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**Minutes of the North Logan City
Planning Commission
Held on October 8, 2009
At the North Logan City Library, North Logan, Utah**

9 Bruce Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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11 Commission members present were: Mark Hancey, Bruce Henderson, Frank Prince and Bob
12 Balling. (Glen Hansen and Keith Christensen were excused).

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14 Others present were: Bob Bayn, Cordell Batt and Marie Wilhelm.

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16 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frank Prince.
17 An invocation was given by Bob Balling.

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19 **Adoption of Agenda**

20 *Mark Hancey made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Frank Prince seconded the*
21 *motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.*

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23 **Approval and Follow-up of Minutes for September 3, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting**

24 Not available for review at this meeting.

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26 **Follow-up**

27 Cordell Batt reported that he and Frank Prince had been attending the Land Use Leadership
28 Alliance Training program done by Craig Call. He said they have attended two presentations so
29 far, and two are still forthcoming; and expressed that they have been excellent sessions. He
30 described some of the items that were discussed at these trainings, including a "checklist" of what
31 needs to be done for a General Plan; which he said is very inclusive and felt could be very
32 effective. He said he would try to photocopy any useful information that he has received at these
33 trainings and give it to the other Planning Commission members, as it becomes available. He
34 further described some of the information relayed at the trainings. Mark Hancey asked if there
35 had been any information given on draft or "model" ordinances that they might have. Cordell said
36 not yet; and reminded the Planning Commission about a meeting next Tuesday regarding
37 Envision Cache Valley that Cordell had given information about to the Planning Commission. He
38 said there would be a "final" meeting regarding that process and that at some point they will
39 create toolkits, etc. with the information and make them available on their website. He also
40 mentioned that part of the presentation they went to today included stressing the need for
41 cooperation between municipalities. Cordell discussed other items presented at the training.

42 Mark Hancey mentioned a notice the Planning Commission received regarding a meeting with
43 Cache County on October 13th. Cordell said that the meeting is related to changes the County is
44 intending for their General Plan.

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46 **New Business**

47 **7:15pm PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and possible recommendation to City Council of the**
48 **new proposed Transportation Element to the city's General Plan. This rewritten Transportation**
49 **Element of the General Plan uses a new format of objectives and policies with information**
50 **gathered from the public and many other sources, incorporating transportation smart growth**
51 **principles that will help the City in its transportation planning and sustainability for the future. The**
52 **main purpose of this public hearing is to seek additional public input and provide the opportunity**
53 **for interested citizens to give final comment on the plan element.**

54 Cordell Batt briefly introduced the item. He also mentioned that the public has had the
55 opportunity to review the changes, and is still able to give comment to the office as well as via the
56 internet. He said the Planning Commission will not make decisions at this meeting, that they are
57 simply receiving input this evening. He explained that after reviewing any potential inclusions or
58 changes, the document will then be sent to the City Council for review. Cordell also explained
59 that the City Council is not required to hold a public hearing; that it is the responsibility of the
60 Planning Commission to do so.

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62 *Bruce Henderson opened the public hearing at 7:15pm.*

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64 Bob Bayn, citizen, explained where he lived and thanked the Planning Commission for all the
65 work they do. He referred to the five objectives in the element, some of which he said were
66 relevant; one of which being the item regarding good movement of traffic. He said that
67 concerning this, the element states that many of the streets listed will include bike lanes. He said
68 it costs money to put bike lanes in (money likely needed for other projects); and said that there is
69 a lot of evidence to support the fact that bike lanes do not in fact make bicycling safer. He said
70 he is concerned that novice bicyclists will be more encouraged to ride in bike lanes that are
71 included on very busy thoroughfares, which could, in fact, be very dangerous. He said he would
72 encourage the Planning Commission at this point in the planning process, not to put in the
73 *requirement* or "notion" that bike lanes should be on all arterials and collectors. He discussed a
74 lane, which is very shortly being designated as an official bike lane, and described the problems
75 with it.

76 Mark Hancey asked Mr. Bayn how he might construct language in the element to address this
77 issue. Mark said Mr. Bayn could put his suggestions together and send it to the Planning
78 Commission, if that would be more convenient. Mr. Bayn suggested taking the words "bike lane"
79 out of the four descriptions for the major and minor arterials and collectors. Mark and Mr. Bayn
80 agreed that the phrase "address bicycle use" could be included instead.

