

7.04: Review Comparison Document of The COR Development Plan and Original Ramsey Town Center Master Plan Prepared by the Planning Commission

Community Development Director Gladhill reviewed the staff report noting that the purpose for tonight is to ensure that the format, general content and layout match that desired through the Council and expressed at the last joint meeting. He advised that the Planning Commission will be reviewing this at depth during their August meeting and noted that the other Boards and Commissions would also be reviewing the information to provide input.

Councilmember Riley stated that he is less interested in where the City has been and more interested in the direction the City would like to go.

Councilmember Kuzma commended the Planning Commission and the amount of work they have done and continue to do on this matter.

Councilmember Williams also appreciated seeing where the City has been and being able to see that scope. She appreciated the efforts of the Planning Commission as they are being asked to review requests under standards of the original town center plans rather than the current plans for The COR.

Councilmember Shryock also agreed that it was helpful to see the path the City has taken. She also agreed with Councilmember Riley and stated that the City should focus on the desire for the future and the current market. She noted that although there are certain resident desires for The COR, the market may not drive that type of development in those locations. She referenced the sign regulations and believed that the City is in a good position in that regard and did not know that additional amendment would be necessary in that area.

Community Development Director Gladhill explained that they would not be reducing the sign design but instead amending the process for approval.

Councilmember Williams stated that she would like to see input from those within The COR as well as Coborn's, specific to the parcel adjacent to their property.

Acting Mayor LeTourneau stated that the original plan was flexible in order to be responsive to the conditions in the market, which he believed would continue to be important. He stated that perhaps the previous Councils were not open with amendments to the plan and thought it was great to see the public involvement in this open process.

Councilmember Shryock agreed that the communication has been an important focus throughout this process, making this process open and communicating updates to the residents. She welcomed any additional input from residents or businesses.

Community Development Director Gladhill confirmed the direction that he heard tonight which will include additions to the document such as highlighting the next steps and highlighting continuing work with property owners within The COR.