked if the data was collected at the meeting for lady's night.

Scoggan replied it was.

Commissioner Coyne said it was interesting to read through some of the comments and see some things that are being addressed. Was there a plan to inform people?

Scoggan replied if there were more lady's night than yes and that was the plan. The original intent was just to have an open dialogue. He said it was a good point that you want people to feel like their voice is being heard.

Commissioner Coyne said that some of the comments make it obvious that the person is part of

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the community. Some of the things that are being addressed at Planning Commission, it would be nice if they were more aware of it.

Duntz mentioned people left their email addresses and they could email them back some of the top highlights.

Commissioner Coyne said he wasn't sure if that was necessary but compiling a few paragraphs of things that showed what people thought were important.

Scoggan agreed. He stated that was part of the word clouds to show where there might be consensus.

Commissioner Coyne asked how much interaction the city has with the Genesis. He asked for example if only 16 teams show up could they find out why?

Scoggan said absolutely. The city has a good relationship with Scott Martin who is the Genesis baseball director, and they could find out what would be prohibiting more teams from showing up.

Duntz mentioned one thing they have been running into is they have rules with the NCAA where teams are disbanding will go directly home so it is a matter of timing.

Duntz mentioned some teams are hopeful they will be in the NBC tournament.

Commissioner Coyne said that was good. He realized the city was short on restaurants and hotels but if people don't care for now and it was some other factor outside of the city that was fine.

Commissioner Crow asked about peak times and how does the city look at restaurants with peak times versus through the year and how does that affect growth?

Duntz said restaurants are packed during the weekends they are serving about 40 teams during the baseball season. She mentioned the city could host more restaurants.

Duntz also mentioned she met with the Hampton inn a little bit and she said the city seemed ready for another Hotel.

Commissioner Crow asked what the expectation for the swimming portion of the development was.

Scoggan said that was a good question. For swimming he was not sure if the local high schools had a swim team. He anticipated that one of the draws would be swim competitions.

Scoggan mentioned once everything is built out it would be interesting to see what has the most use. With the baseball diamonds being finished now they are outperforming what was anticipated and the bonds are being paid off faster than originally projected.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *Commissioner Grafing* motioned to adjourn the meeting. *Commissioner Cline* seconded the motion.

Motion carried **6-0**

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Micah Scoggan, City Planner