81 Mr. Bayne further discussed some of the issues of bike lanes, and bike use and safety. He said
82 the issue he is most concerned about is intersections, which is where most car/bicycle accidents
83 occur. He said one problem is that bikes should not *always* be on the "right" of a car, such as at
84 intersections, during turns for example. Mr. Bayn suggested some ways to address this.

85 Mark Hancey further discussed the language of the element regarding bike use with Mr. Bayn;
86 and how some of it might be phrased to address it. They also discussed potential implementation
87 strategies. Mr. Bayne said there is no place in the valley where he would want a bike lane. He
88 said "bike lanes range from being a potential hazard, to a harmless waste of money". He said
89 committing to bike lanes, everywhere, especially on the higher traffic roads, is an invitation for
90 people to bicycle beyond their understanding of the environment.

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92 *As there were no further public comments, Bruce Henderson closed the public hearing at 7:35pm.*

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94 The Planning Commission discussed the issue of "bike lanes" and the inclusion of the specificity
95 of this issue in the General Plan.

96 Cordell Batt discussed some of the comments from other departments on this draft. He
97 discussed with the Commission the "order of importance" regarding the objectives and discussed
98 that since budget really is not a main factor, perhaps it should be moved. He said there were
99 further comments regarding the specificity of design guidelines (on Policy 2.5); the Parks and
100 Recreation Master Plan; and the bike lane issue. Cordell said that Jeff Jorgensen mentioned at
101 the City Council meeting the night before that the City had done some striping and signage along
102 some of the roads for bicyclists; and Cordell said that Councilman Steve Soulier expressed the
103 need to implement a plan regarding this issue.

104 Cordell also referred to the comments supplied by Lydia Embry; and said the Planning
105 Commission will need to decide how and when to review the comments and whether or not to
106 include some of them in the element. The Planning Commission discussed how to proceed.

107 The Planning Commission agreed to review the comments and come to the next meeting with
108 any questions or issues needing to be discussed. Cordell also mentioned that the next meeting's
109 agenda will include considering two conditional use permits; as well a presentation from the State
110 regarding Housing.*

111 Per a question from Frank Prince, Cordell Batt explained that only one Public Hearing is required,
112 and is required to be done at the Planning Commission; although, as Cordell mentioned, the
113 Planning Commission has actually held two Public Hearings at this point.

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115 **Set Next Agenda and/or Discussion**

116 * As noted above.

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118 *Bob Balling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Prince seconded the motion. A vote*
119 *was called and the motion passed unanimously.*

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122 The meeting adjourned at: 7:49pm.

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124 Approved by Planning Commission:

November 5, 2009

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127 Transcribed by Marie Wilhelm

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Scott Bennett/City Recorder

**THE CITY OF NORTH LOGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE AND AGENDA**

October 8, 2009

The North Logan City Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, **October 8, 2009** in the Meeting Room at the **North Logan Library, 475 East 2500 North**, North Logan, Utah. The regular meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Business: 7:00 p.m.

- Roll Call, Welcome, Opening Ceremony
- Adoption of agenda
- Approve minutes of previous Planning Commission Meetings
- Follow-up on issues from previous Planning Commission meetings

Commission Business:

7:15 pm PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and possible recommendation to City Council of the new proposed Transportation Element to the city's General Plan. This rewritten Transportation Element of the General Plan uses a new format of objectives and policies with information gathered from the public and many other sources, incorporating transportation smart growth principles that will help the City in its transportation planning and sustainability for the future.

The main purpose of this public hearing is to seek additional public input and provide the opportunity for interested citizens to give final comment on the plan element.

Staff Business:

- Set Next Agenda and/or Discussion
- Adjourn

The order, in which items are discussed, during this meeting, is subject to change throughout the meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting for specific items should plan to attend at the beginning of the meeting. Any public hearings on the agenda will be no sooner than the time specified, but may be later.

NORTH LOGAN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Date: October 8, 2009

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In order to keep accurate records of attendance and names of speakers, we would appreciate it if you would clearly PRINT YOUR NAME.

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