

Unapproved Minutes
Vermillion Planning Commission
Monday June 22, 2009 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Planning Commission was called to order in the conference room at City Hall on June 22, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Fairholm, Forseth, Howe, Muenster, Schempp, Tuve and Iverson.
Absent: Magee and Reasoner.
Also present were Farrel Christensen, Building Official and Andrew Colvin, Assistant to the City Manager.

2. Minutes

a. June 8, 2009 Regular Meeting.

Moved by Forseth to approve the June 8, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by Muenster. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Forseth to adopt the agenda, seconded by Howe. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Visitors to be Heard

a. Joint Session with Vermillion City Council - Discussion of Comprehensive Plan and Development of Revision Plan.

Andy Colvin, Assistant to the City Manager, reported that the Planning Commission is just starting the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. Toby Brown of SECOG will be working with the Planning Commission as they proceed and is anticipating that the process will take 12 to 18 months. The Planning Commission will be considering such items as historic preservation, future growth areas, affordable housing, etc. The Planning Commission requested input from the City Council on these issues as they proceed.

Discussion followed with the Planning Commission members wanting an update from the City Council on the meeting with the County Commissioners on the extraterritorial boundaries. The City Council members provided an update on the meeting with staff showing a map of the proposed boundary. Discussion followed on the need to extend the boundaries in areas that serve as entrances to the city and to the west that has rail access.

Toby Brown, Planner with SECOG, arrived during the discussion noting that Clay County is also working on updating their comprehensive plan. He suggested that both parties revisit the extraterritorial district so each will have identified future land use plans for these areas.

Toby reviewed the process he would propose for the revision of the comprehensive plan. He suggested that a Review Committee be made up of about ten targeted individuals to assist in the process with the Planning Commission. Toby stated that the plan would be updated for projects completed, as well as updating the demographics. But to assist in planning for the infrastructure, he encouraged the members to list the big picture items for the future of the community. Discussion followed with Toby stating that he would develop a listing of all these items. The group agreed to meet again on July 27th to continue the process.

5. Public Hearing

No Public Hearings.

6. Old Business

No Old Business.

7. New Business

No New Business.

8. Staff Reports

9. Adjourn

Moved by Howe to adjourn, seconded by Fairholm. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairman Iverson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.