



**IDA GROVE
Steering Committee Meeting
5:00 p.m., March 19, 2018
City Hall**

Mayor Whiteing called the meeting to order at 5:05pm. Council Members Scott Tomlinson, Ryan Goodman, Gregor Ernst and Paul Cates were present. Absent Council Member Amanda Litchenberg.

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

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion of the Comprehensive Plan. Nicole Peterson of SIMPCO discussing the plan process. The next meeting will be on April 23rd and the Planning and Zoning Commission members will be invited as well as the public for an open discussion on the Comprehensive Plan. The last meeting will be the City Council approving the Comprehensive Plan at a May meeting. The meeting will be held at the Rec Center. Council Member Goodman discussing the plan with Ms. Peterson of SIMPCO. Council Member Tomlinson saying the City needs to get where we are going, rather than how we got there. Discussion of the plan contents, introduction and the community context. The plan discusses the satisfaction and dis-satisfaction with the housing and age of the houses in the City. In the Transportation section of the plan there are goals and objectives as well as a discussion on the West Access Plan. The Council discusses bridge access to the area. Citizens feel that railroads, streets and sidewalks are in fair condition. Rita Frahm of Ida County Economic Development discussing brownfield grants, economic development and applying for an opportunity zone for the area. The Council is going over employers in the city and the amount of people each business employs. Discussion of page 105 of the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Peterson is asking the Council to look over the land use map to see if it is accurate or not. Discussion of the land use guide and what the amendments the City could propose or change. Talking about the goals of development and implementation. Nicole of SIMPCO discussing a planned development district of 25 acres.

No other business discussed.

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