

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing

REGULAR MEETING

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

**ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS:** Del Williams, John Tucker, Anthony Sofia, Brian McArthur, Alan Bess, Ted Brandt, Frank Kutilek (excused), Jeff Campbell, Andrew Sutton, Todd Teuscher, Mary Holden, Christie Hull-Bettale, Derrick Redhead and Bob Sweeney. 9 voting members present, 1 excused.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Jeff Campbell to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Del Williams. Voice Vote – *Unanimously Approved.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Jeff Campbell to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2016 meeting as presented. Second by Brian McArthur. Voice Vote – *Unanimously Approved.*

**QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

**STAFF REPORT:**

a. **Native Shrubs:** Mary Holden asked the Commissioners to provide input on the finalized list of native shrubs. A public hearing will be scheduled for the April 12, 2016 meeting.

b. **Sign Code:** Mary Holden emphasized that the Commissioners read and understand the **potential** amendments to the sign code based on the US Supreme Court decision. Bob Sweeney provided a quick summary of the court decision commenting that past sign code strategies are no longer acceptable. Limits can only dictate time, place and manner; cannot dictate content of sign. Mr. Sweeney recommended scheduling a work session to go over these changes.

Brian McArthur commented that this decision is going to be tough for our code and for the businesses.

c. **Flood Plain – discussion of potential changes:** Mary Holden commented that in the aftermath of the flooding and meeting with people whose homes were damaged beyond 50% of the value, Staff is recommending a change to our Floodplain Code. Currently our code specifies that you must raise your home three (3) feet above the 100 year flood elevation and we are proposing changing that to follow FEMA's requirement of the living floor must be at the 100 year flood elevation or above.

d. **Meeting of colleagues to help each other in future natural disasters:** Mary Holden stated that based on the experience that we went through with this recent flood event, it was suggested that we create an emergency response team within our department. She wants to take it a step further and create an emergency response group consisting of all the different jurisdictions in Jefferson County. A meeting has been scheduled for next Thursday to meet and see how we can coordinate and help each other.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT:** All welcomed new Commissioners, Anthony Sofia and Alan Bess.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Todd Teuscher".

Todd Teuscher  
Planning Commission Secretary

