

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PLANNING COMMISSION
September 7, 2010

The regular meeting of the Brookings Planning Commission was called to order by Chair McMahan at 7:01 in the Council Chambers at the Brookings City Hall on the above date with the following Commission members and staff in attendance.

Commissioners Present: Steve Bismarck Cheryl McMahan Kelly McClain Hedda Markham
Jerry Wulkowicz Randy Gorman

Commissioners Absent: Ken Bryan

Staff Present: Planning Director Dianne Morris, Sr. Planner Donna Colby-Hanks and Secretary Alex Carr-Frederick

Other: 3 members of the public

THE PLANNING COMMISSION TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTION IN THE PUBLIC HEARINGS

At 7:04 pm, Chair McMahan opened the legislative hearing on File No. **LDC-3-10**, Street Standards, Chapter 17.170 of the Brookings Municipal Code (BMC), City initiated. The criteria used to decide this matter is found in Chapter 17.140 Amendments, of the BMC.

Director Morris presented the staff report which essentially called for a minor narrowing of the City's current street standards. Factors taken into account when revising the standards include, the increasing difficulty in obtaining aggregate materials for paving, and the growing problem of excessive storm water run off coupled with a declining water table. The best way to address these problems is to reduce the amount of paved surfaces created within the City. There was much discussion about the proposed changes and with Commissioner Markham making a motion and Commissioner McClain seconding, the Planning Commission voted 5-1 to recommend approval of File No. LDC-3-10, Street Standards to City Council, with Commissioner Wulkowicz voting in opposition.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

By a 6-0 vote (motion: Chair McMahan, 2nd : Commissioner Markham) the PC approved the minutes of the June 1, 2010 PC meeting.

COMMENTS by the PLANNING STAFF

Director Morris announced that the Commission needs to schedule a Community Workshop regarding plans for Bicycle and Pedestrian facilities within the City. October 4th at 6:00 pm was chosen. Sr. Planner Colby-Hanks reported on the status of the two grants the planning department has applied for, the TIGER II grant and the Transportation Enhancement grant. Both of these applications were for improving and expanding Brookings bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Sr. Planner Colby-Hanks handed out the newly updated City Code.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Planning Commission, the meeting closed at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Bismarck, Acting Chairperson (approved at 10/5/2010 meeting)