

City of Finlayson Planning and Zoning Commission
Finlayson City Hall-Work Group
Monday, October 28, 2024 1-2:30 p.m.

Members present: Dave Auchter, Dennis Liebelt, Nancy Liebelt, Bruce Pogatchnik, Josette Koets

Members absent: Jeff Flaws, Marge Haefner, Norm Kester, Nate Konkel.

Visitor: Penny Simonsen, East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC)

Call to Order: Josette Koets led the Pledge of Allegiance and meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Business:

City of Finlayson, MN Comprehensive Planning Community Survey 2024. Members were given an updated version. Several changes were made. Penny Simonsen will make corrections to the document to be presented at the the next meeting.

Cover Sheet/Introduction of Survey. Members discussed components of the survey: wording, map, availability, who receives and how it is delivered, where it could be found, content, distribution, definition of a comprehensive plan, and a thank you message.

Visitor Survey: Members discussed questions that might be on a visitor survey. Suggestions: QR Codes near the bike trail, bandstand, municipal building, Petry's, city hall, laundromat, cafe, school, web site, etc.

Next meeting: November 4, 2024, Finlayson City Hall, 6:30 p.m.*
The group will work on General Goals in addition to the regular Planning and Zoning meeting.

* *Soup will be served prior to the meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. by Penny.*

10-28-24

Draft #2

2024 City of Finlayson, MN Community Survey

1. Do you live or own property within the city limits of Finlayson, Minnesota? Please circle one.
 YES NO *add map*
2. If you answered YES to #1, how long have you lived or owned property in Finlayson. Please circle one.
 LESS THAN ONE YEAR 1-5 YEARS 6-10 YEARS 11-20 YEARS 21+ YEARS

3. If you answered YES to #1, do you rent or own your own home? Please circle one.
 RENT OWN

4. If you answered YES to #1, do you rent or own a business? Please circle one.
 RENT OWN

5. If you answered NO to #1, where do you live?
 Township _____ County _____ City _____ State _____

6. The City of Finlayson should promote business/commercial growth. Please circle one.
 AGREE DONT CARE DISAGREE

7. The City of Finlayson should promote manufacturing/industrial growth. Please circle one.
 AGREE DONT CARE DISAGREE

8. The City of Finlayson should promote residential development. Please circle one.
 AGREE DONT CARE DISAGREE

9. What would be your priorities for new land use or development? Please circle top three priorities.
dev More single family homes *dev* More multi-family homes *More commerce* *remove*
 More open space More bike and pedestrian amenities
 Reducing blight Downtown renewal Other _____
bus/com *man/indus*

10. To pay for future public improvements, which methods do you prefer. Please circle as many as you prefer.
 Property taxes User fees Sales taxes
 Property assessment Grants
 Public/private partnerships Other _____

11. In the past few years which statement best describes Finlayson. Please circle one.
 It is mostly the same community it's always been.
 It has changed to be less than it was in the past.
 It has changed to be more than it was in the past.

12. What kind of Finlayson do you want to see ten years from now? Please circle 1 is low/5 is high.
 a) Well maintained property 1 2 3 4 5
 b) Expansion of businesses 1 2 3 4 5
 c) Well-designed housing and commercial development in keeping with the character of Finlayson 1 2 3 4 5
 d) Being able to work in Finlayson 1 2 3 4 5
 e) Maintain the small town atmosphere 1 2 3 4 5
 f) Improvements to streets and sidewalks 1 2 3 4 5
 g) Expansion or updates to utilities (Ex: sewer, water, street lights, broadband, etc) 1 2 3 4 5
 h) *Child care availability within Finlayson* 1 2 3 4 5

13. Please share your thoughts that may have not fit into the previous questions.

14. What would you like to see changed about Finlayson?

15. What do you like best about Finlayson?

16. How important is it to retain an elementary school in Finlayson?

Survey results will be held confidentially, with responses compiled by the East Central Regional Development Commission at 100 Park Street South in Mora, MN. Results of the survey will be posted on the City of Finlayson website and available at city offices by mid-November, 2024.