

City of Ione
Public Hearing Comments – General Plan Discussion
December 9, 2008

Jack Brotherton

- Interested in Economic and Historic Revitalization of Main Street
- Expand City Limits to incorporate all mining areas to add to the City's tax base
- Keep and Improve Historic Downtown
- Relocate City Hall and Post Office out of downtown to increase retail presence in downtown
- Discuss with the State of California about the state property South of the Castle as potential City property for public service area (City Hall, Police Station, and Post Office)
- Wants Open Space designation to include Open Space – Public and Open Space – Private, he would like to see more Open Space – Public
- Kreth/Howard Properties/Borgh properties Zoning designation could be Live/Work space in the Retail/Commercial and possibly Light Industrial Area

Matt Toma – Q Ranch

- Q Ranch is approximately 400 acres with 2/3 of the property in flood plain area
- Request designation of rural residential (RR) with a plan to come later that would recognize the flood plain area constraints.

Gary Thomas – Resident

- Would like the High Density Residential designation removed from the property South of Hwy 124 (going towards Plymouth)
- Preference for High Density Residential adjacent or across from Preston Youth Authority
- Would like to see Preston Youth Authority, if it closes, be converted to a Junior/Community College

Len Winter – Resident

- Q Ranch – would like designation to be Open Space/Rural Residential combination
- Would like a bypass North of Hwy 104 above Mule Creek State Prison

Jerry Casessi – Resident

- Thanked the City and public for participating in process
- Concerned about affordable or high density housing and the potential for “blight” when there is a prison in town
- Need for 2nd entrance at Elementary School
- Need to remember to have a visual buffer heading into and out of City (agriculture lands)
- Need to have the bypass north of Hwy 104 between Hwy 124 and Irish Hill Road

Dan Port – Resident

- Q Ranch – opposed development as it is prime agriculture land and issues surrounding residential construction adjacent to farm lands.
- Opposed to the Future Growth Area designation for Muletown above State of California property
- Triangle area between Hwy 104, Hwy 124 and Hwy 88 should be added as a future growth area

Gene Riddle – Resident

- North area is a concern for future growth due to the topography and possible prison expansion issues

Larry Costick – Resident

- Concerned about High Density housing off of Hwy 124 and believes that CalTrans will have an issue with it.