

City of Lawrence
Planning Commission minutes
September 21, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Blaser, Carter, Chaney, Dominguez, Finkeldei, Harris, Hird, Moore, Singleton, Student Commissioner Shelton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rasmussen

STAFF PRESENT: McCullough, Stogsdill, Day, Leininger, J. Miller, M. Miller, Ewert

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ITEM NO. 3 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT (MJL)

CPA-6-3-09: Consider Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Chapter 3 to remove the "Table of Land Use Categories & Locational Criteria." Initiated by the Planning Commission on June 24, 2009 as part of the Annual Review of the Comprehensive Plan.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Michelle Leininger presented the item.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public comment.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Harris asked Ms. Leininger what map she was referring to.

Ms. Leininger said Future Land Use Map 3-2 and showed the map on the overhead projector.

Commissioner Harris asked where all of the information that talks about an extent in relationship with land uses would go if the table is taken away.

Ms. Leininger said all the information is in various places within the Comprehensive Plan. She said when looking at the table, the second category regarding the extent relationship of land uses references different page numbers. She stated the problem was that it described things in the different columns but it may not be what is in the current chapter because the tables were not updated with the chapter updates, so there is a conflict if people are referencing the table.

Commissioner Finkeldei said it is obviously out of date and there are two choices; remove it or update it. He asked why the map could not be updated instead of removing it.

Mr. McCullough said there needed to be a table or map to summarize all of the policies of the comprehensive plan. At one point there was no map, only the table and when the map was brought in the table was not remove. Staff has been updating chapters and policies within those chapters through the years and the map is more reflective through sector planning which has been brought into Chapter 14 so the table has not been updated. Staff does not believe it is valid in the plan because the chapters and policies are updated and there are land use maps that accompany those policies.

Commissioner Harris said that some of the paragraphs do not have citations so she wanted to be sure even though it is not in there that the information will not be lost.

Mr. McCullough said the table and future land use map are not meant to be the end all to the policies in the context of the goals and policies. The comprehensive plan works by going to those chapters and reading the goals and policies in their full depth to understand the value of those goals and policies. He stated the map was meant to pull those all together into one place but all of the information needed in the comprehensive plan is in the appropriate chapters.

Ms. Leininger said the table is lacking a lot of information and to be referencing it would not be using the correct information.

Ms. Stogsdill said that when the comprehensive plan was first adopted the referenced page numbers would direct you to the information. She said it was a directive from the city attorney because staff had not prepared a map so a guide was needed to build a map that could say this is where those areas are in the comprehensive plan. She stated that having this kind of information in two places is inherently risky because if you update one place and not update the other then it can be confusing. She said the table was a placeholder until a map was developed and for whatever reason it was not removed once the map was created.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Finkeldei, seconded by Commissioner Hird, to approve the comprehensive plan amendment to Chapter 3 to remove the "Table of Land Use Categories & Locational Criteria" and forwarding the recommendation to the governing bodies, and authorize Planning Commission Chair to sign PC Resolution 9-5-09.

Unanimously approved 9-0, with Student Commissioner Shelton voting in favor.