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MINUTES
Urban System Advisory Committee
June 25, 2007 3:00 PM
Laramie Recreation Center
920 Boulder Drive, Laramie, WY
(Conference Room)

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Meeting convened at 3:10 p.m.
Members present: Jodi Guerin, Daryl Jensen, Roger Baalman, Marilee Ohnstad, Jay Gould, Joe Lord and Erica Saunders (proxy for Doug Bryant)
Members absent: Terry Haugen, Bryan Schuster, Mike Osterman, Alan Smith and John Hester
There was a quorum present at all times.
Staff present: Rich Merrill, Harold Colby, Heather Earl, Peter Wysocki, Charles Bloom and Sara Davis
Guests Speakers: John Schutterle, Jim Cavalli and Pat Gabriel

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Minutes of April 12, 2007 meeting –

Mr. Lord motioned for approval of the minutes.

Mr. Jensen seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. UPDATE ON THE 2007 LARAMIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Wysocki stated that the Laramie Comprehensive Plan has been adopted by the Planning Commission. Mr. Wysocki added that it will hopefully be adopted by the City Council in late July or early August.

Mr. Wysocki stated that the Thoroughfare Plan (included in the Comprehensive Plan) is somewhat different from the 2002 Major Streets and Highways Plan. Mr. Wysocki explained that the Thoroughfare Plan reflects current land use areas and future development areas. The Thoroughfare Plan also reveals projected growth areas in the County and the City; therefore, the transportation plan echoes with the new projected growth. Mr. Wysocki stated that he is hoping to bring forward the thoroughfare plan in the late summer or early fall to USAC.

Mr. Wysocki stated that the maps used by USAC and the Planning Department should reflect the same goals. Mr. Baalman asked if the decisions made on the Comprehensive Plan could be

reversed. Mr. Wysocki responded that decisions on the Comprehensive Plan cannot be reversed because USAC does not have the authority to modify decisions made by the City Council. However, USAC may recommend amending some of the decisions.

Mr. Gould noted that the current USAC maps show roads that are eligible for federal participation and stated concerned that some of those roads reflected in the Thoroughfare Plan are not eligible for funding. Mr. Wysocki stated that the maps included in the Comprehensive Plan are based on density and expected growth areas.

Mr. Jensen noted that the County Comprehensive Plan is near completion as well. Ms. Saunders stated that she anticipates that the County Comprehensive Plan will be adopted in September. Ms. Guerin suggested USAC meet with the City and the County boards and commissions to identify concerns.

4. A REQUEST BY JOHN AND HEIDI SCHUTTERLE FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE 2002 MAJOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS PLAN PERTAINING TO THE FUTURE ALIGNMENT OF HOWE ROAD (COUNTY ROAD 22) AND A FUTURE CONNECTOR BETWEEN FUTURE KIOWA STREET EXTENSION AND HOWE ROAD.

John Schutterle, applicant, stated that they wanted to keep Howe Road in its current alignment and existing state. Mr. Schutterle stated that he would also like Kiowa Street to stop at Weston Way and connect to Howe Road.

Mr. Bloom presented the staff report.

The USAC committee discussed various factors surrounding Weston Way and Howe Road. In USAC's discussion on Weston Way it was noted that proposed Weston Way would be a dedicated right-of-way as opposed to nearby Dome Road's status of a private easement.

USAC discussed whether it made sense to extend Howe Road due east and ultimately connect with Vista Drive. During the discussion, it was noted that several residential structures exist east of the Union Pacific Railroad. This could inhibit future roadway alignments of Howe Road east of the railroad due to costs associated with property acquisition and the physical constraints of Soldier Springs Road. It was also noted that Mountain Cement presently maintains Howe Road.

Ms. Guerin motioned to realign South Kiowa-Howe Connector Street to allow it be built on Weston Way as the connector.

Mr. Lord seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lord motioned to adopt staff recommendations on Howe Road.

Ms. Guerin seconded the motion.

Ms. Guerin motioned to postpone action the item until the next meeting to gather more information.

Mr. Lord seconded the motion to postpone.

Motion to postpone carried unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS
No items.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
No meeting date was set.

7. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted ~ Sara Davis, Administrative Assistant Date