

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearings

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Arnold Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Brian McArthur at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS: Del Williams, Michelle Hohmeier, Cricket Whaley, Brian McArthur, Ralph Sippel, Ted Brandt, Frank Kutilek, Jeff Campbell (excused), Andrew Sutton, Todd Teuscher, Mary Holden, Christie Hull-Bettale (excused), Dan Bish and Bob Sweeney (excused). 9 voting members present, 1 excused.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Andrew Sutton to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Frank Kutilek. Voice Vote – *Unanimously Approved.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Del Williams to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2013 meeting as presented. Second by Cricket Whaley. Voice Vote – *Unanimously Approved.*

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR: None

STAFF REPORT:

- a. **Planning Commission's Handbook, Chapter 1, What Was I Thinking:** Mary gave an overview of the first chapter.
- b. **Proposed By-Laws for Planning Commission:** The 1982 version and the proposed new By-Laws with revisions suggested by City Attorney Robert Sweeney.

Brian McArthur likes the new format but would like terms and duty descriptions from the 1982 version added to the new By-Laws.

Frank Kutilek feels voting should be by ballot to avoid hurt feelings. Brian suggested checking to see if this would be allowed under Sunshine Laws.

Ted Brandt referred to article 4, section 3 of the 1982 By-Laws and questioned the need or meaning of entering into contracts.

General discussion on council approvals and contract needs.

Mary Holden stated she will likely strike that item as it is dated and not applicable to the Commission.

Brian McArthur commented that Mary needs to check majority of Commissioners voting/present (of a quorum) versus majority of full Commission. He believes we changed the voting rules for the Commission who are a recommending body to allow approval by majority of Commissioners present.

- c. **Tree Preservation:** Mary Holden stated that she sent this draft of the proposed tree preservation ordinance to the Home Builders for their input.

Ted Brandt referred to the Emerald Ash issue and stated that we do not have them. Mary Holden commented that she just received word that it is still moving/spreading and recently was located in south and western Missouri.

Andrew Sutton thanked Mary and Dan for putting this ordinance together. Andrew then referred to the fourth highlight "for every 1% over the required 50% preserved the developer/owner will receive a 2% credit towards the required landscape plan" and asked how we are quantifying the requirement.

Mary Holden stated the easiest equation we can do is if someone is required to have 10 trees, saving the 1% they would only have to provide 8 trees. We want to keep it easy.

Andrew Sutton questioned if it was that important to require that they list the species of the existing trees that are to be removed. Mary Holden stated we want to make sure they are not removing the premium trees.

General discussion on tree preservation; add credits for premium trees; add credits for maintaining buffers as undisturbed.

Mary Holden reported that the city received the Safe Routes to Schools Program Grant for \$250,000 to put in sidewalks on Tenbrook; upgrade lights and crosswalks. This was due to the efforts of Christie Hull-Bettale who applied three times and finally got it this year.

OLD BUSINESS: Michelle Hohmeier reported that the construction barriers are taking up Applebee's parking spaces. The Church is opening soon and will start towing Applebees employee cars if they find them parking on their lot. Mary will check.

Ted Brandt questioned if Burlington Clothing Factory is moving into the building next to Northern Tool. He was told that plans were sent to the Fire Department for review. (Mary checked and it is a rumor).

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Todd Teuscher
Planning Commission Secretary

