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CITY OF AMARILLO §

On September 14, 2011, the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Advisory Committee met in a scheduled session at 12:00 P.M. in Room 306 on the third floor of City Hall, 509 East 7th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Bill Chudej	No	5	3
Leon Church	No	5	4
Bob Juba, Chair	Yes	5	3
Wes Knapp	Yes	5	5
Don Sanders, Vice Chair	Yes	5	5
Eddie Scott	Yes	5	3
Howard Smith	Yes	5	5
Dana Walton	Yes	5	4
Milfred Burell	Yes	2	2

CITY STAFF:
Kelley Shaw, Planning Director
Michael Rice, Public Works Director
Van Hagan, Assistant Public Works Director

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:
George Oswald, Espey Consultants, Inc.
Other Espey Consultants representatives

Chairman Bob Juba opened the meeting, established a quorum, and conducted the consideration of the following items beginning with ITEM 1.

ITEM 1: Approve the minutes of the Committee's September 14, 2011 meeting

Mr. Juba asked if there were any questions on the previous meeting's minutes? Hearing none, the motion was made to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

ITEM 2: Update by Planning staff on Loop 335 improvement projects scheduled for 2014

Mr. Shaw reiterated information related to two projects coming up soon for the southwest and south portions of Loop 335 where improvements are scheduled to be done. Mr. Shaw stated that additional funding for Loop 335 improvements may be possible. Discussion followed on how Proposition 12 funds have been identified by TXDOT as possibly being available to be used not only for improvements for the areas identified by the two Transportation Improvement Plan projects but for additional improvements to Loop 335 east of Western.

Mr. Shaw explained that given the importance of the "Port-to-Plains" project, that Loop 335 has been identified as an important link to preserve as currently, north bound traffic must pass through downtown Amarillo. Proposition 12 funds could be used to fund improvements on the east side of

the loop that would create more of a freeway type corridor and preserve an alternative relief route for commercial type traffic.

ITEM 3: Presentation by Planning Staff of Comprehensive Plan implementation strategies and priorities

Mr. Shaw began the discussion by talking about the Comprehensive Plan's (the Plan) Implementation Chapter and the implementation table that lists several recommendations and a guideline as to their implementation priority. Mr. Shaw stated that although all are important, it is necessary to consider the time and resources needed to accomplish the recommendations. Although not specifically mentioned in the Plan, Mr. Shaw stated that Staff has identified that a review of internal development review procedures is needed as well. Mr. Shaw explained that of the priorities listed in the Plan, staff agreed that there were 5 that needed to be addressed at top priorities. The 5 mentioned were a drainage study, development process review, annexation policies, zoning amendments, and mobility issues. Mr. Shaw said the drainage and mobility studies were under way and that annexation was a topic that needs to be considered immediately.

Mr. Shaw discussed that recent growth in and around the City and pointed out several developments that have occurred well within the City's ETJ and discussed how such developments could be problematic for the City's future growth potential. Mr. Shaw said the City's current annexation policies promote such development and that the City needs to be more proactive in preserving those areas where future growth is expected. He then spoke about the need for a coordinated plan of growth which would mean an annexation plan would need to be created.

There were questions from the Committee on if there were any MUDs in or around Amarillo? Mr. Shaw said there were none at this time but that it has been discussed for developments around Palo Duro Canyon area. Some Committee members stated that water would be a major factor in future developments and that the availability of City utilities would help reduce the haphazard development outside City limits. Mr. Shaw went on to say that creating an annexation plan would also have the benefit of fostering better coordination of City CIP planning.

Committee members agreed that better planning for future growth areas of Amarillo would be smart and that a review of the current annexation policies is needed. Mr. Shaw stated that beginning at the next CPAC meeting, staff would begin the process of reviewing with the Committee the current policies and possible changes.

ITEM 4: Public Forum

Hearing no other comments, the meeting was adjourned.

Kelley Shaw
Planning Director