

Planning & Zoning Minutes

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Commissioners Attending:

Winston Dyer – Chairman
Gil Shirley Thaine Robinson
Scott Ferguson Jedd Walker
Mary Ann Mounts Nephi Allen
Cory Sorensen Marilyn Rasmussen
Richie Webb

City Staff and Others:

Val Christensen – Community Development Director
Jake Rasmussen – I.T. Intern
Mario Puente – Community Development Intern
Elaine McFerrin – P&Z Coordinator

Chairman Dyer opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. He welcomed everyone, recognizing staff members, fellow Commissioners, a representative from BYU-Idaho, and interested citizens.

Welcome:

Marilyn Rasmussen, new Planning & Zoning Commissioner

Chairman Dyer welcomed newly appointed P&Z Commissioner **Marilyn Rasmussen**. He asked **Mrs. Rasmussen** to tell the Commission a little about herself.

Marilyn Rasmussen stated that her administrative experience was at the University of Texas. Her family has been involved in politics for a long time. She is a Rigby; her uncle is Ray Rigby. Her father was a County Commissioner. She was the Madison County Clerk for twelve years. Prior to that time, she and her husband Gary lived in Texas, where her husband was a library director. For a time, he was also associate director and director at the University of Utah. He has recently retired. They have four great daughters, several grandchildren, and have raised a grandson who just recently turned eighteen.

Chairman Dyer said the Commission welcomes her. She was encouraged to contribute her vast experience and knowledge to the Commission's endeavors.

Roll Call of Planning and Zoning Commissioners:

Jedd Walker, Richie Webb, Marilyn Rasmussen, Cory Sorensen, Gil Shirley, Winston Dyer, Thaine Robinson, Nephi Allen, Mary Ann Mounts

Dan Hanna was excused.

Minutes:

1. Planning and Zoning meeting - January 6, 2011

Clarifications:

Page 3 – Clarify under Chairman Dyer's statement - "...Chairman Dyer was concerned that the parking requirements may not be met *if the setback is included.*"

Page 4 – Clarify under Chairman Dyer's statement regarding the PEZ Zone– "...In order to enhance and achieve proper pedestrian movement, *off-premises* sidewalk installation may be necessary."

Page 5 - Clarify under Chairman Dyer's statement - "... The Commission needs to examine if the request fits in the community's *interest.*"

Scott Ferguson arrived at 7:08 pm.

Thaine Robinson motioned to approve the Planning & Zoning minutes of January 6, 2011, as amended. Nephi Allen seconded the motion.

Mary Ann Mounts, Richie Webb, Scott Ferguson and Marilyn Rasmussen abstained for not having been present.

None opposed. Motion carried.

Public Hearings: None

Unfinished/Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Identifying priorities for City planning

Chairman Dyer introduced this issue. The Commission's basic charge by statute and by authority is to do planning for the community. That planning includes the Comprehensive Plan and its map, working on City ordinances, and looking at interpretations of the Code. The Commission has a history of being very involved in actual development requests that are brought forward. In actuality, the Commission's charge is to do planning. Tonight, the Commission needs to look at issues that they think need attention in the community. They need to discuss and list those planning issues, and then try to prioritize those items. The Commissioners will then vote for their top 3 most important planning priority items. Then, as they have time in meetings or work sessions in the coming months, the Commission can work on these planning priorities.

The Commissioners thoroughly discussed what City planning issues they felt needed attention. From this discussion, the Commissioners composed a list of planning priorities and looked at the importance of each issue. The list was printed out for each Commissioner to use as a ballot. The Commissioners voted for their top three City planning priorities. The votes were then tallied.

The top three City planning priority issues were as follows:

the first planning priority was "**Alternate route for 2nd East**" (12 votes);

the second planning priority was "**Visual appearance of corridors**" (11 votes);

the third planning priority was "**Safety**" (9 votes).

These top three priority planning issues were followed in priority by the issues of "Entrance Corridors" and "Encouraging Open Space".

Val Christensen will guide the Commission in focusing on these priority planning issues in future meetings.

Chairman Dyer said the Commission will explore these priority planning items to identify what the issues are and what they as a Commission can do to make it better for the community.

Planning Priorities for the P&Z Commission

1. *Outskirts*
2. *Highway 20*
 - a. *Higher signs around corridors*
3. **Visual appearance of corridors** - **#2 priority**

- a. *Behind subdivisions*
- b. *No man's land*
- 4. *Entrance corridors*
- 5. **Safety** - ***#3 priority***
 - a. *Sidewalks – Pioneer Rd, 1st North, etc.*
 - b. *Snow removal*
 - c. *Landscape strip*
- 6. *Encouraging open space*
- 7. *Coordinate with campus and impacts*
- 8. *Airport*
- 9. *Temporary businesses – restrictions*
- 10. *Lighting – technological advancement*
- 11. *Future growth – Large vacated buildings*
- 12. **Alternate route for 2nd East** - ***#1 priority***
- 13. *Encourage clean industry*
- 14. *Sprawl restraint*

Compliance:

The Commission expressed concern about old signs and also about the pawn shop property on South Yellowstone. The Compliance Officer will be informed of these concerns.

Non controversial Items Added to the Agenda: None

Report on Projects: None

Tabled Requests: None

Building Permit Application Report: None

Heads Up:

February 3rd meeting: Preliminary Plat - Broulim's Plaza

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.