



Planning Commission Minutes
November 15, 2006 Regular Scheduled Meeting

APPROVED

City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 P.M.

Planning Commission Present

Randy McKibbin, Chair
Grant Sulham, Vice-Chair
Quinn Dahlstrom
Dennis Poulsen
David Eck
Katrina Minton-Davis
L. Winona Jacobsen

City Staff Present

Stephen Ladd, Planning Manager
Christy McQuillen, Planning Commission Clerk

A poll determined that a majority of Commission members would be available for the next Regular meeting of the Planning Commission scheduled for December 6, 2006 to be held at City Hall Council Chambers.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DAHLSTROM, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR SULHAM TO APPROVE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR COMMISSIONER ECK FROM THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2006. APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes were postponed for review and approval until the first meeting in December.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Audience members in attendance chose not to speak.

III. OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

The Non-Motorized Transportation Plan- As reported at the last meeting, Mr. Ladd said that Commissioners are to continue review of the draft circulated in September, make any necessary notes. Public Hearing may be scheduled in January 2007 for the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and the Fennel Creek Trail Plan.

Commissioner Jacobsen brought up the subject of landscape buffers (planter strips) along State Route 410 E. Safety along this corridor is a concern and planter strips built between the roadway and edge of sidewalks is important. And, there appears to be problems with motorized wheelchairs maneuvering around or on raised corrugated surfaces at intersections. Commissioner Jacobsen asked if there are other methods for the vision impaired.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING-

Miscellaneous Fixes Ordinance- Chair McKibbin called the Public Hearing to Order at 5:46PM.

With no public comment received verbally or in writing, Chair McKibbin closed the Public Hearing at 5:47PM.

Mr. Ladd suggested that Commissioners consider making their recommendation at the next Planning Commission meeting scheduled for December 6, 2006.

This item is to remain on the agenda under Old/Continuing Business.

V. NEW BUSINESS- None.

VI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Correspondence- None

Staff Concerns- Mr. Ladd suggested that the Planning Commission host a Stormwater Management Symposium at their next meeting (December 6, 2007). This suggestion stems from the workshop held at the American Planning Association Brown Bag Series and Commissioner Jacobsen's request to look into options on Stormwater management. The Symposium would be held similar to the Short Course in Local Planning with guest speakers and invitations circulated to other jurisdictions in Pierce County. Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Commissioner Concerns – Commissioners discussed upcoming business and determined that their Regular Scheduled meeting of December 20th would be cancelled due to the holiday season. Ms. McQuillen noted that a press release would be prepared and released by December 15, 2006.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE CHAIR SULHAM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ECK TO ADJOURN. APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.

The meeting ended at 5:55 P.M.

Christy McQuillen, Planning Commission Clerk
Approved on December 5, 2006