

Minutes of Freeport Planning Commission

Meeting on August 9, 2018

5:30pm

Present: Stephen Lafferty, Paulette Williams-Thomas, James Berbert, Matthew Moyer, Andrea Winter, Nicole Bauer, Troy Barr

Also Present: Steve Cox and Lowell Crow

Absent: Blake Musser, Adam Holder

A motion was made to approve agenda. The motion was seconded.

Public Comments or Communications

Sally Brashaw spoke about the importance and history of the comprehensive plan

Minutes for the 7/26/18 meeting were not available. Approval of minutes for 7/26/18 will be placed on the September agenda

Review of suggested revisions by SolSmart to Solar Ordinance

Steve Cox presented:

Reference to grounded mounted panels – 25% of rear yard is the maximum allowed

Discussed and explained Solar Fence

The Commission provided a statement of consensus on the suggested revisions

Review current City of Freeport Comprehensive Plan -2010 to obtain a format for a new plan

Lowell stated that he has spoken with both the Rockford and Chicago Metro Area Planning Commission and was provided with examples of RFQ's (request for qualifications)

The discussion with them was that they would like to work along side the Commission during the development of the new plan.

Lowell stated that the Housing Authority would also like to work with the Commission

Lowell stated that he would like to present the RFQ's from candidates that are received for various companies that would help develop the comprehensive plan to the commission. Once the commission has made a recommendation, that would then be presented to council

It was discussed the importance of having a new plan since it is tied to grant funding and the IDNR requirements.

Create a timeline and steps for developing a new Comprehensive Plan

Lowell stated that the RFQ's will have a 30-day response time and in his experience, a comprehensive plan takes about 18 months

Lowell said that he will draft a timeline and present it to the commission

No other business

No public comments

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded

(no end time stated)

The Commission approved the August 9, 2018, minutes on 9/13/18.

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