

SPECIAL MEETING

GRAND JUNCTION PLANNING COMMISSION

September 6, 1972 - 8: A.M.

Civic Auditorium - City Hall

M I N U T E S

Members Present: Chairman Betty Russell, Levi Lucero, Blake Chambliss, Gene McEwen, and Ray Paruch.

Others Present: City Staff Members, Bob Engelke, Don Warner, and Dick Gray.

Capital Improvement Plan:

Discussion on width of side walks. Dick Gray suggested that if the Planning Commission felt wider sidewalks were needed that they make a recommendation to City Council. Levi Lucero made a motion to recommend to City Council a sidewalk improvement program and that all new sidewalks in residential areas be at least 48" wide. Blake Chambliss seconded, and it passed.

Dick Gray discussed improvement of West Orchard. Don Warner pointed out the engineering problems involved.

Eugene McEwen spoke on the water problems of the city. Dick Gray discussed the plan to pump water from the Gunnison River. He gave a description of the proposed plant, water consumption of city, and the shortage we are now facing and could possibly face in the future.

Discussion on establishment of sewer out to Orchard Mesa. Gene asked how much of the \$70,000 will we recover from the trunk line. Dick Gray replied that there is a formula to recoup this over a period of years. A discussion was held on signal and pedestrian problems at various intersections. There was a discussion by Dick Gray on the bicycle regulations in traffic.

Buildings: Discussion on future building plans. Parks: Discussion on pool consolidation. Consolidate to one bath house and make a patio-deck, deepen Moyer Pool at the diving end. The consolidation would cut down on staff by having one bath house to maintain.

Discussion by Blake Chambliss on the Green Belt Program. Dick Gray said that the city feels that the Green Belt Program should have a definite program in order to have money set aside in the budget. Blake made a motion to recommend to council that \$15,000 be put into Item H as park acquisition and \$5,000 into Item D, Item F to be \$ -0-. Gene McEwen seconded and it was passed. Bob Engleke stated that there are some provisions in the new County Subdivision Regulations that help in the park program.

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DANGEROUS BUILDING CODE

Don Warner gave background of code. We now have code for occupied buildings but no code for unoccupied buildings. When a house is left empty, we have no authority to take care of the problem if the house becomes a hazard. A new dangerous building code would cover empty houses, garages, sheds, business buildings, etc. that have become hazards. Dick Gray gave his approval of the dangerous building code. The council felt that they should read the code before giving their approval. The dangerous building code is to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

REORGANIZATION:

Blake Chambliss presented a plan for re-structuring Regional Planning Commission. Discussion followed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

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