



MINUTES

PLANNING COMMISSION - REGULAR Session Meeting

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 North Plains Senior Center 7:00 PM

**COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT:**

Chairperson Stewart King; Vice Chairperson Heather LaBonte
Planning Commissioners: James Fage, Tom Hauth, John Vater

**COMMISSIONERS
ABSENT:**

Commissioner Nunnenkamp

STAFF PRESENT:

City Recorder Lori Lesmeister

OTHER:

City Planner Heather Austin;

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stewart King called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair King led the Planning Commission in the flag salute.

3 ROLL CALL

a) Commissioner Nunnenkamp excused

4 PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a) Review and approval of November 8, 2017, Regular Session Minutes

Motion to approve the Month Day, 2017 Regular Session Planning Commission Minutes.

Moved by Commissioner Vater. Second by Commissioner LaBonte.

Motion was approved unanimously.

6 PUBLIC HEARING:

a) Continuation of public hearing for North Plains Comprehensive Plan Amendments - 17-067

The Public Hearing for 17-067, the North Plains Comprehensive Plan Amendments is continued to the January 10, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting. No public testimony.

- b) Continuation of public hearing for North Plains Economic Opportunities Analysis - 17-070.

The Public Hearing for 17-070, the North Plains Economic Opportunities Analysis is continued to the January 10, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting. No public testimony.

7 NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Commissioner Vater up for reappointment to Planning Commission
Move to recommend reappointment of John Vater to Planning Commission to City Council
Moved by Commissioner LaBonte. Second by Commissioner Fage.
Motion was approved unanimously.
- b) Nominations and elections for 2018 Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
Nomination of Stewart King for Planning Commission Chair
Moved by Commissioner LaBonte. Second by Commissioner Fage.
Motion was approved unanimously.
Nomination of Heather LaBonte to Vice Chair of Planning Commission
Moved by Commissioner Hauth. Second by Commissioner Vater.
Motion was approved unanimously.

8 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

9 PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS

- a) Commissioner LaBonte said that after the last work session she spoke to some people at Washington County that said they have contacts for local universities that could possibly have student programs to assist with the 100 year plan. She said it could help lay the ground work for future growth. Heather Austin said she is familiar with such programs and will speak to City Manager Don Otterman about options. Chair King said he feels North Plains should be looking to both Hillsboro and Washington County to work with us on future jobs, planning, transportation etc. Discussion ensued.
A question was asked about the Planning Commission is involved in Transportation Master Plan, as it seems they have not been included in any meetings if they have been held. City Recorder will ask City Manager Otterman for information.
Fage also asked if anyone with the city had contacted any small stores (like a Trader Joe's for example) to see what they would require to build their business in North Plains. Austin said nobody that she is aware of has done that at this point but there has been talk of creating some sort of flyer/pamphlet to hand out to build interest in growing business in North Plains.
Chair King has concerns about the NC Zoning and feels the city's zoning is archaic in some areas. Austin said that the NC Zone actually allows more flexibility. It was agreed that an UGB expansion discussion should come with any comp plan or zone change attached to it. Discussion ensued.

10 STAFF COMMENTS

- a) City Council approved the Housing Needs Analysis and the IPU Zone at their Dec. 4, 2017 meeting.

11 ADJOURNMENT:

The next Regular Session of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2018. It is currently scheduled to be held at the North Plains Senior Center.

- a) Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Submitted by:

Lori Lesmeister, City Recorder

Date Minutes Approved _____