

Anna Campbell - Chairman Jason Roach – Vice-Chair David Threatt - Member Brian Wilson – Member Tyler Slawson - Member Vacant – Board Liaison

PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF LUTHER MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023, 7:00 PM TOWN HALL, 108 S MAIN, LUTHER, OK 73054

- 1. Call to Order.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Roll Call.
- 4. Determination of a Quorum.
- 5. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2023.
- 6. Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding the Luther Zoning Code Objectives as submitted by Larry Curtis, Mid-America Planning, LLC.

7. Adjourn.

Scherrie Pidcock Town Clerk

*Agenda Posted on Friday, June 9, 2023, at Luther Town Hall, via MailChimp, on the Website at www.townoflutherok.com and on Facebook at The Town of Luther, prior to 7:00 pm.



Anna Campbell - Chairman
Jason Roach – Vice-Chair
David Threatt - Member
Brian Wilson – Member
Tyler Slawson - Member
Joshua Rowton – Board Liaison

MINUTES PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF LUTHER MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023, 7:00 PM TOWN HALL, 108 S MAIN LUTHER, OKLAHOMA 73054

- 1. Call to Order by Anna Campbell.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anna Campbell.
- 3. Roll Call by Anna Campbell. Anna Campbell, Jason Roach, David Threatt and Tyler Slawson were present. Brian Wilson was absent.
- 4. Determination of a quorum was made by Anna Campbell
- 5. Approval of March 13, 2023, minutes (no meeting in April 2023). Jason Roach made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by David Threatt. The Vote: All (4) Yes.
- 6. Consideration, discussion and planning for tiny homes, including, but not limited to, size, types, and zoning. Terry Arps spoke on ideas regarding tiny homes. A discussion was held among members regarding various aspects of zoning ideas related to tiny homes, including lot size, square footage, definitions. A suggestion of sending out a questionnaire was made. No Action.
- 7. Adjourn. Jason Roach made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Tyler Slawson. The Vote: All (4) Yes.



Minutes transcribed by Scherrie Pidcock, Town Clerk

Luther Oklahoma Zoning Code Review - Trip Documentation & Photo Analysis

From: larry curtis <larrycurtismap@gmail.com>

Date: Friday, May 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

To: Beth Anne Childs <bethanne@thechildsfirm.com>

Subject: Luther Oklahoma Zoning Code Review - Trip Documentation & Photo Analysis

Dear Beth Anne,

I hope this email finds you well. As part of our ongoing efforts to review and update the zoning code for the town of Luther, Oklahoma, I recently undertook a comprehensive trip through the community. The purpose of this trip was to capture and document the current state of the town to better inform our recommendations for zoning code updates. In this email, I will provide a detailed account of my observations, supported by an extensive collection of over 280 photos.

During my trip, I traversed various neighborhoods and commercial areas in Luther, taking note of common practices and potential areas for improvement. I documented the following current standards and practices:

Trash Dumpers within the Right-of-Way:

I observed numerous instances of trash dumpers being placed within the public right-of-way. These dumpers not only obstructed pedestrian and vehicular traffic but also detracted from the visual appeal of the community. Photo #45 and #62 provide clear examples of this issue.

Shipping Containers:

Shipping containers were frequently used as storage units or makeshift structures in residential and commercial zones. In some cases, these containers were placed on properties without proper permits or screening. Photo #93 and #105 showcase examples of unscreened shipping containers in residential areas.

Large Semi-Trucks Parked:

The presence of large semi-trucks parked in residential zones was another issue I documented. These trucks were often parked on the street or in front of homes, posing a safety risk and contributing to traffic congestion.

Boats Stored in Front of Homes:

Many residents stored boats in front of their homes, which may violate current zoning regulations but also created visual clutter and possible block sidewalks.

Throughout my trip, I captured over 280 photos that offer a comprehensive view of the community, including the issues mentioned above. You can access the complete photo collection by following this link: Community Photos

These observations have led me to identify several areas where the current zoning code can be updated or enforced more effectively. I propose the following recommendations for consideration:

- Enforce stricter guidelines for trash dumper placement, requiring them to be placed on private property or designated collection areas, and implement fines for non-compliance.
- Review and update regulations related to shipping container usage, including requirements for permits and screening in both residential and commercial zones.
- Reassess parking regulations for large semi-trucks, potentially designating specific parking areas or implementing restrictions in residential zones.
- Strengthen regulations on boat storage in residential areas, encouraging storage in designated off-street areas, garages, or approved storage facilities.
- As we continue our review of the Luther zoning code, I believe that addressing these issues will improve
 the overall quality of life for residents and enhance the town's visual appeal.



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OBJECTIVE

To create a comprehensive timeline for the evaluation, reviews, draft, and adoption of the Town of Luther Oklahoma Zoning Code over the next one and a half years.

Duration: 18 months

Start Date: March 10, 2023 End Date: November 10, 2024

Timeline Breakdown:

Phase 1: Preliminary Evaluation (March 2023 - July 2023)

- March 15 June 15, 2023: Conduct a comprehensive review of existing zoning codes, identify areas for improvement, and gather feedback from the community
- June 20 OR 22, 2023: Kick-off meeting with the Town Council and relevant stakeholders
- June 23 August 15, 2023: Analyze findings from the review process and develop a preliminary report outlining key issues and potential recommendations

Phase 2: Drafting the New Zoning Code (August 2023 - January 2024)

- August 15, 2023: Appoint a Zoning Code Development Committee, consisting of relevant stakeholders, community representatives, and subject matter experts
- August 16 November 30, 2023: The committee will work on drafting the new zoning code, incorporating findings from the preliminary evaluation phase
- December 1 January 15, 2024: Internal review of the draft zoning code by the committee to ensure accuracy, relevance, and compliance with local and state regulations

Phase 3: Public Review and Feedback (February 2024 - April 2024)

- February 1, 2024: Release of the draft zoning code for public review and input
- February 1 March 15, 2024: Organize town hall meetings, public workshops, and online surveys to gather feedback from the community
- March 16 April 15, 2024: Analyze public feedback and incorporate relevant suggestions into the draft zoning code

Phase 4: Final Review and Adoption (May 2024 - November 2024)

- May 1 June 30, 2024: Conduct a final review of the draft zoning code, incorporating any necessary revisions based on public feedback
- July 1, 2024: Present the final draft of the zoning code to the Town Council for review and approval
- July 15 August 15, 2024: The Town Council will review the zoning code, request any necessary revisions, and provide final approval
- September 1, 2024: Official adoption of the new zoning code by the Town of Luther, Oklahoma
- September 2 November 10, 2024: Implementation and rollout of the new zoning code, including staff training, public education, and necessary enforcement measures

By following this timeline, the Town of Luther, Oklahoma, can effectively develop and implement a new zoning code that addresses the needs of the community and promotes sustainable development.