



City of Highland

Department of Community Development Building Division

City of Highland Combined Planning and Zoning Board Minutes of the March 3, 2011 meeting

Chairperson Korte called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Gallatin, Lodes, Koehnemann, Painter, Vance, Voegele, and Korte. Also present were City Attorney Long, Parks & Recreation Director Rosen, Chief Building & Zoning Official Limestall, Recording Secretary Walter. No citizens attended.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 5, 2011 meeting were approved with no corrections or additions.

Public Comment

Chairperson Korte opened the Public Comment section. No citizens were in attendance and having received no comments Chairperson Korte closed the Public Comment Session.

Public Hearing

Chairperson Korte opened the Public Hearing for a Text Amendment to Section 90.263 of the City of Highland Municipal Code regarding the new State Law for political campaign signage. Limestall explained the new State Law allows signage to be posted indefinitely on residential property and a 45-day period for non-residential properties. Hearing nothing further Korte closed the Public Hearing session. Motion made by Vance to amend Section 90.263 to conform to State Law. Seconded by Gallatin. Korte entertained discussion on the matter. Lodes questioned what happens if the signs are not removed. Attorney Long replied that only the non-residential properties must remove the signage, residential properties may post the signs on private property as long as they want. Lodes stated it seems stupid that there is no penalty. Painter remarked that if we cannot enforce it and make them take it down how could we regulate the size. Attorney Long agreed the law may not make sense but the City needs to comply with State Law. Hearing nothing further Korte closed the discussion. Roll call taken. Gallatin, Koehnemann, Vance, Voegele, and Korte voted yes. Lodes and Painter voted no. Motion carried.

Chairperson Korte opened the Public Hearing for a Text Amendment to Section 90.201.4 of the City of Highland Municipal Code regarding removing the Planned Use Development (PUD) reference to the Planned Use criteria. Limestall explained this text amendment was suggested by the Combined Planning & Zoning Board in order to alleviate confusion on the requirements of a Planned Use. Hearing nothing further Korte closed the Public Hearing session. Motion made by Lodes to amend Section 90.201.4 to remove the reference to a

Planned Use Development. Seconded by Vance. Korte entertained discussion on the matter. Gallatin stated he hope this will clarify the section requirements. Hearing nothing further Korte closed the discussion. Roll call taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Korte opened the Public Hearing to amend the Comprehensive Plan to include the Master Trail Plan. Director Rosen was present to answer any questions. Limestall explained that the City Council approved inclusion of the Master Trail Plan in June of 2010 without coming before the Combined Planning & Zoning Board first. To be legally included to the Comprehensive Plan the Combined Planning & Zoning Board must hold a Public Hearing. Hearing nothing further Korte closed the Public Hearing session. Motion made by Voegele to recommend inclusion into the Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Gallatin. Korte entertained discussion on the matter. Korte questioned what if the Board recommends changes to the plan. Rosen stated the Master Trail Plan is not set in stone and much of it is contingent on purchase of property. Voegele questioned an approximate start date for the project. Rosen commented the first phase would be from the Primary School to Cambridge Meadows. Lodes asked if there are plans to connect this to the Katy bike trail. Rosen stated we are on the radar but it really depends on the other communities such as St. Jacob and Marine since it would be cost prohibitive at this time. Painter questioned why the bike trail was dead-ended right before Basler curve on Frank Watson Pkwy. Rosin stated he wasn't sure but there are plans to connect it across Rt 143. Painter asked why the Board should hear this since the Council has already approved it. Limestall explained to be official and not challenged later the Board must hear and make a recommendation to the City Council who in turn must approve it again. Hearing nothing further Korte closed the discussion. Roll call taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Adjournment at 7:25 p.m.