

CITY OF LAFAYETTE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR
JANUARY 20, 2011

Call to Order: Beth Cooke called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Roll Call: Lori Martino called the roll.

Present: Marian Chasse, Samuel Dunn, Ronald Kerr, Beth Cooke, Todd Holt and Jesse Huffman.

Absent: G. Doug Cook (excused)

Staff Present: Jim Jacks- City Planner, Preston Polasek-City Administrator and Lori Martino-Community Development Clerk.

Others: Darrell Flood and Marv Bennett.

Approval of Minutes:

Todd Holt made a motion to approve the November 18, 2010 meeting minutes. Ronald Kerr seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Work Session: Goal Setting

Jim Jacks gave a brief summary of the memo that was in the Planning Commissioners packet.

Beth Cooke questioned if, City Administrator-Preston Polasek, had any comments to add regarding the memo.

Preston Polasek noted that he has heard how great the Lafayette Planning Commission is and he impressed with the City's codes. He noted that there was a lot of the potential in the city for parks and recreation and there could be a group that could work on updating the Parks Development Plan. As far as visual appeal, he suggested that the Planning Commission look into creating downtown development standards that will help shape the type of development the city would like to see. As far as business climate, everyone would like to see more desirable commercial investment within the city. Having a core group of downtown business owners or chamber can be a good forum to work with.

Darrell Flood-287 Canyon View Drive- noted that his wife Angela would be willing to assist and support the Planning Commission if they decided to go through a visioning process.

There was a discussion amongst the Commissioners and staff about how to get the community involved, funding, different available grants and how to recommend to the council that they allow the planning commission to pursue working on the goals.

Marian Chasse noted that she felt that a visioning process should be an open ended situation. It does not necessarily have to be visual appeal. The last thing the Commission wants to do is alienate the existing businesses in town. She felt that at the Commission meeting in August, the discussion was more along the lines of beautification and landscaping. What we might think is right for the city may not be what everyone else wants. Preston Polasek noted that the city really needs to know what the community wants to think about for the future of Lafayette.

Beth Cooke noted that Evergreen Aviation is in the process of trying to obtain a space shuttle and if the city is going to be only 3 miles from a space shuttle in the next 10 years, Lafayette cannot stay the way it is.

There was further discussion with the Planning Commission and staff regarding landscaping, community input, and the appeal of Lafayette.

Marian Chasse noted that the Planning Commission should start with a project that would not need a lot of funding. She suggested Parks & Recreation. The Commission agreed.

There was further discussion on getting community input and where the commission should start.

The Commission requested that Preston Polasek, present to the Council, the Commissions ideas to start working on the Parks and Recreation and suggest they give them permission to go ahead with the project and gathering community input.

Adjourn: Todd Holt made a motion to adjourn. Marian Chasse seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.