

Cheviot City Council  
Building and Annexation Committee Meeting Report  
November 24, 2015

Committee Members Present: Chair Leslie Roden, Amy Richter, Jim Martin and Dennis Dinkelacker

Others Present: Council Members, President Debbie Slaughter, Bill Clark, Jim Sunderhaus, and Kitty Zech. Economic Developer, Caroline Statkus

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to begin a dialogue regarding the process of revising zoning laws so they are more relevant to current needs.

Mrs. Statkus explained that the current zoning code is very outdated and there are issues with enforcing the current codes in place. Updating the zoning code is very complicated and is a very long process that will need to be reviewed professionally. She stated this project will require a lot of work at first, but having updated codes is well worth the effort. A few options were discussed, such as having an administrator from a similar size city assist us.

The issues of enforcing any zoning codes were also addressed and that it will ultimately become a budget issue. Mr. Dinkelacker, as finance committee chair, was asked to keep in mind that increases in budget to monitor and enforce codes may have to be considered in the future.

Mrs. Statkus was also asked to speak on creating a zoning overlay. She explained how an overlay a quick fix to address some immediate concerns. An overlay basically puts additional regulations on the current zoning code in attempt to keep the character of a specific area. Some examples to include in an overlay were items such as awnings with business name and address and possibly a door sign and restricting all other signs, requiring specific placements of windows, parking, and fencing: basically can include whatever is considered to provide consistency and is an improvement.

Obtaining historical site designation was also discussed. This also takes much work, but it could be beneficial to have some buildings included as historical sites. It was also noted that restrictions would also be put into place with a historical site designation.

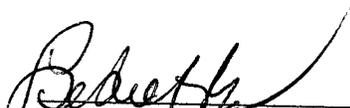
Any changes would require legislative changes in maps and text and would require public hearings.

Mrs. Statkus offered some handouts with information on Temporary Zoning Moratoriums and Overlays, including pros and cons of each. She also stated she would electronically send all of council information she provided at the meeting.

The resolution of this meetings was that council members were encouraged to tour the city and think of solid ideas on what should be included in an overlay. It was also stated that the next committee meeting on this subject should be held on a Wednesday and to request the building department to attend.

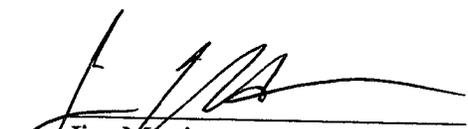
Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Leslie A Roden, Chair



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Jim Martin

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Amy Richter



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Dennis Dinkelacker