



MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
City Hall – 550 Swift Boulevard – Council Chamber
WEDNESDAY, June 24, 2015
7:00 PM

Call to Order:

Chair Madsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendance:

Present: Commissioners Berkowitz, Boring, Palmer, Wise, Vice-Chair Wallner and Chair Madsen. Commissioner Clark was excused. Also present were City Council Liaison Phil Lemley, Block Grant Coordinator Michelle Burden, Development Services Manager Rick Simon, and Recorder Pam Bykonen.

Approval of Agenda:

Chair Madsen presented the June 24, 2015 meeting agenda for approval.

The June 24, 2015 meeting agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Madsen presented the meeting minutes of the May 27, 2015 meeting for approval.

Commissioner Berkowitz asked to amend the minutes to clarify the location of the pedestrian access across Stevens Drive at Snyder Avenue (page 2) and add Mr. Peters' comment made during his presentation of the Transportation Improvement Program regarding a road alignment study for Rachel Road in 2016.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Wallner and seconded by Commissioner Berkowitz to approve the meeting minutes of the May 27, 2015 meeting as amended.

Motion to approve carried 6-0.

Public Comment

Chairman Madsen asked if any person in attendance would like to provide public comment on items not on the agenda. Seeing none, he closed this portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

New Business

1. 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding

Ms. Burden introduced the Public Hearing for the 2016 CDBG funding process. Citizens are encouraged to give testimony regarding community needs that may benefit from CDBG funds.

Public Hearing opened at 7:07 p.m.

Ryan Washburn, Program Administrator, Elijah Family Homes: Stated that prior funding has helped provide stable housing and supportive services for low-income families in substance abuse recovery.

Public Hearing closed at 7:09 p.m.

2. Zoning Code Amendments Regarding Modifications to Existing Wireless Communication Facilities (RMC 23.62)

Mr. Simon reviewed the code amendment process and the proposed amendments to RMC 23.62, Wireless Communications Facilities, to align with new federal laws.

Public Hearing opened at 7:12 p.m.

Public Hearing closed at 7:12 p.m.

Discussion:

Boring – Requested clarification as to the application start time.

Berkowitz – Noted a typographical error on page 5, paragraph 3.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boring and seconded by Vice-Chair Wallner to approve the amendments to RMC 23.62, Wireless Communications Facilities.

Discussion: None.

Motion to approve carried 6-0.

Communications:

Mr. Simon

- Commissioners will review the 2016 CDBG funding applications at the July 8, 2015 workshop.

Councilman Lemley

- Noted that Colonel Mattis is scheduled to speak at CBC on June 28th.

Commissioner Wise

- Welcomed Kerwin Jensen as the new Director of Community Development.

Commissioner Palmer

- Noted that his employer hosted its 2nd annual Safety Day.

Commissioner Berkowitz

- Noted that the Ye Merrie Greenwood Renaissance Faire is scheduled for the upcoming weekend.

Chairman Madsen

- Noted that Cool Desert Nights is scheduled for the upcoming weekend.

ADJOURNMENT:

The June 24, 2015 Richland Planning Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:21PM.

PREPARED BY: Pam Bykonen, Recorder, Planning and Development

REVIEWED BY:



Rick Simon, Secretary
Richland Planning Commission