

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL and PLANNING COMMISSION
JOINT WORKSHOP
AUGUST 16, 2016**

6:00 P.M. KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Call to order: Mayor Blayney called the Joint Workshop to order at 6:05pm.

Council Members present: Ben Creighton, Staci Smith, Michelle Roman, Sherman Dix and Mayor Bruce Blayney.

Council Members absent: None.

Commissioners present: Kinney, Roundtree, Poynor, Kruper and Cozeby.

Commissioners absent: Johnson and Chairman Henslee.

Staff Present: City Manager Alex Henderson, City Attorney Michael Noland, City Engineer Dave Peters, Planning Consultant Holly Owen and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Public Comments: None.

Landscaped Pedestrian Corridors for New Developments and Design Standards for Small Lot Developments

Commissioner Kruper discussed landscaped pedestrian corridors which are described as dedicated pedestrian areas going north, east, west, and south, interlaced within the neighborhood. He presented about unfriendly designs for pedestrians along with photos. He said sidewalks set back are safer for kids and families. Shade is important to encourage walking. Buffer green strips between the traffic and the walk ways is important. Commissioner Kruper presented ideas from Florence, Italy and Woodward Park in Fresno. He said it is important to have the walkways that are safe and can be patrolled by the police. He presented Tulare's Rail to Trails walkway as a good example. Commissioner Kruper said that we should ensure developers understand what is expected; the fence not being right on the side walk, green strip barriers, trees, pedestrian lighting and eight foot sidewalks.

Staff discussed the already planned pedestrian corridors in the North Kingsburg Specific Plan.

Commissioner Kruper asked for more tracts be added to the plan so they are interconnected. The

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Commission and Council discussed small lots, landscaping and architecture. Commissioner Kruper suggested garages in the back of the property and/or alleyways to help beautify the development.

North Kingsburg Specific Plan Standards

City Manager Henderson spoke about meeting tonight to collaborate on specific standards for the North Kingsburg Specific Plan. He asked what are the important issues for this group.

Mayor Blayney said he would like to come to a consensus and be able to tell the developers what the City would like to see done.

The Council, Commission, and Staff discussed at length multifamily housing, alleyways, green space, road width and pedestrian corridors. The Council and the Commission gave direction to staff to draft an ordinance regarding alleyways and they decided on holding developers to adding green space. They also decided on allowing the negotiation of road width.

Adjourn Kingsburg City Council and the Planning Commission Joint Workshop

Mayor Blayney adjourned the Joint Workshop at 7:57pm.