



CITY OF FRANKLIN

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT · DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

MINUTES

FRANKLIN CITY PLAN COMMISSION

May 15, 2012

Members Present:

Jim Martin	President
Kevin McElyea	Vice-President
Joe Abban	Member
Pam Ault	Member
Steve Davis	Member
Diane Gragg	Member
Georganna Haltom	Member
Tim Holmes	Member
Chris Phillips	Member

Members Absent:

Suzanne Findley	Secretary
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Others Present:

Krista Linke	Director
Joanna Myers	Senior Planner
Lynn Gray	Legal Counsel
Jaime Harshman	Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

Jim Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Swearing In of new Members:

Ms. Gray swore in Debbie Swinehamer as a new Plan Commission Member.

Approval of Minutes:

Pam Ault made a motion to approve the April 17th 2012, meeting minutes as presented. Georganna Haltom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Swearing In:

En masse, Ms. Gray swore in all individuals in the audience who were going to be presenting testimony.

Report of Officers and Committees:

Joanna Myers stated that the Technical Review Committee met on April 26th, 2012. The one item on the agenda was MetroNet at 111 Commerce Drive. They are adding a communication hut at the property. They should be obtaining a permit this week.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

PC 2012-07: Amended Integrated Economic Development Plan – 2012:

Rob Schafstall stated the case was heard last year and was stopped at City Council. He stated they are asking for approval on an amendment of the Economic Development Plan. Currently the Best Buy site is not included in the economic development area. The effect of this process would be to merge the Best Buy economic development area into the other economic development area. It is a four step process; first it goes to the RDC, then to Plan Commission, then to City Council then back to the RDC in June. Each body would be passing resolutions to pass it and would also have a plan in writing that would go to the RDC. He stated that Krista Linke and the Planning Staff would have comments to present to the RDC concerning the plan.

Mr. Schafstall stated that since it was last heard before the Commission, there is a new owner at the Best Buy facility. The \$1.4 million escrow agreement has been released to the City and they have created a capital fund in that amount that can be used by the RDC city wide. Ms. Gray stated that a couple of the members had a question about that issue the last time it was before Plan Commission. Mr. Abban stated that at that time he was hoping to keep the money for a new company coming in. It worked out that a company came in and spent their own money. He stated he is now fully in favor of integrating the area. Ms. Gray stated that the Plan Commission addresses the issue to find out if it displaces any members of the community, or if it interferes in planning in any way. Mr. Schafstall stated that they are taking two pots of money and combining them. They are trying to unrestrict the Best Buy site. He stated that the RDC is the only entity that can release the funds.

Ms. Gray questioned how much money is in each pot. Mr. Schafstall stated it is approximately \$2 million in larger pot and about the same in the Best Buy pot. He stated there is a third pot has \$1.4 million that is former escrow money and it is unrestricted city wide.

Action taken on PC 2012-07: Amended Integrated Economic Development Plan – 2012:

Joe Abban made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council. Georganna Haltom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business:

Ms. Myers stated that MetroNet will start their work after Thursday's RDC meeting and will begin in the subdivision Meadow at Simon Farms.

Ms. Myers stated that DNR is having their annual floodplain workshops if anyone is interested in attending.

Krista Linke stated that the Planning Department has a request for proposals out for updating the Comprehensive Plan. The current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2002 and many of the projects have been accomplished but there is much to be updated. She stated that some of the Plan Commission members would be asked to be on the advisory board.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted this June 19th, 2012.



Jim Martin
President



Suzanne Findley
Secretary