

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT MEETING
December 11, 2012

The city council met in a joint meeting with members of the Montevideo Planning Commission at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 11, 2012 in the conference room at city hall. This date/time was set by motion of the council on December 3, 2012 for the purpose of continued discussion to update the city's existing Comprehensive Plan, which was approved in 1996.

Council President Hodge called the meeting to order at 7:28 P.M.

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

Planning Commission members present: Todd Hay, Mary Saeger, Kathy Thalberg and Glen Herfurth. Absent: Jan Briones, Debra Lee Fader(*) and Gage Halvorson, Nathan Schmidt and Marvin Garbe(*). (No quorum.)

(*) indicates membership in both entities.

Also present were City Manager Steven C. Jones and Community Development Director Angela Steinbach.

At their joint meeting held November 26, 2012, the Council and Planning Commission participated in a written SWOT (strength/weakness/opportunity/threat) exercise to identify and categorize specific issues of the community and suggest preliminary guiding principles. The suggested guiding principles were subsequently compiled by staff from this meeting and were now distributed for review.

City Manager Jones reviewed and discussed the materials provided and asked that members take a minute to review the information. Jones then asked that the group review their list of preliminary 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 and promote a positive image of our community.

- 2) Attract and maintain our different population groups, sustain our present population and plan for modest growth by:
 - ▶ Encouraging affordable housing for varied lifestyles, ages, and incomes.
 - ▶ Promoting community involvement and tapping into our human resources.
 - ▶ Offering diverse recreational opportunities.
 - ▶ Promoting diverse employment and compensation opportunities.
 - ▶ Supporting public safety as a priority within our community.
- 3) Continue to upgrade technology, infrastructure, and facilities by:
 - ▶ Continuing street and utility improvement plans.
 - ▶ Continuing to upgrade public facilities.
 - ▶ Finishing the levee system and flood mitigation plans.
 - ▶ Promoting major transportation corridors in and out of Montevideo.
 - ▶ Striving to be on the forefront of technological advances.
- 4) Encourage and support diverse economic opportunities by:
 - ▶ Promoting and growing our diverse retail & commercial areas.
 - ▶ Promoting and enhancing our tourism assets.
 - ▶ Enhancing our role as a regional center.
 - ▶ Promoting and enhancing our comprehensive medical services and facilities.
 - ▶ Continuing orderly annexation of adjacent lands needed for urban growth.

A copy of this information will be sent to the City Council and Planning Commission.

It was the consensus of the group to meet in late January or early February with the public during a regular scheduled council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Angela Steinbach, Community Development Director

Approved by council December 17, 2012:

Sandra Hodge, President