



**IDA GROVE  
Steering Committee Meeting  
5:00 p.m., February 5, 2018  
City Hall**

Call to order at 5:12pm by Mayor Whiteing. Council members Gregor Ernst, Ryan Goodman and Paul Cates present. Absent were Council members Amanda Litchenberg and Scott Tomlinson.

Motion by Council Member Goodman, seconded by Council Member Cates to approve the agenda.

Motion carries unanimously, 3-0.

Discussion of the Housing and Transportation Sections of the Comprehensive Plan. Nicole Peterson starting the discussion on the Comprehensive Plan for the City. Council Member Goodman discussing the 2004 Vision Statement included into the 2018 Vision Statement. Tech advantages including high speed internet access. Affordable housing opportunities for all ages. A diversity of housing choices. Council member Ernst discussing the internet and telecom infrastructure issues. Housing discussion by Nicole Peterson of SIMPCO. Council Member Goodman discussing TIF to incentivize builders to build affordable homes. Incentives for contractors. Nicole Peterson discussing survey results and vision meeting housing results. Discussion of vacancy rates of housing and building permit information. Talking about median home value and median gross rent. Council Member Ernst discussing housing affordability and average household income. Nicole Peterson talking about adding a goal of researching housing incentives. Council Member Ernst discussing the definition of affordable housing and affordable housing itself. Nicole Peterson discussing using HUD information on defining affordable housing. Ms. Peterson talking about a transportation map which includes the West Access project. Discussion of quality of roads in Ida Grove. Most fall into the poor to very poor range of conditions. Talking about trails and sidewalks inventory. Discussion of proposed West Access roads.

Adjournment at 5:59pm, by Council Member Goodman, seconded by Council Member Cates.

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Marc Dennison, City Administrator

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