

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO  
CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT MEETING  
November 26, 2012

The city council met in a joint meeting with the Montevideo Planning Commission at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, November 26, 2012 in the council chambers at city hall. This date/time was set by motion of the council on November 5, 2012 for the purpose of discussing/updating the city's existing Comprehensive Plan, which was approved in 1996.

Council President Hodge and Acting Planning Commission Chair Garbe called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Council members present: Sandra Hodge, Marvin Garbe(\*), Bryce Curtiss and Karen Nieuwbeerta. Absent: Al Johnsrud. Mayor Debra Lee Fader(\*) absent.

Planning Commission members present: Nathan Schmidt, Todd Hay, Mary Saeger, Kathy Thalberg, Marvin Garbe(\*) and Glen Herfurth. Absent: Jan Briones, Debra Lee Fader and Gage Halvorson.

(\*) indicates membership in both entities.

Also present were City Manager Steven C. Jones, Community Development Director Angela Steinbach and City Clerk Glennis A. Lauritsen.

By memo dated October 26, 2012, the council and planning commission members had received a request from staff to participate in a written SWOT (strength/weakness/opportunity/threat) exercise to identify and categorize specific issues of the community. The information was subsequently compiled by staff and was now distributed for review. This included a listing of the categorized issues, as well as a SWOT Analysis of major trends and motivators for the community. Also provided for review was a sample of guiding principles in other communities, and a sample make believe guiding principles document for Steinville, North Dakota.

City Manager Jones reviewed and discussed the materials provided and asked that members take a minute to review the information provided. Jones then asked that the group develop its own list of guiding principles as a prelude to working on the comprehensive plan. The following guiding principles were identified:

- 1) Maintain and strengthen Montevideo's unique qualities (natural resources, agriculture, commerce, diversity)
- 2) Promote a positive image of our community.
- 3) Grow tourism and a local "Brand."

- 4) Attract and maintain our different population groups.
- 5) Keep public safety a priority.
- 6) Promote diverse commercial areas.
- 7) Encourage affordable housing to serve varied lifestyles, ages and incomes.
- 8) Continue to upgrade infrastructure and facilities.
- 9) Promote upgrades to major transportation corridors in and out of Montevideo.
- 10) Promote and enhance medical treatment services
- 11) Sustain present population and plan for modest growth.
- 12) Encourage and support diverse economic opportunities.
- 13) Enhance our role as a regional center.
- 14) Finish levee system and flood mitigation plans.
- 15) Encourage community involvement and tap into our human resources.
- 16) Continue orderly annexation of adjacent lands needed for urban growth.

It was the consensus of the group to meet in another joint session on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

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Glennis Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council December 3, 2012:

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Sandra Hodge, President