

Memo

To: Planning Commission
From: Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director
Date: April 29, 2016
Re: Food trucks discussion

As you no doubt remember, we have a public hearing on the issue of food trucks and other mobile vendors on the agenda for the May meeting.

I placed an article in the newspaper seeking public input, as well as making a post to the city's website and the Mayor published it on social media.

We will try to compile the range of social media and website commentary for delivery at your meeting, as well as listen to any public comment made in-person at that meeting.

The social media discussion appeared to be mostly in favor of food trucks, but most of the phone calls I have taken have been against.

I expect to have people present at your meeting to offer input.

Once we have heard from the public, the Planning Commission can make a decision about moving forward.

The next-step options that I think you have are the following:

- Do nothing – No change in the ordinance would mean that food trucks would still be prohibited, but we would have fulfilled our obligation to consider the matter.
- Seek more input – We can ask for more input from the public, and we can research more about what other communities are doing.

- Suggest a change – If the Planning Commission feels there is support for making a change to the ordinance, we can begin the process of working out the details.

I will also provide a brief report on Tuesday evening regarding what I have learned from other communities in the area.