

Mr Gray

SPECIAL MEETING
GRAND JUNCTION PLANNING COMMISSION
Wednesday - July 16, 1969 - 8:00 A. M.
CONFERENCE ROOM - CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Baker, Chairman, Blake Chambliss, Mrs. Clinton Smith, Mrs. William Hyde, Richard Stranger, Harry Colescott and Raymond Paruch.

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Gray, City Manager, Don Warner, Development Director, Gus Byrom, Traffic Engineer, Charles Love, Paul Walker, Leland Schmidt, and John Haseman.

I. DISCUSSION - ONE WAY STREETS - DOWNTOWN

City Manager Gray read a letter from the First National Bank requesting information regarding one-way streets in the downtown area, particularly Rood Avenue. The Bank plans to build new drive-in facilities and needs to know the plans for the direction of traffic on streets.

Gus Byrom, Traffic Engineer, displayed two aerial photos of the City, each with different suggested one-way streets indicated. One photo presented showed Main Street running one-way West and Colorado and Rood both running East. The second photo showed Main Street remaining a two-way street with Colorado running East and Rood running West. Mr. Byrom mentioned that one-way streets are safer for both pedestrians and motorists.

Discussion followed. The Planning Commission felt that Main Street should be left as is, in case there are plans for closing it for a mall. Harry Colescott suggested a committee be set to check out the pros and cons of the one-way street presentations. Blake Chambliss stated the Commission should be planning long-range, rather than one block at a time. The Retail Merchants have a meeting set with Mr. Gray. Mr. Gray stated that we should start on a plan for downtown and not get to a do-nothing point by getting tied up in committees. Leland Schmidt, CCDD, suggested the Commission start with the most congested areas and move out, not start at the outer edges of town and work in. Charles Love, Mgr. C of C., stated that tourists appreciate Operation Foresight as it is.

Various members of the Commission and others attending this meeting will bring results from other meetings in town before the Commission will recommend any definite plan for one-way streets to the City Council. The material to come to Planning Commission in August.

II. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK in Grand Junction

R. L. QUIMBY
Executive Vice President

GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

July 7, 1969



Mr. Richard N. Gray
City Manager
City of Grand Junction
5th & Rood
Grand Junction, Colorado

Dear Mr. Gray:

In order for us to make plans, particularly regarding drive-in facilities, we feel that it is imperative that we have a commitment from the Grand Junction City Council regarding future plans for a downtown one-way grid system, particularly as regards to Rood Avenue.

We realize that such a plan has to be made based on long range traffic flow forecasts and should not be made hastily. However, since drive-in facilities require considerable investment, we feel that we need a commitment for our own planning. We would, therefore, like to have this put on the City Council agenda. We would also be anxious to have public hearings, Chamber of Commerce expression, and any other feelings regarding the one-way plan.

Since Mr. Youngerman is associated with our bank, we would anticipate he would abstain from all discussion and voting regarding this determination. However, we do feel that at this time, it would be timely to make such a determination not only for our benefit but for the benefit of other downtown businesses for long range planning.

We will look forward to hearing from you regarding this.

Very truly yours,

Executive Vice President

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