

**Meeting called to order on April 13, 2021 at 5:30 PM:**

**Roll Call:** Mary Benton  Lloyd Colston  Joni Curl  Karla Gallegos  Paisley Howerton  Charles Jennings   
Ian Kuhn  Andy Paton  Cody Richardson

Colston joined the meeting via GoToMeeting.

Staff present at the meeting included City Manager Randy Frazer, Principal Planner Josh White and Public Information Officer Andrew Lawson

Also present at the meeting either in person or via GoToMeeting was Wichita State University Graduate Assistant Emily Thon, Marla Canfield representing the Kansas Department of Commerce, Megan Bottenberg and Cody Corbet representing Cox Communications, Kerri Falletti representing Cowley First and citizens Brandon & Sarah Jellings

**1. Public Comments:**

There were no comments from the public for items not on the agenda.

**2. Consent Agenda:**

Benton made a motion to approve the March 9, 2021 minutes as written. Jennings seconded the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

**3. Housing Assessment Stakeholder Discussion**

White explained the purpose of this discussion. He explained the city was required to gather input from the public about housing needs in the community in order to receive a housing grant. The information from the Housing Assessment Tool will also help the City find additional funding streams for housing. White turned the meeting over to Emily Thon who led a discussion with question prompts about housing for the Housing Assessment Tool. A couple key points that emerged from the discussion were that contractors need to be recruited to build and/or remodel homes and the need to find investors to improve housing. Thon will compile the comments made at the meeting for the HAT.

**4. Comprehensive Plan-Economic Development**

White led a discussion of Economic Development. Kerri Falletti and Marla Canfield assisted with the discussion of programs and past surveys. It was noted that the surveys kept repeating the same results. Jennings felt that specific smaller goals need to be made instead of focusing on the larger goals. Consensus was that the goals needed to be specific in order to better measure them and provide guidance to staff and the city commission for making budgetary decisions for the next 10 years or so. White asked that Planning Commissioners consider prior the next meeting what sort of goals they would like to see. Lawson gave a brief update on the upcoming FlashVote surveys. Colston left the meeting at 6:54 pm and since there was no longer a quorum the meeting was adjourned. No other items were proposed and the Economic Development discussion will be continued at the May meeting.