

Planning Commission Minutes

Special Meeting on January 4, 2018

Present: Stephen Lafferty, Blake Musser, Adam Holder, Paulette Williams-Thomas, Andrea Winter, Nicole Bauer, Matthew Moyer, Steve Cox, Lowell Crow, and Nancy McDonald

Absent: Bill Green, James Berberet, Tom Klemm

MINUTES

Stephen indicated he is the chair of the Planning Commission. Tim cannot continue and he is taking over.

Lowell thanked all members of the commission and indicated that they would be updating the comprehensive plan. Steve Cox, City Attorney, will be present to assist in this endeavor. There will need to be public comments on the Comprehensive Plan update and expect that it may take as long as 18 months. Additionally, you are the body for issues regarding planning. There may be liquor commission issues presented to the commission too.

Motion for agenda approval by Blake, seconded by Andrea. Passed 8-0

No public comments.

Stephen indicated that Staben of Davenport is correct and Dave is incorrect in minutes from 6/2017. Motion to approve minutes from 6/9/2017 meeting by Blake, seconded by Andrea. Passed 8-0

Discussion of meeting calendar. Proposed meetings will be on 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30. Motion to adopt this meeting schedule by Blake, seconded by Nicole. Passed 8-0

Special Use Permit Application by Casey's Retail Company. Nancy gave overview of the project and the relief requested – sale of packaged liquor to be sold at their new location on S. West. Adjacent parcel owners were notified, legal publication made, and sign erected per Code. No input or objections were made regarding this request. Nancy went through the findings of facts. Motion to approve Casey's Special Use by Stephen, seconded by Adam. Approve 8-0.

Lowell indicated that the commission will start going through the comprehensive plan at the next meeting. They should pay attention to zoning and special uses, but be aware that they should not do spot zoning per State of IL.

Andrea asked what the process will be.

Lowell indicated that the vision will be first and should match with the City's strategic plan, then start reviewing the comprehensive plan. After that, the commission should start working the back end of the Code.

Stephen indicated that his term ended, but he decided to continue because there is a lot of exciting stuff that impacts the vision of the City. He is looking forward to the challenge.

Lowell indicated that in terms of the comprehensive plan, you can ask to have anyone testify on each section such as department directors, organizations, etc. There should also be public hearings. Consider who should be invited starting in March.

Motion to adjourn by Andrea, seconded by Blake. Approved 8-0

The Commission approved the January 4, 2018, minutes on February 8, 2018.